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**SAN FRANCISCO
MUNICIPAL TRANSPORTATION AGENCY**

DIVISION: Sustainable Streets

BRIEF DESCRIPTION:

Approving a parking and traffic modification to install bicycle lanes on Vicente Street between 14th Avenue and 17th Avenue.

SUMMARY:

- Vicente Street between 14th Avenue and 17th Avenue is on Route 60 of the San Francisco Bicycle Network and currently demarcated with shared lane markings.
- This project will install bicycle lanes on Vicente Street between 14th and 17th Avenue.
- The proposed action is the Approval Action as defined by the San Francisco Administrative Code Chapter 31.

ENCLOSURES:

1. SFMTAB Resolution

APPROVALS:

DATE

DIRECTOR _____ 10/13/15

SECRETARY _____ 10/13/15

ASSIGNED SFMTAB CALENDAR DATE: October 20, 2015

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PURPOSE

Approving a parking and traffic modification to install bicycle lanes on Vicente Street between 14th Avenue and 17th Avenue.

GOAL

This project supports San Francisco's Vision Zero by proposing engineering countermeasures that improve pedestrian and bicycle safety and connectivity. This project also supports the Bicycle Strategy, which calls for SFMTA to upgrade 50 miles of bicycle routes over the next five years.

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

Goal 1: Create a safer transportation experience for everyone

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

DESCRIPTION

Vicente Street is recognized on the San Francisco Bicycle Route Network as Route #60. This project improves a three block area within Route #60, the continuous east-west bicycle connection from the Outer Sunset to the Dogpatch neighborhood.

Separation of motor vehicles from bicycles can make a bicycle route safer and more appealing for bicyclists of all ages and abilities. The Vicente Bicycle Lanes project proposes to replace shared lane markings, which place motorists and bicyclists in the same physical space, with bicycle lanes. This section of Vicente Street is sufficiently wide to stripe bicycle lanes without any impacts to parking or traffic.

The street will be repaved in Fall 2015 and the proposed bike lanes will be immediately installed after the paving project.

The project requires the following parking and traffic modification:

A. ESTABLISH – BICYCLE LANES

Vicente Street from 14th Avenue to 17th Avenue

PUBLIC OUTREACH

Fliers were posted on poles along the project corridor that briefly described the project and provided contacts for additional information. The fliers included instruction for language support. A public hearing was held on February 13, 2015, and no members of the public spoke in opposition to the project.

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ALTERNATIVES CONSIDERED

A no-build option was considered that would maintain shared lane markings on Vicente Street. Due to the low cost and minimal impacts to parking and traffic, staff concluded that the recommendation to implement bicycle lanes is the best way to proceed.

FUNDING IMPACT

The project is fully funded. The funding is comprised of the following sources:

2011 Streets Bond \$22,000

ENVIRONMENTAL REVIEW

On June 3, 2015, the San Francisco Planning Department determined that the project was categorically exempt from environmental review pursuant to Title 14 of the California Code of Regulations section 15301 [Class 1(c) Minor alteration of existing highways and streets, sidewalks, gutters, bicycle and pedestrian trails, and similar facilities] and section 15304 [Class 4(h) Minor public alterations in the condition of land including the creation of bicycle lanes on existing rights-of-way].

The Planning Department's determination (Case number 2015-006976ENV) is on file with the Secretary to the SFMTA Board of Directors. The proposed action is the Approval Action as defined by the San Francisco Administrative Code Chapter 31.

OTHER APPROVALS RECEIVED OR STILL REQUIRED

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

RECOMMENDATION

SFMTA staff recommends that the SFMTA Board of Directors approve the parking and traffic modification to install bicycle lanes on Vicente Street between 14th Avenue and 17th Avenue.

SAN FRANCISCO
MUNICIPAL TRANSPORTATION AGENCY
BOARD OF DIRECTORS

RESOLUTION No. _____

WHEREAS, San Francisco Municipal Transportation Agency staff have proposed the following parking and traffic modification to install bicycle lanes on Vicente Street between 14th Avenue and 17th Avenue:

A. ESTABLISH – BICYCLE LANES - Vicente Street from 14th Avenue to 17th Avenue

WHEREAS, This safety project acts in support of Vision Zero by proposing engineering countermeasures that improve pedestrian and bicycle safety and connectivity and in support of the Bicycle Strategy; and,

WHEREAS, The proposed modification is subject to environmental review under the California Environmental Quality Act (CEQA); and,

WHEREAS, On June 3, 2015, the San Francisco Planning Department determined (Case No. 2015-006976ENV) the proposed parking and traffic modification listed above is categorically exempt from environmental review under the California Environmental Quality Act (CEQA) pursuant to Title 14 of the California Code of Regulations Section 15301 as a Class 1 (Existing Facilities) and Section 15304 as a Class 4 (Minor Alteration to Land) exemption; and,

WHEREAS, The Planning Department's determination is on file with the Secretary to the SFMTA Board of Directors, and is incorporated herein by reference; The proposed action is the Approval Action as defined by the San Francisco Administrative Code, Chapter 31; and,

WHEREAS, The public has been notified about the proposed modifications and has been given the opportunity to comment on these 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 modification listed above to install bicycle lanes on Vicente Street between 14th Avenue and 17th Avenue.

I certify that the foregoing resolution was adopted by the San Francisco Municipal Transportation Agency Board of Directors at its meeting of October 20, 2015.

Secretary to the Board of Directors
San Francisco Municipal Transportation Agency