SAN FRANCISCO MUNICIPAL TRANSPORTATION AGENCY

DIVISION: Sustainable Streets

BRIEF DESCRIPTION:

Approving various routine parking and traffic modifications.

SUMMARY:

- The SFMTA Board of Directors has authority to adopt parking and traffic regulations changes.
- Taxis are not exempt from any of these regulations.
- The proposed parking and traffic modifications have been reviewed pursuant to the California Environmental Quality Act (CEQA).
- The proposed action is the Approval Action for Items A-C as defined by S.F. Administrative Code Chapter 31.
- Certain items listed below with a “#” are Final SFMTA Decisions as defined by Ordinance 127-18. Final SFMTA Decisions can be reviewed by the Board of Supervisors. Information about the review process can be found at: https://sfbos.org/sites/default/files/SFMTA_Action_Review_Info_Sheet.pdf

ENCLOSURES:
1. SFMTAB Resolution

APPROVALS:

DIRECTOR ________________________________ DATE September 8, 2020

SECRETARY ________________________________ DATE September 8, 2020

ASSIGNED SFMTAB CALENDAR DATE: September 15, 2020
PURPOSE

To approve various routine parking and traffic modifications.

STRATEGIC PLAN GOALS AND TRANSIT FIRST POLICY PRINCIPLES:

Goal 1: Create a safer transportation experience for everyone
   Objective 1.1: Achieve Vision Zero by eliminating all traffic deaths.
   Objective 1.2: Improve the safety of the Transit System.

Goal 2: Make transit and other sustainable modes of transportation the most attractive and preferred means of travel
   Objective 2.1: Improve transit service.
   Objective 2.2: Enhance and expand use of the city’s sustainable modes of transportation.
   Objective 2.3: Manage congestion and parking demand to support the Transit First Policy.

This action supports the following SFMTA Transit First Policy Principles:

1. To ensure quality of life and economic health in San Francisco, the primary objective of the transportation system must be the safe and efficient movement of people and goods.
2. Public transit, including taxis and vanpools, is an economically and environmentally sound alternative to transportation by individual automobiles. Within San Francisco, travel by public transit, by bicycle and on foot must be an attractive alternative to travel by private automobile.
3. Decisions regarding the use of limited public street and sidewalk space shall encourage the use of public rights of way by pedestrians, bicyclists, and public transit, and shall strive to reduce traffic and improve public health and safety.

ITEMS

The following items were considered at Public Hearing on July 31, 2020

A. ESTABLISH – RED ZONE – Funston Street, west side, from 20 feet to 50 feet north of California Street (extends existing red zone by 30 feet).

Modification A modification includes extending an existing red zone due to a resident's concern of enough clearance between the parking lane and the traffic calming islands when approaching the intersection. Often times, if a larger vehicle is parked close to the intersection, larger vehicles are unable to pass and go around the traffic calming island into oncoming traffic.
B. ESTABLISH – RESIDENTIAL PERMIT PARKING, AREA X, ESTABLISH – 2-HOUR PARKING, 8 AM TO 6 PM, MONDAY THROUGH FRIDAY, EXCEPT VEHICLES WITH AREA X PERMITS – Rhode Island Street, both sides, between 18th Street and 19th Street. #

Modification B extends RPP Area X to allow residents to obtain RPP permits.

C. ESTABLISH – RESIDENTIAL PERMIT PARKING, AREA X ESTABLISH – 2-HOUR PARKING, 8 AM TO 6 PM, MONDAY THROUGH FRIDAY, EXCEPT VEHICLES WITH AREA X PERMITS – Vermont Street, both sides, between Mariposa Street and 18th Street.

Modification C extends RPP Area X to allow residents to obtain RPP permits.

ENVIRONMENTAL REVIEW

The proposed traffic and parking modifications are subject to the California Environmental Quality Act (CEQA). CEQA provides a categorical exemption from environmental review for operation, repair, maintenance, or minor alteration of existing highways and streets, sidewalks, gutters, bicycle and pedestrian trails, and similar facilities as defined in Title 14 of the California Code of Regulations Section 15301.

The SFMTA, under authority delegated by the San Francisco Planning Department, has determined that the proposed parking and traffic modifications in Items A-C (Case No. 2020-006862ENV) are categorically exempt from CEQA pursuant to Title 14 of the California Code of Regulations Section 15301.

The proposed action is the Approval Action for Items A-C as defined by San Francisco Administrative Code Chapter 31.

A copy of the CEQA determination is on file with the Secretary to the SFMTA Board of Directors, and may be found in the records of the Planning Department at 49 South Van Ness Avenue in San Francisco, and are incorporated herein by reference.
WHEREAS, The San Francisco Municipal Transportation Agency has received a request, or identified a need for parking and traffic modifications as follows:

A. ESTABLISH – RED ZONE – Funston Street, west side, from 20 feet to 50 feet north of California Street.
B. ESTABLISH – RESIDENTIAL PERMIT PARKING, AREA X ESTABLISH – 2-HOUR PARKING, 8 AM TO 6 PM, MONDAY THROUGH FRIDAY, EXCEPT VEHICLES WITH AREA X PERMITS – Rhode Island Street, both sides, between 18th Street and 19th Street.
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WHEREAS, The proposed traffic and parking modifications are subject to the California Environmental Quality Act (CEQA); CEQA provides a categorical exemption from environmental review for operation, repair, maintenance, or minor alteration of existing highways and streets, sidewalks, gutters, bicycle and pedestrian trails, and similar facilities as defined in Title 14 of the California Code of Regulations Section 15301; and,

WHEREAS, The SFMTA, under authority delegated by the San Francisco Planning Department, has determined that the proposed parking and traffic modifications in Items A-C (Case No. 2020-06862ENV) are categorically exempt from CEQA pursuant to Title 14 of the California Code of Regulations Section 15301; and,

WHEREAS, The proposed action is the Approval Action for Items A-C as defined by San Francisco Administrative Code Chapter 3l; and,

WHEREAS, A copy of the CEQA determination is on file with the Secretary to the SFMTA Board of Directors, and may be found in the records of the Planning Department at 49 South Van Ness Avenue in San Francisco, and are incorporated herein by reference; and,

WHEREAS, The public has been notified about the proposed modifications and has been given the opportunity to comment on those modifications through the public hearing process; now, therefore, be it

RESOLVED, That the San Francisco Municipal Transportation Agency Board of Directors, upon recommendation of the Director of Transportation and the Director of the Sustainable Streets Division approves the changes.
I certify that the foregoing resolution was adopted by the San Francisco Municipal Transportation Agency Board of Directors at its meeting of September 15, 2020.

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Secretary to the Board of Directors
San Francisco Municipal Transportation Agency