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**SAN FRANCISCO
MUNICIPAL TRANSPORTATION AGENCY**

DIVISION: Streets

BRIEF DESCRIPTION:

Amending Transportation Code, Division II, Section 601 to designate a Transit-only lane on Harrison Street, westbound, from Lapu-Lapu Street to 4th Street.

SUMMARY:

- Creating a Transit-only lane on Harrison Street from Lapu-Lapu Street to 4th Street in order to maintain direct access to the far-side bus stop for Muni coaches.
- Delineators are to be installed on the southbound right turn guideline of the intersection of Harrison Street and 4th Street to reinforce existing RIGHT LANE MUST TURN RIGHT restrictions in response to a collision pattern.
- It was observed through collision reports from the San Francisco Police Department, that motorists frequently utilized the right most lane on 4th Street designated as right-turn-only onto westbound Harrison Street, to merge into the lane to the left designated as entrance for the US 101 southbound freeway on-ramp.
- The Planning Department determined that Harrison Street Transit Only Lane Conversion between 4th Street and Lapu Lapu Street is statutorily exempt from the California Environmental Quality Act (CEQA).
- The proposed action is the Approval Action as defined by S.F. Administrative Code Chapter 31.

ENCLOSURES:

1. SFMTAB Resolution
2. Transportation Code Amendment
3. Proposed Harrison Street Striping

APPROVALS:

DATE

DIRECTOR	 _____	July 31, 2024 _____
SECRETARY	 _____	July 31, 2024 _____

ASSIGNED SFMTAB CALENDAR DATE: August 6, 2024

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PURPOSE

Amending Transportation Code, Division II, Section 601 to designate a Transit-only lane on Harrison Street, westbound, from Lapu-Lapu Street to 4th Street.

STRATEGIC PLAN GOALS AND TRANSIT FIRST POLICY PRINCIPLES

This action supports the following SFMTA Strategic Plan Goals:

Goal 4: Make streets safer for everyone.

Goal 5: Deliver reliable and equitable transportation services.

Goal 6: Eliminate pollution and greenhouse gas emissions by increasing use of transit, walking and bicycling.

The proposed amendment to the Transportation Code also supports the SFMTA Transit-First Policy principle indicated below:

Principle 1: To ensure quality of life and economic health in San Francisco, the primary objective of the transportation system must be the safe and efficient movement of people and goods.

Principle 2: Public transit, including taxis and vanpools, is an economically and environmentally sound alternative to transportation by individual automobiles. Within San Francisco, travel by public transit, by bicycle and on foot must be an attractive alternative to travel by private automobile.

Principle 2: Transit priority improvements, such as designated transit lanes and streets and improved signalization, shall be made to expedite the movement of public transit vehicles (including taxis and vanpools) and to improve pedestrian safety.

DESCRIPTION

The Transportation Code lists locations designated as Transit-only Areas. Any vehicle operating within a Transit-only Area during times that the Transit-only Area is enforced is in violation of Transportation Code, Division I, Section 7.2.72 (Driving in Transit-only Area).

The Establishment of the Transit-only lane here converts one westbound Harrison Street lane from Lapu-Lapu Street and 4th Street in order to facilitate bus movements into the far-side bus zone due to new 4th Street southbound right turn delineators; the delineators are intended to prevent southbound freeway merging collisions, and to better guide motorists to the correct receiving lanes past the intersection.

The proposed Transit-only lane restriction is as follows:

- A. ESTABLISH – TRANSIT ONLY LANE - Harrison Street, westbound, between Lapu-Lapu

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Street and 4th Street

STAKEHOLDER ENGAGEMENT

In accordance with SFMTA procedures, on June 14, 2024, a public hearing was held to consider the proposed changes.

A notice indicating the public hearing date, time, location, and purpose was posted in the area affected by the Transit-only lane restriction at least one week in advance of the hearing date. One public comment was received in favor of the proposed restriction at the public hearing.

ALTERNATIVES CONSIDERED

The alternative would be to not establish the transit-only lane. Subsequently, no changes will be made to the intersection of Harrison Street and 4th Street. This alternative was rejected because it will not help address the safety issues created from motorists frequently utilized the right most lane on 4th Street designated as right-turn-only, onto westbound Harrison Street, to merge into the lane to the left designated as entrance for the US-101 southbound freeway on-ramp.

FUNDING IMPACT

There is no financial impact to the City. The installation and maintenance costs for signs are budgeted in the SFMTA's existing operating budget.

ENVIRONMENTAL REVIEW

The proposed Harrison Street Transit Only Lane Conversion between 4th Street and Lapu Lapu Street is subject to the California Environmental Quality Act (CEQA). CEQA provides a statutory exemption from environmental review for the designation and conversion of general purpose lanes to high-occupancy vehicle lane or bus-only lanes and projects that improve safety, access, and mobility within the public right of way pursuant to Public Resources Code Section 21080.25.

