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**SAN FRANCISCO
MUNICIPAL TRANSPORTATION AGENCY**

DIVISION: Streets

BRIEF DESCRIPTION:

Approving various routine parking and traffic modifications.

SUMMARY:


- The SFMTA Board of Directors has authority to adopt parking and traffic regulations changes.
- Taxis are not exempt from any of these regulations.
- The proposed parking and traffic modifications have been reviewed pursuant to the California Environmental Quality Act (CEQA).
- The proposed action is the Approval Action for Items A-B as defined by S.F. Administrative Code Chapter 31.
- Certain items listed below with a “#” are Final SFMTA Decisions as defined by Ordinance 127-18. Final SFMTA Decisions can be reviewed by the Board of Supervisors. Information about the review process can be found at: https://sfbos.org/sites/default/files/SFMTA_Action_Review_Info_Sheet.pdf

ENCLOSURES:

1. SFMTAB Resolution
2. <http://sf-planning.org/area-plan-eirs> (Transit Center District Plan [TCDP] Final EIR)
3. https://default.sfplanning.org/meetingarchive/planning_dept/commissions.sfplanning.org/cpc/packets/2007.0558E_TCDP_CEQAFindings_24May2012.pdf (TCDP CEQA Findings, Planning Commission Resolution)

APPROVALS:

DATE

DIRECTOR 

February 9, 2021

SECRETARY Caroline Celaya

February 9, 2021

ASSIGNED SFMTAB CALENDAR DATE: February 16, 2021

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PURPOSE

To approve various routine parking and traffic modifications.

STRATEGIC PLAN GOALS AND TRANSIT FIRST POLICY PRINCIPLES:

Goal 1: Create a safer transportation experience for everyone

Objective 1.1: Achieve Vision Zero by eliminating all traffic deaths.

Objective 1.2: Improve the safety of the Transit System.

Goal 2: Make transit and other sustainable modes of transportation the most attractive and preferred means of travel

Objective 2.1: Improve transit service.

Objective 2.2: Enhance and expand use of the city's sustainable modes of transportation.

Objective 2.3: Manage congestion and parking demand to support the Transit First Policy.

This action supports the following SFMTA Transit First Policy Principles:

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.
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.
3. Decisions regarding the use of limited public street and sidewalk space shall encourage the use of public rights of way by pedestrians, bicyclists, and public transit, and shall strive to reduce traffic and improve public health and safety.

ITEMS

The following items were considered at Public Hearing on January 8, 2021

- A. RESCIND – ANGLED PARKING, Irving Street, north side from 20 feet to 45 feet west of 40th Avenue.
- B. ESTABLISH – PARK PARALLEL, Irving Street, north side, from 9 feet to 45 feet west of 40th Avenue. (Both A and B requested by SFMTA)

Modifications A and B converts two angled parking spaces to parallel parking to improve intersection visibility with no loss of parking.

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- C. ESTABLISH – TOW-AWAY, NO STOPPING ANYTIME, Beale Street, east side, from Market Street to 30 feet southerly, Beale Street, east side, from 115 feet to 154 south of Market Street, and Beale Street, east side, from Mission Street to 155 feet northerly.
- D. ESTABLISH – RED ZONE, Beale Street, east side, from 245 feet to 315 feet south of Market Street (fire hydrant red zone). (Both C and D requested by SFMTA)

Modifications C and D clarifies the curb and loading changes to the east side of Beale Street between Market and Mission Streets. These changes are part of the Active Beale Street project that approved a two-way protected cycle track on the east side of Beale Street between Market and Howard Streets. As part of the Active Beale Street Project, a protected two-way cycle track was approved by the MTA Board with Resolution No. 200616-057. With construction of the cycle track pending, additional legislation for the east side of Beale is being proposed to clarify the design that was previously approved.

ENVIRONMENTAL REVIEW

The proposed traffic and parking modifications are subject to the California Environmental Quality Act (CEQA). CEQA provides a categorical exemption from environmental review for operation, repair, maintenance, or minor alteration of existing highways and streets, sidewalks, gutters, bicycle and pedestrian trails, and similar facilities pursuant to Title 14 of the California Code of Regulations Section 15301.

The SFMTA, under authority delegated by the San Francisco Planning Department, has determined that the proposed parking and traffic modifications in Items A-B (Case No. 2020-012127ENV) are categorically exempt from CEQA pursuant to Title 14 of the California Code of Regulations Section 15301.

The proposed action is the Approval Action for Items A-B as defined by San Francisco Administrative Code Chapter 31.

