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**SAN FRANCISCO
MUNICIPAL TRANSPORTATION AGENCY**

DIVISION: Finance and Information Technology

BRIEF DESCRIPTION:

Expressing support for specific pedestrian and bicycle safety projects and transportation projects on corridors on and ancillary to Octavia Boulevard, urging the Board of Supervisors to approve and program funding in the amount of \$7,300,000 for specified projects, and urging the San Francisco County Transportation Authority (SFCTA) to select specified projects as Proposition I Ancillary Projects.

SUMMARY:

- In 2001, the State of California transferred certain properties formerly occupied by the Central Freeway to the City and County of San Francisco (City); proceeds from the sale or lease of these properties are placed in the Octavia Boulevard Special Fund.
- The Octavia Boulevard Special Fund may be used for transportation projects on corridors on and ancillary to Octavia Boulevard (Ancillary Projects) that are selected by the SFCTA.
- The SFMTA, with input from Market and Octavia Community Advisory Committee and the Interagency Plan Implementation Committee (IPIC), wishes to pursue specific pedestrian and bicycle safety projects and transportation projects in the Octavia and Market Plan Area (Proposed Projects).
- The SFCTA is considering whether to select the Proposed Projects as Ancillary Projects.
- SFMTA intends to use moneys from the Octavia Boulevard Special Fund to fund the Proposed Projects if they are selected by the SFCTA as Ancillary Projects.

ENCLOSURES:

1. SFMTAB Resolution
2. Market and Octavia Community Advisory Committee Recommendation

APPROVALS:

DATE

DIRECTOR _____

July 8, 2013

SECRETARY _____

July 8, 2013

ASSIGNED SFMTAB CALENDAR DATE: July 16, 2013

PURPOSE

The purpose of this calendar item is to seek the support of the San Francisco Municipal Transportation Agency (SFMTA) Board of Directors for specific pedestrian and bicycle safety projects and transportation projects on corridors on and ancillary to Octavia Boulevard that would be funded by up to \$7,300,000 from the Octavia Boulevard Special Fund (Proposed Projects). The Board of Directors is also asked to urge the San Francisco Board of Supervisors to approve and program funds from the Octavia Boulevard Special Fund for the Proposed Projects, and to urge the SFCTA to select the Proposed Projects as Ancillary Projects under Proposition I.

GOAL

This request supports the following SFMTA Strategic Plan Goals:

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

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 3.3 - Allocate capital resources effectively.

Objective 3.5 – Reduce capital and operating structural deficits.

DESCRIPTION

On January 16, 2001, the State of California (State) transferred certain property formerly occupied by the Central Freeway to the City and County of San Francisco (City) pursuant to Section 72.1 of the California Streets and Highways Code and a Cooperative Agreement dated November 29, 2000. The City is required to use the proceeds from the sale of these properties for transportation and related purposes permitted under California Constitution Article XIX. These proceeds are held in the Octavia Boulevard Special Fund.

Pursuant to the City's Administrative Code, the City must use all proceeds from the sale or disposition of the Central Freeway parcels for (i) a ground surface boulevard along Octavia Street between Market and Turk Streets and (ii) transportation improvements to corridors on or ancillary to Octavia Boulevard (Ancillary Projects). The SFCTA must select the Ancillary Projects on a competitive basis according to specified criteria and with advice from its Central Freeway Citizens Advisory Committee and its Technical Working Group, which then included the Municipal Railway, the Department of Public Works, the City's Planning Department, the San Francisco Redevelopment Agency, and regional transit operators.

