




MEMORANDUM

To: Private Transit Vehicle Permittees and Applicants

From: Edward D. Reiskin, Director of Transportation 

Date: February 20, 2018

Subject: *Private Transit Vehicle Route Duplication Criteria*

Route Duplication Criteria

According to San Francisco Transportation Code Section 1207(f)(1), PTV routes must not substantially duplicate SFMTA public transit service. The SFMTA will consider a Private Transit Vehicle (PTV) route to meet this requirement and be complementary of SFMTA public transit service if it meets the following criteria **or** if it meets **any** of the exemptions described below. Routes already operating as of August 1, 2017, are not subject to this restriction on route duplication.

A PTV route will be considered complementary if the PTV route has substantially different stop spacing than any single comparable SFMTA public transit route. For purposes of this section, “substantially different stop spacing” shall include, but not be limited to, instances in which:

1. Of the total number of stops served by the PTV route, fewer than 75 percent are located within 0.2 miles of a stop served by the comparable SFMTA public transit route; or
2. Of the total number of stops served by the comparable SFMTA public transit route, fewer than 50 percent are located within 0.2 miles of the stops served by the PTV route.

A PTV route that does not meet the above criteria will still be considered complementary if it meets any of the following criteria:

1. The PTV route provides service at least every fifteen minutes during normal service hours to one or more stops located in Qualified Communities of Concern; or
2. The PTV route provides service entirely outside the hours of the comparable SFMTA public transit route; or
3. The PTV route provides connections to BART or Caltrain stations except that stations along Market Street and the Transbay Transit Center shall not be taken into account for purposes of meeting this requirement; or
4. Other factors determined by the Director.

For the purposes of this memo, different variants of a PTV route at different times of day will be considered separately and will be compared with each variant of any comparable Muni route. All routes and stops are subject to all other permit conditions and parking and traffic laws, including those prohibiting stops in illegal locations and travel on weight-restricted streets.