

SAN FRANCISCO
MUNICIPAL TRANSPORTATION AGENCY
BOARD OF DIRECTORS

RESOLUTION No. 210921-108

WHEREAS, The San Francisco Municipal Transportation Agency is committed to achieving Vision Zero goals and implementing safety improvements on the Embarcadero, Broadway, and Washington Street; and,

WHEREAS, The San Francisco Municipal Transportation Agency is committed to creating a Transit-First city that prioritizes non-private automobile transportation; and,

WHEREAS, The Embarcadero Enhancement Program (EEP) is a series of related traffic-safety and mobility projects along the Embarcadero, a Vision Zero high-injury corridor; and,

WHEREAS, The Central Embarcadero Safety Project is the EEP's highest priority and proposes traffic safety changes on the Embarcadero between Bryant Street and Broadway and on Washington Street between the Embarcadero and Drumm Street; and,

WHEREAS, The intersections of the Embarcadero at Broadway and Washington Street see the highest rates of collisions along the entire corridor; and,

WHEREAS, The San Francisco Municipal Transportation Agency has proposed traffic and parking modifications along the Embarcadero and Washington Street as follows:

- A. ESTABLISH – NO TURN ON RED – Washington Street, eastbound, at The Embarcadero
- B. ESTABLISH – NO TURN ON RED – The Embarcadero, southbound, at Washington Street
- C. ESTABLISH – NO TURN ON RED – Broadway, eastbound, at The Embarcadero
- D. ESTABLISH – NO TURN ON RED – The Embarcadero, southbound, at Broadway
- E. ESTABLISH – NO U-TURNS – The Embarcadero, northbound, at Washington Street
- F. ESTABLISH – NO U-TURNS – The Embarcadero, southbound, at Washington Street
- G. ESTABLISH – NO U-TURNS – The Embarcadero, southbound, at Broadway
- H. ESTABLISH – CLASS IV BIKEWAY – Washington Street, eastbound and westbound, from The Embarcadero to Drumm Street (parking-protected bikeways)
- I. ESTABLISH – RED ZONE – Washington Street, north side, from The Embarcadero to 150 feet westerly (removes three parking spaces for Class IV bikeway)
- J. ESTABLISH – RED ZONE – Washington Street, north side, from Drumm Street to 20 feet easterly
- K. ESTABLISH – RED ZONE – Washington Street, south side, from Drumm Street to 40 feet easterly (removes one parking space and shifts existing blue zone by 34')

L. ESTABLISH – BLUE ZONE – Washington Street, south side, from 40 feet to 66 feet east of Drumm Street (shifting and lengthening existing blue zone at the same location)

WHEREAS, The San Francisco Port Commission approved traffic safety changes within the jurisdiction of the Port of San Francisco on August 10, 2021; and,

WHEREAS, Section 891 of the Streets and Highways Code provides that agencies responsible for the development or operation of bikeways or roadways where bicycle travel is permitted may utilize minimum safety design criteria other than those established by Section 890.6 if the following conditions are met: the alternative criteria are reviewed and approved by a qualified engineer, the alternative criteria are adopted by resolution at a public meeting after public comment and proper notice, and the alternative criteria adhere to the guidelines established by a national association of public agency transportation officials; and,

WHEREAS, The protected bikeway proposed as part of the project meets these three requirements; and,

WHEREAS, The alternative criteria for the project are to discourage motor vehicles from encroaching or double parking in the bicycle facility, provide a more inviting facility and a greater sense of comfort for bicyclists, and provide a greater perception of safety for bicyclists; and,

WHEREAS, The project's alternative criteria adhere to guidelines set by the National Association of City Transportation Officials; and,

WHEREAS, The proposed traffic and parking modifications are subject to the California Environmental Quality Act (CEQA); CEQA provides a statutory exemption from environmental review for pedestrian and bicycle facilities, including new facilities, and the associated maintenance, repair, relocation, replacement, or removal of any utility infrastructure pursuant to Public Resources Code Section 21080.25; and,

WHEREAS, The Planning Department determined, on June 2, 2021, that the proposed traffic and parking modifications (Case Number 2019-003785ENV) are statutorily exempt from CEQA pursuant to Public Resources Code Section 21080.25; and,

WHEREAS, 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/> and 49 South Van Ness Avenue, Suite 1400 in San Francisco, and is incorporated herein by reference; and,

RESOLVED, That the San Francisco Municipal Transportation Agency Board of Directors approves a protected bikeway and parking restrictions on Washington Street between Drumm Street and the Embarcadero and turn restrictions at the intersections of the Embarcadero with Broadway and Washington Street as set forth in Items A through L above.

I certify that the foregoing resolution was adopted by the San Francisco Municipal Transportation Agency Board of Directors at its meeting of September 21, 2021.



Secretary to the Board of Directors
San Francisco Municipal Transportation Agency