On May 24, 2012, the San Francisco Planning Commission in Motions 18628 and 18629 adopted the Transit Center District Plan (TCDP) and certified its Final Environmental Impact Report (FEIR), and adopted findings including a statement of overriding considerations and a mitigation monitoring and reporting program pursuant to CEQA. On September 7, 2012, the San Francisco Board of Supervisors in Ordinance 185-12 adopted the Transit Center District Plan. On May 21, 2020, the Planning Department determined that Items C-D are within the scope of the TCDP FEIR (Case No. 2007.0558E) and that the proposed changes would not cause new significant impacts not identified in the EIR or result in a substantial increase in the severity of previously identified significant impacts, and no new mitigation measures would be necessary to reduce significant impacts.

Copies of the CEQA determinations are on file with the Secretary to the SFMTA Board of Directors, and may be found in the records of the Planning Department at sfplanning.org or 49 South Van Ness Avenue, Suite 1400 in San Francisco, and are incorporated herein by reference.

SAN FRANCISCO
MUNICIPAL TRANSPORTATION AGENCY
BOARD OF DIRECTORS

RESOLUTION No. _____

WHEREAS, The San Francisco Municipal Transportation Agency has received a request, or identified a need for parking and traffic modifications as follows:

- A. RESCIND – ANGLED PARKING, Irving Street, north side from 20 feet to 45 feet west of 40th Avenue.
- B. ESTABLISH – PARK PARALLEL, Irving Street, north side, from 9 feet to 45 feet west of 40th Avenue.
- C. ESTABLISH – TOW-AWAY, NO STOPPING ANYTIME, Beale Street, east side, from Market Street to 30 feet southerly, Beale Street, east side, from 115 feet to 154 south of Market Street, and Beale Street, east side, from Mission Street to 155 feet northerly.
- D. ESTABLISH – RED ZONE, Beale Street, east side, from 245 feet to 315 feet south of Market Street, and,

WHEREAS, The proposed traffic and parking modifications are subject to the California Environmental Quality Act (CEQA); CEQA provides a categorical exemption from environmental review for operation, repair, maintenance, or minor alteration of existing highways and streets, sidewalks, gutters, bicycle and pedestrian trails, and similar facilities pursuant to Title 14 of the California Code of Regulations Section 15301; and,

WHEREAS, The SFMTA, under authority delegated by the San Francisco Planning Department, has determined that the proposed parking and traffic modifications in Items A-B (Case No. 2020-012127ENV) are categorically exempt from CEQA pursuant to Title 14 of the California Code of Regulations Section 15301; and,

WHEREAS, The proposed action is the Approval Action for Items A-B as defined by San Francisco Administrative Code Chapter 3I; and,

WHEREAS, On May 24, 2012, the San Francisco Planning Commission in Motions 18628 and 18629 adopted the Transit Center District Plan (TCDP), certified its Final Environmental Impact Report (FEIR), and adopted findings including a statement of overriding considerations and a mitigation monitoring and reporting program pursuant to CEQA; on September 7, 2012, the San Francisco Board of Supervisors in Ordinance 185-12 adopted the Transit Center District Plan; and

WHEREAS, On May 21, 2020, the Planning Department determined that Items C-D are within the scope of the TCDP FEIR (Case No. 2007.0558E) and that the proposed changes would not cause new significant impacts not identified in the EIR or result in a substantial increase in the severity of previously identified significant impacts, and no new mitigation measures would be necessary to reduce significant impacts; and

WHEREAS, Copies of the CEQA determinations are on file with the Secretary to the SFMTA Board of Directors, may be found in the records of the Planning Department at sfplanning.org or 49 South Van Ness Avenue, Suite 1400 in San Francisco, and are 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, The SFMTA Board of Directors has reviewed and considered the Transit Center District Plan Final Environmental Impact Report (TCDP FEIR) and record as a whole and finds that the TCDP FEIR is adequate for the Board's use as the decision-making body for the actions taken herein, and incorporates the CEQA findings by this reference as though set forth in this Resolution; and, be it further

RESOLVED, That the San Francisco Municipal Transportation Agency Board of Directors, upon recommendation of the Director of Transportation and the Director of the Streets Division approves the parking and traffic modifications listed.

I certify that the foregoing resolution was adopted by the San Francisco Municipal Transportation Agency Board of Directors at its meeting of February 16, 2021.

Secretary to the Board of Directors
San Francisco Municipal Transportation Agency