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**SAN FRANCISCO
MUNICIPAL TRANSPORTATION AGENCY**

DIVISION: Sustainable Streets

BRIEF DESCRIPTION:

Approving various parking and traffic modifications associated with the Muni Forward 5 Fulton Travel Time Reduction Proposals Project at McAllister Street and Van Ness Avenue, and the Muni Forward 30 Stockton Travel Time Reduction Proposals Project on Van Ness Avenue at Bay Street.

SUMMARY:

- On March 28, 2014, the SFMTA Board of Directors approved the Muni Forward/Transit Effectiveness Project (TEP), which included various Service-Related Improvements and Travel Time Reduction Proposals (TTRPs) to improve transit performance along various Municipal Railway routes.
- The transit bulb-outs and transit boarding island will improve transit performance on the 5 Fulton and 30 Stockton routes.

ENCLOSURES:

1. SFMTAB Resolution
2. MTA Resolution No. 14-041 - <https://www.sfmta.com/sites/default/files/agendaitems/3-28-14%20Item%206%20TEP%20CEQA%20approval%20resolution.pdf>
3. TEP FEIR - <http://www.sf-planning.org/index.aspx?page=2970>
4. McAllister and Van Ness Transit Boarding Island TEP FEIR Addendum #2 - http://sfmea.sfplanning.org/2011.0558E_%20TEP_Addendum2_Mod_TTRP.5_ModerateVanNessandMcAllister.pdf

APPROVALS:

DATE

DIRECTOR _____

9/8/15

SECRETARY _____

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ASSIGNED SFMTAB CALENDAR DATE: September 15, 2015

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PURPOSE

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GOAL

This action supports the following SFMTA Strategic Plan Goal and Objectives:

Goal 1: Create a safer transportation experience for everyone

Objective 1.1: Improve security for transportation system users.

Objective 1.3: Improve the safety of the transportation system.

Goal 2: Make transit, walking, bicycling, taxi, ridesharing and carsharing the preferred means of travel

Objective 2.1: Improve customer service and communications.

Objective 2.2: Improve transit performance.

Objective 2.3: Increase use of all non-private auto modes.

Goal 3: Improve the environment and quality of life in San Francisco

Objective 3.1: Reduce the Agency's and the transportation system's resource consumption, emissions, waste, and noise

Objective 3.2: Increase the transportation system's positive impact to the economy

Objective 3.3: Allocate capital resources effectively

Objective 3.4: Deliver services efficiently

Objective 3.5: Reduce capital and operating structural deficits

DESCRIPTION

To reduce Muni travel times and enhance reliability on the routes that make up the Rapid Network, the Muni Forward program identifies a variety of Travel Time Reduction Proposals (TTRPs), which are engineering strategies oriented to specifically address the delays transit vehicles face along rapid routes. The TTRPs draw from the Transit Preferential Streets Toolkit, which includes different engineering measures to improve transit service.

The background and specific details of the 5 Fulton and 30 Stockton TTRPs projects are described below:

For the 5 Fulton Muni Forward Travel Time Reduction Proposal Project (TTRP.5) Moderate Alternative, a transit bulb-out and transit boarding island is proposed at the northwest and southeast corner of McAllister Street and Van Ness Avenue, respectively. These transit improvements were proposed to improve the reliability of 5 Fulton transit service by reducing the delay for a bus to get back into traffic. In addition, the pedestrian experience is improved by shortening the crossing distance at the intersection and providing additional sidewalk waiting space at the corner and the bus stop. A transit boarding island, instead of a bulb-out, was proposed at the southeast corner to reduce the amount of sidewalk grading work and reduce the cost for a transit stop improvement, since McAllister Street is wider east of Van Ness Avenue.

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Similarly, the 30 Stockton Muni Forward Travel Time Reduction Proposal Project (TTRP.30_1) Moderate Alternative proposes a transit bulb-out at the northeast corner of Van Ness Avenue and Bay Street. The transit bulb-out was proposed to improve the reliability of 30 Stockton transit service by reducing the delay for a bus to get back into traffic. Originally, the transit bus bulb-out served one 60-foot bus, but it has been lengthened to serve two 60-foot buses. The 47 and 49 Van Ness Avenue buses also serves this stop, and the transit bulb-out would benefit those lines as well. In addition, the pedestrian experience is also improved by shortening the crossing distance at the intersection and providing additional sidewalk waiting space at the corner and the bus stop.

PUBLIC OUTREACH

For the Muni Forward 5 Fulton and 30 Stockton projects on Van Ness Avenue, community meetings or Open Houses were held on July 17, 2014 and November 5, 2014 for the Muni Forward 5 Fulton Project and on November 12, 2014 and January 28, 2015 for the Muni Forward 30 Stockton Project. Public hearing notices were posted on utility poles at the Van Ness Avenue and McAllister intersection, the Van Ness and Bay intersection, and on the SFMTA public hearing webpage. On May 22, 2015, a SFMTA public hearing was held to discuss the parking and traffic changes for the Muni Forward 30 Stockton Project at Van Ness Avenue and Bay Street. On June 5, 2015, a SFMTA public hearing was held to discuss the parking and traffic changes for the Muni Forward 5 Fulton Project at Van Ness Avenue and McAllister Street.

No public comments were received about the proposed changes.