In 2006, after a process of community and public agency outreach and input, the SFCTA adopted its Ancillary Projects Study. The Ancillary Projects Study identified twelve Ancillary Projects (Selected Projects). Five of the Selected Projects have been completed (McCoppin streetscape improvements, Valencia Street sidewalk trees, pedestrian-scale lighting under and around

Valencia Street freeway ramp, Market Street bike lanes between 8th Street and Octavia, and 13th Street ADA improvements). Four are in progress (Stevenson/Jessie Street traffic calming, Pearl/Elgin Park traffic calming, McCoppin community park / public space, and Caltrans right of way improvements for a skate park and a dog park). The SFCTA is considering whether to replace the remaining three Selected Projects (Street trees along specific sidewalks Phase I and Phase II, and Protected Northbound Left-Turn Signal Phase at Valencia Street/McCoppin St.) with projects that better address the current transportation needs of the corridors on or ancillary to Octavia Boulevard. DPW and SFMTA determined that these three projects were no longer necessary.

In 2007, the Board of Supervisors adopted the Market and Octavia Area Plan. The property formerly occupied by the Central Freeway is within the boundaries of this plan. Since the SFCTA's Central Freeway Citizens Advisory Committee no longer exists, the SFCTA is considering replacement transportation projects recommended by the Market and Octavia Community Advisory Committee and the City's Interagency Plan Implementation Committee (IPIC). The IPIC was created to formalize interagency coordination for City Area Plan-identified community improvements. IPIC is also required to make recommendations for Area Plans with respect to capital project implementation and funding and programming via collaboration among SFMTA, the SFCTA, and the City's Planning Department, Department of Public Works, Recreation and Parks Department, Library, Human Services Agency, and Capital Planning Committee.

The IPIC and the Market and Octavia Community Advisory Committee identified and prioritized the following short and long term projects as possible replacement Ancillary Projects:

Short Term Projects (Anticipated to be implemented within eighteen months):

- A. MARKET AND OCTAVIA SAFETY IMPROVEMENTS - Red light camera for eastbound traffic as a short-term improvement and design costs associated with intersection improvements including traffic calming, pedestrian enhancements, and bicycle enhancements.
- B. OCTAVIA AND OAK SAFETY INTERSECTION IMPROVEMENTS - Implement soft hit posts on Oak Street to separate turn lanes.
- C. PEDESTRIAN SPOT IMPROVEMENTS – Update twenty intersections within a block radius of Octavia: add red zones for all approaches, convert all standard crosswalks to continental crosswalks and upgrade signal timing to accommodate walking speed standards.
- D. GOUGH – PEDESTRIAN COUNTDOWN SIGNALS – Install pedestrian countdown signals at Fulton, Grove and Page.
- E. RE-OPENING FELL/GOUGH CROSSWALK – Re-open crosswalk and add a pedestrian bulb.
- F. BICYCLE SAFETY SPOT IMPROVEMENTS – Includes improvements at Market and Buchannan and short term interventions at Page Street at Octavia.

Long Term Projects (Scopes to be further refined through the annual IPIC process):

- G. PEDESTRIAN/BICYCLE SAFETY IMPROVEMENTS - Implement safety

improvements at intersections including Market and Octavia, Oak and Octavia, and Fell and Octavia. Implement other pedestrian improvements along Market Street.

- H. 5-FULTON TRANSIT IMPROVEMENTS - Implement street improvements to reduce travel time for the 5-Fulton bus.
- I. OCTAVIA CORRIDOR TRANSIT IMPROVEMENTS – Implement Fixed Guideway improvements.

The Octavia Boulevard Special Fund will contribute up to \$7,300,000 for these projects (pending approval by SFCTA). The only project that was considered by the MOCAC, but ultimately not included was the regional bike sharing pilot. While the Market and Octavia Community Advisory Committee supports bike sharing in general, they would like to review the results of the initial pilot before recommending additional funding from the Market Octavia Area Plan.

ALTERNATIVES CONSIDERED

The two alternatives considered are: (1) not to pursue using the Octavia Boulevard Special Fund for these capital transportation improvement Proposed Projects or using SFMTA funds, which will leave the SFMTA's capital program in deficit; or (2) to find alternative funds from other capital programs to fund the Proposed Projects.

