

SAN FRANCISCO
MUNICIPAL TRANSPORTATION AGENCY
BOARD OF DIRECTORS

RESOLUTION No. 190716-096

WHEREAS, The San Francisco Municipal Transportation Agency is committed to achieving Vision Zero goals and implementing safety improvements on Octavia, Linden, Hayes, and Fell streets; and,

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

WHEREAS, The project aims to improve traffic safety, improve bicycle connectivity, and expand public open space around Patricia's Green in Hayes Valley; and,

WHEREAS, The intersection of Hayes and Octavia streets experiences very high pedestrian volumes and people on both Octavia and Linden streets often walk in the roadway to avoid narrow sidewalks or to take the most direct route to their destinations; and,

WHEREAS, SFMTA staff have determined that Octavia Street between Linden and Hayes streets, in both directions, is no longer needed for vehicular traffic pursuant to California Vehicle Code section 21101, except for bicycles and emergency vehicles, because it is necessary for the safety and comfort for vulnerable street users and to improve traffic and transit operations in the vicinity; 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 is adopted by resolution at a public meeting after public comment and proper notice, and the alternative criteria adheres 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 and greater sense of comfort for bicyclists, and to 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 San Francisco Municipal Transportation Agency has proposed traffic

and parking modifications along Octavia, Linden, Hayes, and Fell streets as follows:

- A. ESTABLISH – ROAD CLOSURE, EXCEPT PEDESTRIANS, BICYCLES, and EMERGENCY VEHICLES - Octavia Street, from Linden Street to Hayes Street (both northbound and southbound roadways)
- B. ESTABLISH – LEFT-TURN ONLY - Octavia Boulevard (center lanes), northbound, at Fell Street
- C. ESTABLISH – ONE-WAY STREET - Linden Street, eastbound, from Laguna Street to Octavia Street (reverses the existing one-way street from westbound to eastbound to provide access to Octavia Street’s southbound roadway)
- D. ESTABLISH – CLASS IV PROTECTED BIKEWAY - Hayes Street, westbound, south side, from Octavia Street (northbound) to Octavia Street (southbound)
- E. ESTABLISH – TOW-AWAY, NO STOPPING ANYTIME - Octavia Street, both sides, from Linden Street to Hayes Street (both northbound and southbound roadways; removes 6 permit parking Area ‘S’ parking spaces and 4 permit parking Area ‘S’ motorcycle spaces); Hayes Street, south side, from Octavia Street (southbound) to Octavia Street (northbound) (removes 3 unregulated motorcycle spaces); Hayes Street, south side, from Octavia Street to 35 feet westerly (removes 1 metered parking space - 464-05030 for a 35-foot long painted safety zone) #
- F. ESTABLISH – RED ZONE - Octavia Street, west side, from Linden Street to 10 feet southerly (for large vehicle turns) #
- G. ESTABLISH – PASSENGER LOADING ZONE AT ALL TIMES - Fell Street, north side, from 10 feet to 52 feet east of Octavia Street (converts 2 metered parking spaces - 411-03300, 411-03320) #
- H. RESCIND – 2-HOUR PARKING, 8 AM TO 9 PM, MONDAY THROUGH FRIDAY, EXCEPT VEHICLES WITH AREA S PERMITS; ESTABLISH – UNMETERED MOTORCYCLE PARKING – Octavia Street, east side, from 24 feet to 50 feet north of Fell Street (converts approximately 1.5 parking spaces to relocate 7 motorcycle spaces) #; and,

WHEREAS, The proposed Octavia ‘Open Street’ Project is subject to the California Environmental Quality Act (CEQA); CEQA provides a categorical exemption from environmental review for operation, maintenance, or minor alteration of existing highways and streets, sidewalks, gutters, bicycle and pedestrian trails, and similar facilities as defined in Title 14 of the California Code of Regulations Section 15301; and,

WHEREAS, On May 24, 2019, the Planning Department determined that the proposed Octavia ‘Open Street’ Project is 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 as defined by the S. F. Administrative Code Chapter 31; 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 1650 Mission Street in San Francisco, and is 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; now, therefore, be it

RESOLVED, That the San Francisco Municipal Transportation Agency Board of Directors finds that Octavia Street between Linden and Hayes streets, in both directions, is no longer needed for vehicular traffic pursuant to California Vehicle Code Section 21101, except for bicycles and emergency vehicles, because it is necessary for the safety and comfort of vulnerable street users and to improve traffic and transit operations in the vicinity; and, be it further

RESOLVED, That the San Francisco Municipal Transportation Agency Board of Directors approves permanently closing both directions of Octavia Street between Linden and Hayes streets to vehicular traffic except for bicycles and emergency vehicles, changing the one-way direction of Linden Street from westbound to eastbound between Laguna and Octavia streets, establishing a protected bike lane on Hayes Street westbound from Octavia Street (northbound) to Octavia Street (southbound), and approving related parking and traffic modifications to improve safety, as set forth in Item A through H above, associated with the Octavia 'Open Street' Project.

I certify that the foregoing resolution was adopted by the San Francisco Municipal Transportation Agency Board of Directors at its meeting of July 16, 2019.



Secretary to the Board of Directors
San Francisco Municipal Transportation Agency