The proposed action is the Approval Action as defined by S.F. Administrative Code Chapter 31.

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 <https://sfplanning.org/> or 49 South Van Ness Avenue in San Francisco, and is incorporated herein by reference.

OTHER APPROVALS RECEIVED OR STILL REQUIRED

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

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RECOMMENDATION

Staff recommends that the San Francisco Municipal Transportation Agency Board of Directors amend the Transportation Code, Division II, Section 601 to designate a Transit-only lane on Harrison Street, westbound, from Lapu-Lapu Street to 4th Street.

SAN FRANCISCO
MUNICIPAL TRANSPORTATION AGENCY
BOARD OF DIRECTORS

RESOLUTION No. _____

WHEREAS, The San Francisco Municipal Transportation Agency (SFMTA) has received several requests from motorists, taxi drivers, and the San Francisco Police Department to generate a solution to deter southbound motorists on 4th Street from merging illegally from the right-turn-only lane onto the US 101 southbound on-ramp at Harrison Street and 4th Street; and,

WHEREAS, New delineators are to be installed on the southbound right turn guideline in the center of the intersection of Harrison Street and 4th Street to reinforce existing RIGHT LANE MUST TURN RIGHT restrictions in response to a collision pattern; and,

WHEREAS, The SFMTA proposes that the following restrictions for the following locations be added to the Transportation Code:

- A. ESTABLISH – TRANSIT ONLY LANE - Harrison Street, westbound, between Lapu-Lapu Street and 4th Street; 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; and,

WHEREAS, There is minimal funding impact to the City; and,

WHEREAS, The California Environmental Quality Act (CEQA) provides a statutory exemption from environmental review for the designation and conversion of general purpose lanes to high-occupancy vehicle lane or bus-only lanes and projects that improve safety, access, and mobility within the public right of way pursuant to Public Resources Code Section 21080.25; and,

WHEREAS, On July 3, 2024, the Planning Department determined that the proposed Harrison Street Transit Only Lane Conversion between 4th Street and Lapu Lapu Street (Case Number 2024-005750ENV) is statutorily exempt from CEQA pursuant to Public Resources Code Section 21080.25; and,

WHEREAS, A copy of the SFMTA’s determination is on file with the Secretary for the SFMTA Board of Directors and may be found in the records of the Planning Department at 49 South Van Ness Avenue in San Francisco; and,

WHEREAS, The proposed action is the Approval Action as defined by the

San Francisco Administrative Code Chapter 31; now therefore, be it

RESOLVED, that the San Francisco Municipal Transportation Agency Board of Directors amends the Transportation Code, Division II, Section 601 to designate a Transit-only lane on Harrison Street, westbound, from Lapu-Lapu Street to 4th Street.

I certify that the foregoing resolution was adopted by the San Francisco Municipal Transportation Agency Board of Directors at its meeting of August 6, 2024.

Secretary to the Board of Directors
San Francisco Municipal Transportation Agency

[Transportation Code – Transit Related Restrictions]

Resolution amending Division II, Section 601 of the Transportation Code to designate a Transit-only lane on Harrison Street, westbound, from Lapu-Lapu Street and 4th Street

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The Municipal Transportation Agency Board of Directors of the City and County of San Francisco enacts the following regulations:

Section 1. Article 600 of Division II of the Transportation Code is hereby amended by revising Section 601, to read as follows:

Sec. 601. DESIGNATED TRANSIT-ONLY AREAS.

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(a) The locations listed in this Section 601 are designated as Transit-only Areas. Any vehicle operating within a Transit-only Area during times that the Transit-only Area is enforced is in violation of Transportation Code, Division I, Section 7.2.72 (Driving in Transit-only Area).

(43) **Ocean Avenue, eastbound, from Junipero Serra Boulevard to Frida Kahlo Way, and Ocean Avenue, westbound, from Geneva Avenue to Junipero Serra Boulevard.** Except as to Municipal Railway vehicles, buses, streetcars, taxis, vehicles preparing to make a left turn, vehicles entering into or exiting from a driveway, and authorized emergency vehicles, no vehicle may operate within the Transit-only Areas on Ocean Avenue, eastbound, from Junipero Serra Boulevard to Frida Kahlo Way, and Ocean Avenue, westbound, from Geneva Avenue to Junipero Serra Boulevard.

(44) Harrison Street, westbound, from Lapu-Lapu Street to 4th Street. Except as to Municipal Railway vehicles, and authorized emergency vehicles, no vehicle may operate within the Transit-only Area on Harrison Street, westbound, from Lapu-Lapu Street to 4th Street.

