As traffic congestion returns, the SFMTA is working to protect people who rely on transit from increased exposure to COVID-19 on slow or crowded buses. Temporary emergency transit lanes are proposed along segments of the 38 Geary and 38R Geary Rapid Muni lines to keep buses out of traffic and reduce crowding and travel times. As an emergency measure, these changes would be temporary and evaluated through data monitoring and community feedback. Transit lanes would be automatically removed within 120 days after the emergency order is lifted, unless there is a public process to make the improvements permanent.

Proposed temporary changes include: Temporary transit lanes on Geary Boulevard between 33rd Avenue and Stanyan Street in locations where there are currently three lanes per direction. On-street parallel parking and two travel lanes per direction would be retained. Proposed transit lane locations are:

- Eastbound: 33rd to 28th avenues, 27th to 24th avenues and 16th to Palm avenues
- Westbound: Stanyan Street to 15th Avenue, 24th to 25th avenues and 27th to 32nd avenues

Geary Boulevard eastbound between 16th and 15th avenues
To make room for the temporary transit lane, five angled parking spaces would be converted to four parallel parking spaces, while retaining the two short-term (green-topped meters) parking spaces.

Geary Boulevard westbound between 15th and 14th avenues
To make room for the temporary transit lane and provide a right turn pocket, six metered parking spaces would be modified. Four would be removed and two would be converted to yellow metered commercial loading with a 30-minute time limit from 8:00 a.m. to noon on Mondays through Saturdays and passenger loading at all other times.

Detailed legislation information is available at SFMTA.com/TempLanes38. For more information, please contact Amy Fowler, Public Information Officer, at 415.646.2350 or email TellMuni@SFMTA.com.

If you would like to comment on this proposed change, you may attend the SFMTA Public Hearing or file your comments in writing before the hearing:

- Email: TellMuni@SFMTA.com with subject line “Public Hearing”
- Mail: Public Hearing, Sustainable Streets Division, One South Van Ness Avenue, 7th Floor, San Francisco, CA 94103-5417
- Public Hearing: Thursday, September 24, at 12:00 p.m.

The Virtual Public Hearing will be available online and by phone. To provide public comment, you must do so via the public comment phone line at 888-251-2909 and enter the code 4584731#. When public comment is open key in “1” and then “0” to join the queue of people wishing to comment.

415.646.2350: For free interpretation services, please submit your request 48 hours in advance of meeting.

All comments will be reviewed by project staff and will be entered into the public record. Comments will be considered when a determination is made whether to implement the change after the hearing.

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