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**SAN FRANCISCO
MUNICIPAL TRANSPORTATION AGENCY**

DIVISION: Sustainable Streets

BRIEF DESCRIPTION:

Approving various traffic and parking modifications to improve safety by installing buffered bike lanes along Ocean Avenue between Sunset Boulevard and 19th Avenue and removing of approximately four parking spots on Ocean Avenue from Sunset Boulevard to Gellert Drive.

SUMMARY:

- Ocean Avenue between Sunset Boulevard and 19th Avenue has been identified for improvements as part of the 2011 Road Repaving and Street Safety Bond list of projects.
- This project will add a buffered bike lane in both the eastbound and westbound directions, while maintaining a single travel lane for eastbound and westbound traffic.
- This project will remove four parking spots on Ocean Avenue between Sunset Boulevard and Gellert Drive to accommodate existing travel lanes and to add a buffered bike lane on Ocean Avenue between Sunset Boulevard and 19th Avenue.
- The proposed action is the Approval Action as defined by the S. F. Administrative Code Chapter 31.

ENCLOSURES:

1. SFMTAB Resolution
2. Block Detail of Pedestrian and Bicycle Improvements

APPROVALS:

DATE

DIRECTOR _____

1/25/16

SECRETARY _____

1/25/16

ASSIGNED SFMTAB CALENDAR DATE: February 2, 2016

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

DESCRIPTION

Ocean Avenue between Sunset Boulevard and 19th Avenue currently has one eastbound and one westbound vehicle lane and under the proposed design will continue to have one eastbound and one westbound lane for vehicle traffic and one eastbound and one westbound buffered bicycle lane.

Ocean Avenue is a currently 60-foot wide, relatively flat two-lane street with two twenty-one foot-wide vehicular lanes and parking along each curb. Ocean Avenue from 19th Avenue to 21st Avenue and Ocean Avenue from Clearfield to Sunset Boulevard are existing designated Class III Bicycle Routes in the 2009 San Francisco Bicycle Plan. On Ocean Avenue between Sunset Boulevard and Clearfield Drive, there are no existing bicycle facilities, pavement markings or signs identifying a bicycle route. Ocean Avenue between 21st Avenue and 19th Avenue, is marked with sharrows and bicycle route signs, which continue east to City College of San Francisco.

- This project would add buffered Class II bicycle lanes, which are striped (painted) lanes for one-way bike travel on a street, on Ocean Avenue between Sunset Boulevard and 19th Avenue. From the curb to the centerline on each side of Ocean Avenue, the typical cross-section would be a nine-foot parking lane, six-foot bike lane with two-foot striped buffer, and a thirteen-foot general travel lane. This project will remove four unmetered parking spots on Ocean Avenue between Sunset Boulevard and Gellert Drive which is necessary to accommodate the through and turning lanes along with the new westbound bike lane.

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The project requires the following parking and traffic modifications:

- A. ESTABLISH - CLASS II BIKE FACILITY (BICYCLE LANES) – Ocean Avenue, eastbound and westbound, from Sunset Boulevard to 19th Avenue;
- B. ESTABLISH - NO PARKING ANYTIME – Ocean Avenue, north side, from Sunset Boulevard to Gellert Drive

PUBLIC OUTREACH

On October 30 2015, a public hearing was held for the Class II Bike Facility on Ocean between Sunset Boulevard and Gellert Drive and No Parking Anytime on Ocean between Sunset Boulevard and Gellert Drive. There was concern from representatives of the Lakeshore Acres Improvement Club specifically that the noticing of the Public Hearing was not done correctly and that the proposed bicycle improvements did not include specific pedestrian safety improvements were raised.

During the public hearing, no major operational issues were identified with the proposed bike lanes. Staff reviewed the public notice and confirmed that the proposed bicycle lanes were adequately noticed. The item was approved at the public hearing and scheduled for the December 1, 2015 SFMTA Board meeting.

After additional discussions with concerned stakeholders, SFMTA staff agreed to meet with community representatives regarding general pedestrian safety concerns, not directly related to the bike lanes, and to consider additional of pedestrian improvements prior to requesting SFMTA Board approval. An additional community meeting was held on December 18, 2015 to discuss additional pedestrian improvements. The current project now includes the additional pedestrian elements from the community, which do not require SFMTA Board approval, such as additional crosswalks and painted splitter islands.

Environmental Review

The proposed Ocean Avenue bike improvements are subject to the California Environmental Quality Act (CEQA). On October 5, 2015, the Municipal Transportation Agency, under authority delegated by the Planning Department, determined that the proposed Ocean Avenue bike improvements are categorically exempt from environmental review pursuant to Title 14 of the California Code of Regulations Section 15304 (minor public alterations in the condition of land).

The environmental review determination (Case Number # 2015-013219ENV) is on file with the Secretary to the SFMTA Board of Directors. The proposed action is the Approval Action as defined by the S. F. Administrative Code Chapter 31.