~~(44)~~ (45) **Other Transit-Only Areas.** Except for buses, taxicabs, vehicles preparing to make a turn, vehicles entering into or exiting from a stopped position at the curb, and vehicles entering into or exiting from a driveway, no vehicle may operate in the following Transit-only Areas during the times indicated:

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Section 2. Effective Date. This ordinance shall become effective 31 days after enactment. Enactment occurs when the San Francisco Municipal Transportation Agency Board of Directors approves this ordinance.

Section 3. Scope of Ordinance. In enacting this ordinance, the San Francisco Municipal Transportation Agency Board of Directors intends to amend only those words, phrases, paragraphs, subsections, sections, articles, numbers, letters, punctuation marks, charts, diagrams, or any other constituent parts of the Transportation Code that are explicitly shown in this ordinance as additions or deletions in accordance with the "Note" that appears under the official title of the ordinance.

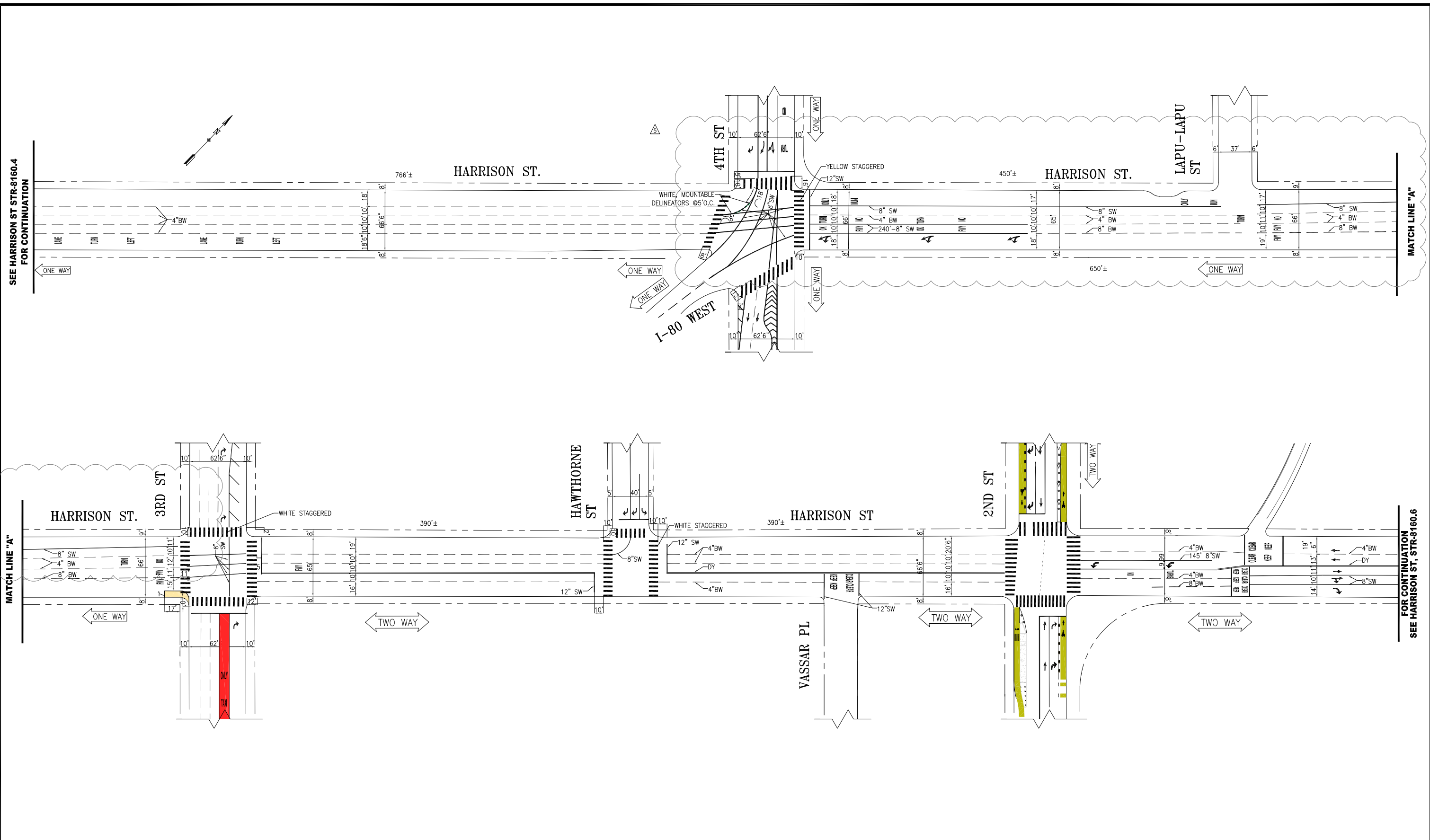
APPROVED AS TO FORM:
DAVID CHIU, City Attorney

By: _____
MISHA TSUKERMAN
Deputy City Attorney

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Secretary to the Board of Directors
San Francisco Municipal Transportation Agency



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