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**SAN FRANCISCO
MUNICIPAL TRANSPORTATION AGENCY**

DIVISION: Sustainable Streets

BRIEF DESCRIPTION:

Accepting a gift of up to 250 custom bicycle racks from the Yerba Buena Community Benefit District for installation in the Yerba Buena Community Benefit District.

SUMMARY:

- The Yerba Buena Community Benefit District is presenting the SFMTA with up to 250 custom bicycle racks to the SFMTA as a gift.
- The estimated value of the 250 bicycle racks is \$100,000.
- SFMTA Livable Streets and sign shop staff were consulted during the design process for these racks and approved the final design.
- The SFMTA Board of Directors must accept these racks as a gift from the Yerba Buena Community Benefit District before they are installed by the City.

ENCLOSURES:

1. SFMTAB Resolution
2. Image of Yerba Buena Community Benefit District Bicycle Rack

APPROVALS:

DATE

DIRECTOR _____ 7/10/12

SECRETARY _____ 7/10/12

ASSIGNED SFMTAB CALENDAR DATE: July 17, 2012

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PURPOSE

The Yerba Buena Community Benefit District (YBCBD) designed and fabricated a custom bicycle rack to offer a distinct design that reflects the neighborhood, its history and future, and to help increase bicycle parking options in the district. The YBCBD is presenting the bicycle racks to the SFMTA as a gift. In total, the YBCBD will provide up to 250 Yerba Buena Bicycle Racks at no cost to the SFMTA by December, 2015. The SFMTA is responsible for the installation and maintenance of these bicycle racks.

GOAL

This action is consistent with the goals of the SFMTA Strategic Plan, specifically:

Goal 2: Make transit, walking, bicycling, taxi, ridesharing & carsharing the preferred means of travel.

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

DESCRIPTION

In 2011, the YBCBD engaged in an extensive community design initiative to develop the Yerba Buena Street Life Plan. Designing and installing unique bicycle racks was one of the 36 recommended projects in the Plan. Starting in 2011, the YBCBD Streets and Public Space Committee guided a design process for a Yerba Buena specific bicycle rack. The nine member committee is comprised of both YBCBD Board and non-Board members that represent a cross-section of neighborhood residents, employees, and City staff. This committee, combined with the full YBCBD Board's input, ensured that a diverse set of voices were heard in the design, development, and purchase of the bicycle racks. These bicycle racks will significantly increase the secured bicycle parking within the Yerba Buena Neighborhood.

An initial 50-60 racks will be installed in September of this year, with the remainder being produced and installed over time according to demand. In total, it is estimated that up to 250 bicycle racks will be installed YBCBD and provided to the SFMTA by December 2015. The total estimated value of the racks is \$100,000 (\$400 per rack). The YBCBD requests that the racks gifted to the SFMTA are only installed within the boundaries of the Yerba Buena District. The SFMTA is responsible for the installation and maintenance of these bicycle racks.

SFMTA Livable Streets and sign shop staff were consulted during the design process for the racks and approved the final design. The racks provide a high level of security and ease of use, are functionally equivalent to the SFMTA's current standard rack, and meet the Association of Pedestrian and Bicycle Professionals' best practice guidelines for bicycle rack parking. As the attached image shows, the racks are a rounded square shape and cast in ductile iron. Installation of the racks will use the same hardware as the SFMTA's current standard bicycle racks.

ALTERNATIVES CONSIDERED

An option in which YBCBD would have installed the racks using its own contractor was considered. However, the Manager of the SFMTA Sign Shop indicated that if the SFMTA accepted responsibility for maintenance of these racks, the City should install them.

FUNDING IMPACT

The YBCBD will provide the bicycle racks to the SFMTA at no cost. Timing for installation of the racks beyond the first 50-60 will be at the SFMTA's discretion. The remaining bicycle racks will be installed in response to public requests for bicycle parking within the Yerba Buena District. The total cost for installing and maintaining these 250 racks is estimated at \$100,000.