FUNDING IMPACT

Funding would come from the Octavia Boulevard Special Fund for the Proposed Projects. There is no impact to the SFMTA's Operating Budget.

OTHER APPROVALS RECEIVED OR STILL REQUIRED

The SFCTA will need to select the Proposed Projects as Ancillary Projects. The Proposed Projects will be subject to environmental review prior to implementation.

The City Attorney has reviewed this report.

RECOMMENDATION

Staff recommends that the SFMTA Board of Directors support the Proposed Projects as Proposition I Ancillary Projects, urge the Board of Supervisors to approve and program funding in the amount of \$7,300,000 for the Proposed Projects, and urge the SFCTA to select the Proposed Projects as Ancillary Projects.

SAN FRANCISCO
MUNICIPAL TRANSPORTATION AGENCY
BOARD OF DIRECTORS

RESOLUTION No. _____

WHEREAS, With input from the Market and Octavia Community Advisory Committee and the Interagency Plan Implementation Committee (IPIC), the San Francisco Municipal Transportation Agency (SFMTA) has identified a need for the following transportation projects (Proposed Projects):

- A. MARKET AND OCTAVIA SAFETY IMPROVEMENTS - Red light camera for eastbound traffic as a short-term improvement and design costs associated with intersection improvements including traffic calming, pedestrian enhancements, and bicycle enhancements.
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WHEREAS, The San Francisco County Transportation Authority (SFCTA) is charged with selecting the transportation improvements to corridors on or ancillary to Octavia Boulevard (Ancillary Projects) under the San Francisco Administrative Code; and

WHEREAS, The Octavia Boulevard Special Fund, governed by San Francisco Administrative Code Section 10.100-369, can be used to fund the SFCTA’s selected Ancillary Projects; and

WHEREAS, The Proposed Projects will not be implemented until after environmental review has been completed; now therefore be it

RESOLVED, That the SFMTA Board of Directors supports the following projects as Proposition I Ancillary Projects:

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- I. OCTAVIA CORRIDOR TRANSIT IMPROVEMENTS – Implement Fixed Guideway improvements; and be it further

RESOLVED, That the SFMTA Board urges the Board of Supervisors to approve and program funding in the amount of \$7,300,000 from the Octavia Boulevard Special Fund for the Proposed Projects; and, be it further

RESOLVED, That the SFMTA Board urges the SFCTA to select the Proposed Projects as Proposition I Ancillary Projects.

I certify that the foregoing resolution was adopted by the San Francisco Municipal Transportation Agency Board of Directors at its meeting of July 16, 2013.

Secretary to the Board of Directors
San Francisco Municipal Transportation Agency

Market Octavia CAC**Central Freeway Land Sale Proceeds - Potential Short-term Projects**

June 17, 2013

Project	Cost	CAC Recommendation	CAC Comments
Re-Opening Fell and Gough crosswalk	\$250,000	high priority	Recommend looking at other closed crosswalks in the neighborhood.
Pedestrian Safety Spot Improvements	\$250,000	high priority	
Oak and Octavia intersection improvements	\$400,000	high priority	Further study is needed for a long term solution, including how to leverage the short term design for the long term.
Buchanan and Market intersection improvements	\$43,000	high priority	
Right turn prohibition enforcement camera at Market and Octavia	\$300,000	not a priority	CAC would like to see violations statistics for this intersection before they would be comfortable with this improvement.
Gough St pedestrian countdown signals at Fulton/Grove/Page	\$730,000	medium priority	City should take responsibility for adding pedestrian countdown signals to all intersections.
Bike Share program pilot extension	\$600,000	not a priority	CAC supports bike share generally, but would like to see how the pilot program goes.
Short term bike safety intervention and Page and Octavia	\$25,000	high priority	See Robin's suggestion for a buffer zone along the center of the street. Consider Lily St as an alternate bike route.

Total cost of CAC recommended projects:	\$1,698,000
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