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## SAN FRANCISCO MUNICIPAL TRANSPORTATION AGENCY

#### **DIVISION:** Streets

#### **BRIEF DESCRIPTION:**

Approving designation of on-street electric vehicle charging spaces on 300 block of Hermann Street.

#### **SUMMARY:**

- The SFMTA Board of Directors has authority to adopt parking and traffic regulations changes.
- The SFMTA Board of Directors approved amendments to Division II of the Transportation Code, pursuant to California Vehicle Code 22511, to allow designation of on-street electric vehicle charging stalls or spaces in <u>May 2024 via Resolution No.</u> 240521-052.
- This will designate two on-street electric vehicle charging spaces on 300 block of Hermann Street.
- The SFMTA, under authority delegated by the Planning Department, has determined that the proposed on-street electric vehicle charging regulation is categorically exempt from the California Environmental Quality Act (CEQA).
- The proposed action is the Approval Action as defined by the S. F. Administrative Code Chapter 31.

#### **ENCLOSURES:**

1. SFMTAB Resolution

APPROVALS:		DATE
DIRECTOR _	Junk	April 9, 2025
SECRETARY	dilm	April 9, 2025

ASSIGNED SFMTAB CALENDAR DATE: April 15, 2025

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# PURPOSE

Approving designation of on-street electric vehicle (EV) charging spaces on 300 block of Hermann Street.

## STRATEGIC PLAN GOALS AND TRANSIT FIRST POLICY PRINCIPLES

SFMTA Strategic Plan

Goal 7: Build stronger relationships with stakeholders

**Transit First Principles** 

10. The City and County shall encourage innovative solutions to meet public transportation needs wherever possible and where the provision of such service will not adversely affect the service provided by the Municipal Railway.

#### DESCRIPTION

The SFMTA Board of Directors approved amendments to Division II of the Transportation Code, pursuant to California Vehicle Code 22511, to allow designation of on-street electric vehicle charging stalls or spaces in May 2024 via Resolution No. 240521-052. Pursuant to this authority, Staff proposes the following on-street electric vehicle charging designation:

ESTABLISH –ELECTRIC VEHICLE CHARGING AT ALL TIMES, Hermann Street, south side, from 16 feet to 60 feet west of Fillmore Street

Approving curbside EV charging is consistent with San Francisco Climate Action plan and other policy commitments to protect the environment by minimizing carbon emissions in all sectors. Transportation activities account for 40% of San Francisco's carbon emissions, and de-carbonization of transportation can be facilitated by encouraging and supporting adoption of zero-emission vehicles, including electric vehicles, and reducing range anxiety by providing publicly available EV chargers. As proposed, curbside charging is particularly important for those who do not have access to off-street parking and charging.

#### STAKEHOLDER ENGAGEMENT

The Mayor's Office has been integrally involved along with the District 8 office of Supervisor Mandelman who has also been a key stakeholder in the city's overall efforts to identify solutions for electric vehicle charging demands.

As the fronting property for the proposed location, International Brotherhood of Electrical Workers (IBEW) Local 6, the electrical contractors union has been engaged from the outset. For the installation, the Provider (It's Electric) will need to connect to an adjacent power source so it

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has entered into an agreement for the Host (IBEW Local 6) to provide electric service. The following stakeholders have also been contacted:

- Duboce Triangle Neighborhood Association
- Friends of Duboce Park
- San Francisco Council of District Merchants Associations
- Hayes Valley Neighborhood Association
- Hayes Valley Merchants Association
- Divisadero Merchants Association
- Castro Merchants Association
- Castro Community Benefit District
- Fillmore Merchants Association
- San Francisco Bike Coalition
- San Francisco Bay Area Planning and Urban Research Association
- Curbside EV Charging Feasibility Study listserv
- Resident Parking Permittees of Area S located on adjacent block
- Golden Gate EV Association
- EV Charging for All Coalition
- Union Spring Baptist Church

# ALTERNATIVES CONSIDERED

Staff considered the "no action" alternative but rejected it to support the City's commitment to meet the growing demands of electric vehicles. The 2021 Climate Action Plan transportation and land use goals stipulate all new registered vehicles are to be electric by 2040 which will require more publicly available EV chargers such as curbside charging.