Funds to cover SFMTA staff time for installation and maintenance of the donated bicycle racks will come from existing and future bicycle parking grant funds. This may include funding from existing 2010/11 Prop K funds (\$125,000), 2010/11 Transportation Enhancement/State Transportation Improvement Program grant funds (\$235,000), a pending Transportation Fund for Clean Air (TFCA) County Program Manager grant (\$165,000), or Prop K funds programmed for bicycle parking in fiscal year 2012/13 Prop K (\$102,000). The TFCA County Program Manager grant will be presented at the July 2012 San Francisco County Transportation Authority Plans and Programs agenda. The SFMTA expects to receive these funds once approved. The SFMTA expects to receive the remaining bicycle parking Prop K funds programmed for this fiscal year.

The SFMTA's goal is to install approximately 400 bicycle racks per year. Staff will use the existing, programmed, and future funds to meet this goal. If for some reason the SFMTA is unable to identify funds to meet this goal in the future and cannot install the gifted racks, the SFMTA will hold the racks until funding becomes available for installation.

ENVIRONMENTAL REVIEW

The Final Environmental Impact Report (FEIR) for the San Francisco Bicycle Plan project was certified on June 25, 2009. The FEIR provided programmatic environmental clearance pursuant to CEQA for the installation of bicycle racks within the public right of way as one of a category of nine Minor Improvements proposed to facilitate bicycling within the City. When the SFMTA identifies specific locations for the installation of additional bicycle racks within the public right of way, Agency staff submits the bicycle rack project for project level review to the San Francisco Planning Department's Environmental Planning section (Environmental Planning).

Prior to the installation of any bicycle racks received through this gift, the SFMTA will submit the specific proposed bicycle rack locations to Environmental Planning for project level environmental evaluation.

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OTHER APPROVALS RECEIVED OR STILL REQUIRED

In addition to SFMTA staff and City Traffic Engineer review of the proposed bicycle rack design, the design was reviewed by the Department of Public Works' Americans with Disability Act Disability Access Coordinator and the Director of the Mayor's Office on Disability.

The City Attorney has reviewed this report.

RECOMMENDATION

Accepting a gift of up to 250 bicycle racks from the Yerba Buena Community Benefit District for installation in the Yerba Buena Community Benefit District.

SAN FRANCISCO
MUNICIPAL TRANSPORTATION AGENCY
BOARD OF DIRECTORS

RESOLUTION No. _____

WHEREAS, The Yerba Buena Community Benefit District wants to increase publicly available bicycle parking in the Yerba Buena Neighborhood District; and,

WHEREAS, The Yerba Buena Community Benefit District designed a bicycle rack that meets the needs for secure bicycle parking in San Francisco; and,

WHEREAS, The Yerba Buena Community Benefit District has pledged to provide the SFMTA up to 250 bicycle racks by December, 2015 as a gift with an estimated value of \$100,000; and,

WHEREAS, The SFMTA will install the first 50-60 bicycle racks by September, 2012 within the Yerba Buena Neighborhood District and the remaining bicycle racks will be installed by December, 2015 at the Agency's discretion; and,

WHEREAS, The SFMTA will be responsible for installation and maintenance costs associated with the installed bicycle racks; and,

WHEREAS, The Planning Department will provide project level environmental evaluation prior to any bicycle rack installation received through this gift; now, therefore, be it

RESOLVED, That the San Francisco Municipal Transportation Agency Board of Directors accepts a gift of up to 250 bicycle racks from the Yerba Buena Community Benefit District for installation in the Yerba Buena Community Benefit District.

I certify that the foregoing resolution was adopted by the San Francisco Municipal Transportation Agency Board of Directors at its meeting of July 17, 2012.

Secretary to the Board of Directors
San Francisco Municipal Transportation Agency

Yerba Buena Community Benefit District Bicycle Rack

