Transbay Howard Streetscape Improvement Project

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ENGINEERING PUBLIC HEARING

The San Francisco Municipal Transportation Agency will hold an online public hearing on on Friday, February 2, 2024, at 10:00 AM to consider the proposed traffic safety and streetscape improvements on Howard Street, as part of the Transbay Howard Streetscape Improvement Project. Proposed changes to Howard Street include upgrades to bike, pedestrian, and vehicle facilities to improve the sense of safety for all users.



Proposed Improvements

- Traffic signal changes to ٠ increase safety for people walking and biking across the street
- Protected two-way bikeway on south side of street
- Adjusting the size and placement of passenger and commercial loading zones
- Travel lane reduction to promote slower vehicle speeds and create space for active transportation
- Streetscape upgrades like greening, bulbouts, and traffic islands to improve the on-street experience



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HOW TO PROVIDE PUBLIC COMMENT

If you would like to comment on this proposed change, you may participate online or via phone or file your comments in writing before the hearing:

- Email: <u>TransbayHoward@SFMTA.com</u> with subject line "Public Hearing"
- Public Hearing: Friday, February 02, 2024, at 10:00 AM To join online to view shared material, please visit <u>SFMTA.com/ENGHearing</u>. To join by phone, please dial 415.523.2709 and enter conference ID 396 848 05 #

No decisions are made at the public hearing itself. Final decision for this project will be made at a future Board of Directors meeting.

● 415.646.4270: For free interpretation services, please submit your request 48 hours in advance of meeting./ 如果需要免費口語翻譯,請於會議之前48小時提出要求。/ Para servicios de interpretación gratuitos, por favor haga su petición 48 horas antes de la reunión. / Para sa libreng serbisyo sa interpretasyon, kailangan mag-request 48 oras bago ang miting.

All comments will be reviewed by project staff and the hearing facilitator 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, proposals marked with a diamond (\blacklozenge) can be approved by the City Traffic Engineer. Otherwise, the SFMTA Board of Directors will make the final approval at a later date based on the outcome of the public hearing. Certain, final SFMTA Decisions, whether made by the City Traffic Engineer or the SFMTA Board, can be reviewed by the Board of Supervisors pursuant to Ordinance 127-18. Information about the review process can be found at: https://sfbos.org/sites/default/files/SFMTA_Action_Review_Info_Sheet.pdf

These items are California Environmental Quality Act (CEQA) Approval Actions for which the Planning Department has issued a CEQA exemption determination or negative declaration, which may be viewed online at www.sf-planning.org/ceqa-exemptions-map. Following approval of the item by the SFMTA City Traffic Engineer, the CEQA determination is subject to appeal within the timeframe specified in S.F. Administrative Code Section 31.16, typically within 30 calendar days of the Approval Action. For information on filing a CEQA appeal, contact the Clerk of the Board of Supervisors at City Hall, 1 Dr. Carlton B. Goodlett Place, Room 244, San Francisco, CA 94102, or call (415) 554-5184. Under CEQA, in a later court challenge, a litigant may be limited to raising only those issues previously raised at a hearing on the project or in written correspondence delivered to the Board of Supervisors or other City board, commission or department at, or prior to, such hearing, or as part of the appeal hearing process on the CEQA decision.

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