The SFMTA proposes the following parking and traffic modifications:

- A. ESTABLISH – TOW-AWAY NO STOPPING ANYTIME AND TRANSIT ISLAND - McAllister Street, south side, from Van Ness Avenue to 140 feet easterly
- B. ESTABLISH – TOW-AWAY NO STOPPING ANYTIME AND TRANSIT BULB (6-FOOT WIDE) - Van Ness Avenue, east side, from Bay Street to 150 feet northerly (existing bus zone, bus zone extension and tow-away to end of block was previously legislated on 11/18/14 by the SFMTA Board); McAllister Street, north side, from Van Ness Avenue to 153 feet westerly (rescinds metered space #514)
- C. ESTABLISH – 45 DEGREE BACK-IN ANGLE PARKING - McAllister Street, south side, from Polk Street to 234 feet westerly

ALTERNATIVES CONSIDERED

The other alternative is not to implement the proposed parking and traffic modifications, but this alternative does not improve transit performance, pedestrian comfort, or safety. As a result, SFMTA staff recommends pursuing the proposed transit and pedestrian improvements. The parking and traffic changes are the most appropriate for the transit and pedestrian improvements proposed for these projects.

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FUNDING IMPACT

The total cost of these Projects is approximately \$700,000. Both Muni Forward TTRPs projects have been allocated or are scheduled for allocation from the SFMTA General Obligation Bond and Proposition K Sales Tax.

ENVIRONMENTAL REVIEW

On March 28, 2014, following the certification of the TEP FEIR by the Planning Commission on March 27, 2014, the SFMTA Board of Directors, adopted Resolution No. 14-041, which approved SFMTA's implementation of the TEP and adoption of CEQA Findings which include rejecting alternatives identified in the FEIR as infeasible and adopting a statement of overriding considerations and a Mitigation Monitoring and Reporting Program (MMRP). In addition, the SFMTA Board of Directors also approved the majority of recommendations that emerged from this planning process, including an overall 12 percent service increase. The Muni Forward 30 Stockton TTRP Project (TTRP.30_1) at Van Ness Avenue and Bay Street is within the scope of the TEP FEIR and was approved by the SFMTA Board in Resolution No. 14-041.

Since the adoption of the TEP FEIR, the Muni Forward 5 Fulton TTRP Project (TTRP.5) on McAllister Street at Van Ness Avenue has been modified to lengthen the proposed transit bulb-out at the northeast corner of Van Ness Avenue and Bay Street to serve two 60-foot buses instead of one 60-foot bus, and the Planning Department issued an Addendum to the TEP FEIR on June 12, 2015 to analyze this proposed modification.

OTHER APPROVALS RECEIVED OR STILL REQUIRED

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

RECOMMENDATION

Approving various parking and traffic modifications associated with the Muni Forward 5 Fulton Travel Time Reduction Proposals Project at McAllister Street and Van Ness Avenue, and the Muni Forward 30 Stockton Travel Time Reduction Proposals Project on Van Ness Avenue at Bay 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 associated with the Muni Forward 5 Fulton and 30 Stockton Travel Time Reduction Proposals Projects at Van Ness Avenue as follows:

- A. ESTABLISH – TOW-AWAY NO STOPPING ANYTIME AND TRANSIT ISLAND - McAllister Street, south side, from Van Ness Avenue to 140 feet easterly
- B. ESTABLISH – TOW-AWAY NO STOPPING ANYTIME AND TRANSIT BULB (6-FOOT WIDE) - Van Ness Avenue, east side, from Bay Street to 150 feet northerly (existing bus zone, bus zone extension and tow-away to end of block was previously legislated on 11/18/14 by the SFMTA Board); McAllister Street, north side, from Van Ness Avenue to 153 feet westerly
- C. ESTABLISH – 45 DEGREE BACK-IN ANGLE PARKING - McAllister Street, south side, from Polk Street to 234 feet westerly.

WHEREAS, The proposed parking and traffic modifications listed in items A to C above were analyzed in the Transit Effectiveness Project Final Environmental Impact Report (TEP FEIR) certified by the San Francisco Planning Commission in Motion No. 19105 on March 27, 2014; and,

WHEREAS, Since the adoption of the TEP FEIR, a modification was made for the Muni Forward 5 Fulton TTRP Project (TTRP.5) on McAllister Street at Van Ness Avenue and an Addendum to the TEP FEIR was issued by the Planning Department on June 12, 2015, to analyze this change; and,

WHEREAS, By SFMTA Resolution No. 14-041, which is on file with the Secretary to the SFMTA Board of Directors and incorporated in this Resolution by reference, the SFMTA Board of Directors approved the TEP project, including the proposal described herein as the Muni Forward 5 Fulton and 30 Stockton Projects at Van Ness Avenue; and,

WHEREAS, As part of the Resolution No. 14-041, the SFMTA Board of Directors adopted approval findings under CEQA, the CEQA Guidelines, including a statement of overriding considerations and a Mitigation Monitoring and Reporting Program (MMRP), which TEP CEQA Findings, including the statement of overriding considerations and MMRP, are on file with the Secretary to the SFMTA Board of Directors and are incorporated in this Resolution by reference; and

WHEREAS, The SFMTA Board has reviewed the FEIR and hereby finds that since certification of the FEIR, no changes have occurred in the proposed project or in the circumstances under which the project would be implemented that would cause new significant impacts or a substantial increase in the severity of impacts identified and analyzed in the FEIR, and that no new information has emerged that would materially change the analyses or conclusions set forth in the FEIR. The actions approved herein would not necessitate implementation of additional or considerably different mitigation measures that those identified in the FEIR, and the proposed modifications to the TTRP.5 Project were appropriately analyzed in the June 12, 2015 Addendum; 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 approves various parking and traffic modifications associated with the Muni Forward 5 Fulton Travel Time Reduction Proposals Project at McAllister Street and Van Ness Avenue, and the Muni Forward 30 Stockton Travel Time Reduction Proposals Project on Van Ness Avenue at Bay Street.

I certify that the foregoing resolution was adopted by the San Francisco Municipal Transportation Agency Board of Directors at its meeting of September 15, 2015.

Secretary to the Board of Directors
San Francisco Municipal Transportation Agency