# FUNDING IMPACT

Implementation costs are minimal (e.g. 1-2 signs and curb paint). Costs related to infrastructure, installation, and maintenance are the responsibility of the provider, It's Electric, per permit issued by San Francisco Department of Public Works.

#### **ENVIRONMENTAL REVIEW**

The proposed on-street electric vehicle charging regulation is subject to the California Environmental Quality Act (CEQA). CEQA provides a categorical exemption from environmental review for the 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.

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On March 17, 2025, the SFMTA, under authority delegated by the Planning Department, determined (Case Number 2025-002042ENV) that the proposed on-street electric vehicle charging regulation is categorically exempt from CEQA as defined in Title 14 of the California Code of Regulations Section 15301.

The proposed action is the Approval Action as defined by the S. F. 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 by Case Number at <u>https://sfplanninggis.org/pim/</u> or 49 South Van Ness Avenue, Suite 1400 in San Francisco, and are incorporated herein by reference.

# OTHER APPROVALS RECEIVED OR STILL REQUIRED

The proposed action is the Final SFMTA Decision as defined by San Francisco Transportation Code Section 10.1. Final SFMTA Decisions can be reviewed by the Board of Supervisors.

The City Attorney's Office has reviewed this calendar item.

# RECOMMENDATION

Approve designation of on-street electric vehicle charging spaces on 300 block of Hermann Street.

#### SAN FRANCISCO MUNICIPAL TRANSPORTATION AGENCY BOARD OF DIRECTORS

RESOLUTION No.

WHEREAS, The San Francisco Municipal Transportation Agency has received a request, or identified a need for parking and traffic modifications as follows:

ESTABLISH –ELECTRIC VEHICLE CHARGING AT ALL TIMES, Hermann Street, south side, from 16 feet to 60 feet west of Fillmore Street; and,

WHEREAS, San Francisco has adopted a Climate Action plan and made other policy commitments to protect the environment by minimizing carbon emissions in all sectors with due haste; and,

WHEREAS, Transportation activities account for 40% of San Francisco's carbon emissions, and de-carbonization of transportation can be facilitated by encouraging and supporting adoption of zero-emission vehicles, including electric vehicles; and,

WHEREAS, The San Francisco Municipal Transportation Agency Board of Directors amended Transportation Code, Division II, Section 201 pursuant to California Vehicle Code 22511, to allow designation of on-street electric vehicle charging stalls or spaces; and,

WHEREAS, The San Francisco Municipal Transportation Agency Board of Directors amended Transportation Code, Division II, Section 301 pursuant to California Vehicle Code 22511.1, to establish fees for enforcement of on-street vehicle electric charging restrictions; and,

WHEREAS, The proposed on-street electric vehicle charging regulation is subject to the California Environmental Quality Act (CEQA); CEQA provides a categorical exemption from environmental review for the 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, On March 17, 2025 the SFMTA, under authority delegated by the Planning Department, determined (Case Number 2025-002042ENV) that the proposed on-street electric vehicle charging regulation is 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 as defined by the S. F. Administrative Code Chapter 31; 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 by Case Number at <u>https://sfplanning.org/environmental-review-documents</u> or 49 South Van Ness Avenue, Suite 1400 in San Francisco; and,

WHEREAS, The public has been notified about the proposed modifications; now, therefore, be it

RESOLVED, That the San Francisco Municipal Transportation Agency Board of Directors approves the designation of on-street electric vehicle charging spaces on 300 block of Hermann Street.

I certify that the foregoing resolution was adopted by the San Francisco Municipal Transportation Agency Board of Directors at its meeting of April 15, 2025.

> Secretary to the Board of Directors San Francisco Municipal Transportation Agency