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ALTERNATIVES CONSIDERED

An earlier proposal included a road diet with a center lane for turning, and some painted medians, but no buffer for the bike lane. This design was not chosen because the excess striping was out of character with the residential nature of this relatively low traffic volume corridor.

FUNDING IMPACT

The project cost of \$130,000 is fully funded by the Road Repaving and Street Safety Bond (Proposition B) approved by voters in 2011.

OTHER APPROVALS RECEIVED

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

RECOMMENDATION

Approving various traffic and parking modifications to improve safety by installing buffered bike lanes along Ocean Avenue between Sunset Boulevard and 19th Avenue and removing of approximately four parking spots on Ocean Avenue from Sunset Boulevard to Gellert Drive.

SAN FRANCISCO
MUNICIPAL TRANSPORTATION AGENCY
BOARD OF DIRECTORS

RESOLUTION No. _____

WHEREAS, San Francisco Municipal Transportation Agency (SFMTA) staff have proposed the following parking and traffic modifications listed below.

- A. ESTABLISH - CLASS II BIKE FACILITY (BICYCLE LANES) – Ocean Avenue, eastbound and westbound, from Sunset Boulevard to 19th Avenue;
- B. ESTABLISH - NO PARKING ANYTIME – Ocean Avenue, north side, from Sunset Boulevard to Gellert Drive

WHEREAS, The proposed modifications are subject to the California Environmental Quality Act (CEQA) and,

WHEREAS, On October 5, 2015, the Municipal Transportation Agency, under authority delegated by the Planning Department, determined that the proposed Ocean Avenue bike improvements is categorically exempt from environmental review pursuant to Title 14 of the California Code of Regulations Section 15304; the proposed action is the Approval Action as defined by the S. F. Administrative Code Chapter 31; and

WHEREAS, A copy of the SFMTA's determination is on file with the Secretary to the SFMTA Board of Directors, 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 through the public hearing process; now, therefore, be it

RESOLVED, That the San Francisco Municipal Transportation Agency Board of Directors approves the parking and traffic modifications listed in items A-B above to install bicycle lanes in both directions on Ocean Avenue from Sunset Boulevard to 19th Avenue.

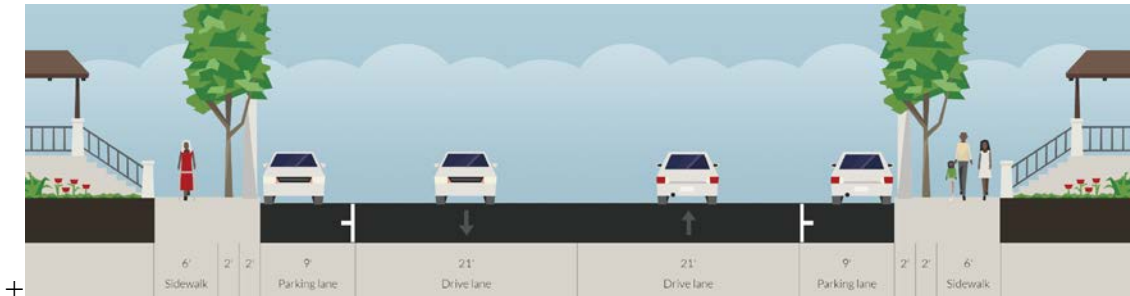
I certify that the foregoing resolution was adopted by the San Francisco Municipal Transportation Agency Board of Directors at its meeting of February 2, 2016.

Secretary to the Board of Directors
San Francisco Municipal Transportation Agency

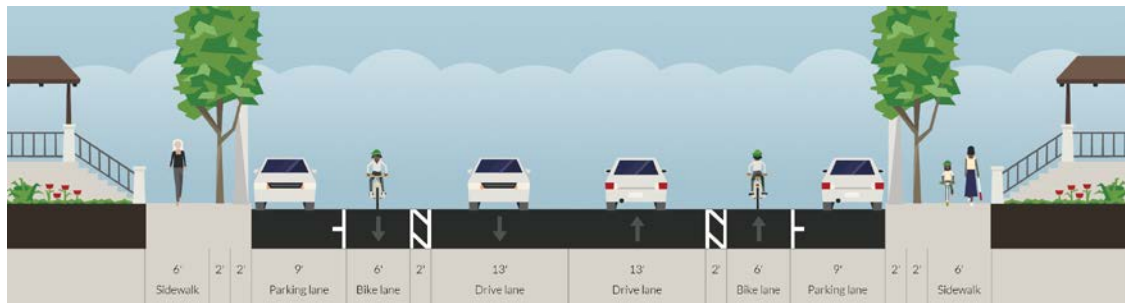
Ocean Avenue West Bike Improvements

The proposed project is located in the southwest quadrant of San Francisco. Ocean Avenue currently has one eastbound and one westbound vehicle lane. Ocean Avenue between Sunset Boulevard and 19th Avenue would continue to have an eastbound and westbound lane and an eastbound and westbound buffered bicycle lane would be added.

EXISTING CONDITIONS:



PROPOSED CONDITIONS:



Map of Project Area

