

SAN FRANCISCO
MUNICIPAL TRANSPORTATION AGENCY
BOARD OF DIRECTORS

RESOLUTION No. 181106-148

WHEREAS, The San Francisco Municipal Transportation Agency is committed to achieving Vision Zero goals and implementing safety improvements on Townsend Street; and,

WHEREAS, The San Francisco Municipal Transportation Agency is committed to making San Francisco a Transit First city that prioritized non-private automobile transportation; and,

WHEREAS, Section 891 of the Streets and Highways Code provides that agencies responsible for the development or operation of bikeways or roadways where bicycle travel is permitted may utilize minimum safety design criteria other than those established by Section 890.6 if the following conditions are met: the alternative criteria are reviewed and approved by a qualified engineer, the alternative criteria is adopted by resolution at a public meeting after public comment and proper notice, and the alternative criteria adheres to the guidelines established by a national association of public agency transportation officials; and,

WHEREAS, The protected bikeway proposed as part of the project meets these three requirements; and,

WHEREAS, The protected bikeway has been reviewed and approved by a qualified engineer prior to installation; and,

WHEREAS, The alternative criteria for the project are to discourage motor vehicles from encroaching or double parking in the bicycle facility, provide a more inviting and greater sense of comfort for bicyclists, and to provide a greater perception of safety for bicyclists; and,

WHEREAS, The project's alternative criteria adhere to guidelines set by the National Association of City Transportation Officials; and,

WHEREAS, The San Francisco Municipal Transportation Agency has proposed the installation of a protected bikeway and parking and traffic modifications along Townsend Street between 3rd Street and 8th Street as follows:

- A. ESTABLISH – CLASS IV BIKEWAY (PROTECTED BIKEWAYS) – Townsend Street, eastbound, between 8th Street and 4th Street; Townsend Street, westbound, between 4th Street and 8th Street
- B. ESTABLISH – RAISED ISLANDS – Townsend Street, south side, between 4th Street and 5th Street
- C. ESTABLISH – MIDBLOCK CROSSWALK – Townsend Street, south side, between 4th Street and 5th Street (to the raised island); Townsend Street, south side between 7th Street and 8th Street (to the transit boarding island)

- D. ESTABLISH – RIGHT LANE MUST TURN RIGHT EXCEPT MUNI – Townsend Street, eastbound, at 4th Street
- E. ESTABLISH – NO RIGHT TURN ON RED EXCEPT BICYCLES – Townsend Street, westbound, at 4th Street; 7th Street, northbound, at Townsend Street; 7th Street southbound, at Townsend Street
- F. ESTABLISH – NO LEFT TURN AND NO U-TURN – 7th Street, northbound, at Townsend Street
- G. RESCIND – BACK-IN ANGLED PARKING – Townsend Street, south side, from 5th Street to 7th Street
- H. ESTABLISH – PARALLEL PARKING – Townsend Street, south side, from 5th Street to 7th Street
- I. RESCIND – BUS ZONE – 4th Street, west side, from 25 feet to 170 feet south of Townsend Street (145 foot zone) (Currently serving Muni routes 81X & 82X. New 81X & 82X pick up location on the north side of Townsend east of 4th Street.)
- J. ESTABLISH – WHITE ZONE, PASSENGER LOADING, AT ALL TIMES - 4th Street, west side, from 25 feet to 170 feet south of Townsend Street (145 foot zone)
- K. ESTABLISH – BUS ZONE – Townsend Street, north side, from 20 feet to 120 feet east of 4th Street (Serving Muni route 10); Townsend Street, south side, from 5th Street to 200 feet easterly (Muni route 47 Terminal)
- L. ESTABLISH – TAXI ZONE – Townsend Street, south side, from 30 feet to 150 feet west of 4th Street
- M. ESTABLISH – TOW AWAY NO STOPPING ANYTIME – Townsend Street, south side, from 150 feet to 290 feet west of 4th Street (for new bus bulb serving Muni routes 10, 30, 45, 47, 91 OWL)
- N. RESCIND – BUS ZONE – Townsend Street, north side, from 5th Street to 100 feet easterly (Currently serving Muni routes 10 & 47)
- O. ESTABLISH – MUNI FLAG STOP – Townsend Street, north side, 10 feet east of 5th Street (Serving Muni route 10. Route 47 will be rerouted)
- P. RESCIND – MUNI FLAG STOP – 4th Street, west side, north of Townsend Street (Currently out of service due to Central Subway construction)
- Q. RESCIND – BUS ZONE – Townsend Street, north side, from 110 feet to 330 feet west of 4th Street (Currently serving Muni routes 47 & 83X. Route 47 will be rerouted. Route 83X will be discontinued as part of another project)
- R. ESTABLISH – TOW AWAY NO STOPPING ANYTIME – Townsend Street, north side, between 4th Street and 5th Street (Removes all parking, loading, and Muni route 47 & 83X terminal on the north side of this block for a protected bikeway)
- S. RESCIND – BUS ZONE – 5th Street, east side, from Brannan Street to 109 feet southerly (Currently serving Muni route 47, which will be rerouted)
- T. RESCIND – MUNI FLAG STOP – Townsend Street, south side, 10 feet west of 7th Street (Currently serving Muni route 10. Stop relocation to west of 7th Street on boarding island)
- U. ESTABLISH – TOW AWAY NO STOPPING ANYTIME – Townsend Street, south side, from 252 feet to 302 feet west of 7th Street (for new transit boarding island serving Muni route 10)

- V. RESCIND – PART TIME BUS ZONE – Townsend Street, north side, from 8th Street to 110 feet easterly
- W. ESTABLISH – TOW AWAY NO STOPPING ANYTIME – Townsend Street, north side, from 8th Street to 110 feet easterly (Currently serving the Muni route 83X, to be discontinued as part of another project)
- X. ESTABLISH – WHITE ZONE, PASSENGER LOADING, AT ALL TIMES, EXCEPT 6 AM TO 9 AM, MONDAY THROUGH FRIDAY – Townsend Street, north side, from 120 feet to 245 feet east of 4th Street (125 foot zone)
- Y. ESTABLISH – WHITE ZONE, PASSENGER LOADING, AT ALL TIMES – Townsend Street, south side, from 295 feet to 620 feet west of 4th Street (325 foot zone)
- Z. ESTABLISH – TOW AWAY NO STOPPING ANYTIME – Townsend Street, north side, from 6th Street to 108 feet easterly; Townsend Street, north side, from 7th Street to 158 feet easterly; Townsend Street, south side, from 7th Street to 259 feet easterly; Townsend Street, north side, from 7th Street to 500 feet westerly; Townsend Street, south side, from 7th Street to 168 feet westerly; Townsend Street, south side, from 8th Street to 432 feet easterly
- AA. ESTABLISH – METERED YELLOW ZONE, COMMERCIAL LOADING, 9 AM TO 6 PM, MONDAY THROUGH SATURDAY – Townsend Street, north side, from 14 feet to 53 feet west of Lusk Street; 5th Street, east side, from 21 feet to 77 feet north of Townsend Street; 5th Street, east side, from 48 feet to 89 feet south of Brannan Street; Townsend Street, south side, from 341 feet to 401 feet west of 7th Street; Townsend Street, north side, from 272 feet to 332 feet east of 8th Street
- BB. ESTABLISH – RED ZONE – Townsend Street, north side, from 218 feet to 238 feet west of 5th Street; Townsend Street, north side, from 254 feet to 259 feet west of 5th Street; Townsend Street, north side, from 347 feet to 367 feet west of 5th Street; Townsend Street, north side, from 383 feet to 388 feet west of 5th Street; Townsend Street, north side, from 225 feet to 230 feet east of 6th Street; Townsend Street, north side, from 257 feet to 277 feet east of 6th Street; Townsend Street, south side, from 5th Street to 22 feet westerly; Townsend Street, south side, from 195 feet to 200 feet west of 5th Street; Townsend Street, south side, from 234 feet to 254 feet west of 5th Street; 5th Street, east side, from Brannan Street to 20 feet southerly; Townsend Street, south side, from 223 feet to 228 feet east of 6th Street; Townsend Street, south side, from 161 feet to 181 feet east of 6th Street; Townsend Street, south side, from 6th Street to 9 feet easterly; 6th Street, west side, from Townsend Street to 25 feet northerly
- CC. RESCIND – METERED MOTORCYCLE PARKING, 7 AM TO 6 PM, MONDAY THROUGH SATURDAY – Townsend Street, south side, in the 5th Street intersection
- DD. ESTABLISH – WHITE ZONE, TOUR BUS LOADING, AT ALL TIMES – Townsend Street, south side, from 22 feet to 195 feet west of 5th Street (173 foot zone)
- EE. ESTABLISH – WHITE ZONE, SHUTTLE BUS LOADING, 7:30 AM TO 10:30 PM, MONDAY THROUGH SATURDAY – Townsend Street, north side, from 142 feet to 225 feet east of 6th Street (83 foot zone)
- FF. ESTABLISH – METERED MOTORCYCLE PARKING, 9 AM TO 6 PM, MONDAY THROUGH SATURDAY – Townsend Street, south side, from 254 feet to 354 feet west of 5th Street; Townsend Street, north side, from 150 feet to 168 feet east of 8th Street

- GG. ESTABLISH – WHITE ZONE, PASSENGER LOADING, 7 AM TO 8 PM, MONDAY THROUGH FRIDAY – Townsend Street, south side, from 168 feet to 252 feet west of 7th Street (84 foot zone); Townsend Street, north side, from 188 feet to 272 feet east of 8th Street (84 foot zone)
- HH. ESTABLISH – TOW-AWAY, NO STOPPING EXCEPT PERMITTED CAR SHARE VEHICLES – Townsend Street, north side, from 168 feet to 188 feet east of 8th Street
- II. ESTABLISH – GREEN METER, 15-MINUTE PARKING LIMIT, 9 AM TO 6 PM, MONDAY THROUGH SATURDAY – Townsend Street, north side, from 110 feet to 150 feet east of 8th Street; and,

WHEREAS, The proposed Townsend Corridor Improvement Project is 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, On September 28, 2018, the Planning Department determined that the proposed Townsend Corridor Improvement Project 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 at 1650 Mission Street in San Francisco, and is 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; now, therefore, be it

RESOLVED, That the San Francisco Municipal Transportation Agency Board of Directors approves a protected bikeway and parking and traffic modifications, as set forth in items A through II above, along Townsend Street between 3rd Street and 8th Street associated with the Townsend Corridor Improvement Project.

I certify that the foregoing resolution was adopted by the San Francisco Municipal Transportation Agency Board of Directors at its meeting of November 6, 2018.



Secretary to the Board of Directors
San Francisco Municipal Transportation Agency