

SAN FRANCISCO
MUNICIPAL TRANSPORTATION AGENCY
BOARD OF DIRECTORS

RESOLUTION No. 210302-029

WHEREAS, Twin Peaks is an iconic open space landmark in San Francisco, to be enjoyed safely and comfortably by residents; and,

WHEREAS, The Twin Peaks for All project was initiated to improve overall access to the peak for all users at all times and to examine the needs and impacts of the overall area; and,

WHEREAS, To help achieve the Twin Peaks for All project goals, the SFMTA project team developed five design options for Twin Peaks Boulevard between the Burnett Avenue and Portola gates that were vetted by SFMTA and Recreation and Parks Department staff; and,

WHEREAS, To allow access for all users at all times, SFMTA staff is recommending Option 2 to permanently close the Burnett Avenue gate at all times on Twin Peaks Boulevard between Burnett Avenue and Christmas Tree Point Road and restrict vehicle traffic between Burnett Avenue and Christmas Tree Point Road to the top of Twin Peaks except for emergency vehicles and bicycles; and,

WHEREAS, SFMTA staff have determined that Twin Peaks Boulevard between Burnett Avenue and Christmas Tree Point Road, in both directions, is no longer needed for vehicular traffic, except for bicycles and emergency vehicles. This is authorized under state law to close because SFMTA staff have determined that this portion of Twin Peaks Boulevard is no longer needed for vehicular traffic pursuant to California Vehicle Code section 21101 since under Option 2, the Portola Drive gate would be open and provide alternative vehicular access to the top of Twin Peaks via Twin Peaks Boulevard between Portola Drive and Christmas Tree Point Road; and,

WHEREAS, For traffic traveling through the area of Twin Peaks and for neighborhood access surrounding Twin Peaks Boulevard, Laguna Honda Boulevard, Clarendon Avenue, Market Street, and Portola Drive provide direct vehicular access; and,

WHEREAS, The proposed closure will enhance safety and comfort for vulnerable street users and provide more public space protected from traffic, as well as a safer connection to the natural areas of Twin Peaks; and,

WHEREAS, The goals of the Twin Peaks for All project include ensuring access to the viewpoint for all, especially for people with disabilities, providing space for people walking and rolling that allows for physical distancing, reducing negative impacts by park users on neighbors, and retaining the extraordinary increase in new park users by maintaining safe, continuous routes for those traveling on foot, bicycle and assistive mobility devices; and,

WHEREAS, SFMTA staff propose making traffic modifications to provide additional space for non-motorized transportation; and,

A. ESTABLISH – ROAD CLOSURE, EXCEPT EMERGENCY VEHICLES AND BICYCLES

Twin Peaks Boulevard, between Christmas Tree Point Road and Burnett Avenue (closes the segment to most vehicles)

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; and,

WHEREAS, The proposed Twin Peaks for All project is subject to the California Environmental Quality Act (CEQA); CEQA provides an exemption from environmental review for projects that consist of “minor alteration[s] of existing public or private structures ... involving negligible or no expansion of existing or former use.” This includes minor alterations to existing highways and streets that do not create additional automobile lanes. (Title 14 of the California Code of Regulations Section 15301; and,

WHEREAS, On February 12, 2021, the Planning Department determined that the proposed Twin Peaks for All 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 <https://sfplanning.org/> and 49 South Van Ness Avenue, Suite 1400 in San Francisco, and is incorporated herein by reference; now therefore be it,

RESOLVED, That the San Francisco Municipal Transportation Agency Board of Directors finds that closing Twin Peaks Boulevard between Burnett Avenue and Christmas Tree Point Road, in both directions, will enhance safety and comfort for vulnerable street users and provide more public space protected from traffic, as well as a safer connection to the natural areas of Twin Peaks; and, be it further,

RESOLVED, That the San Francisco Municipal Transportation Agency Board of Directors finds that Twin Peaks Boulevard between Burnett Avenue and Christmas Tree Point Road, in both directions, is no longer needed for vehicular traffic, except for bicycles and emergency vehicles and is authorized under state law to close this portion of Twin Peaks Boulevard because SFMTA staff have determined that this portion of Twin Peaks Boulevard is no longer needed for vehicular traffic pursuant to California Vehicle Code section 21101; and, be it further,

RESOLVED, That the San Francisco Municipal Transportation Agency Board of Directors approves the proposed traffic modification, associated with the “Twin Peaks for All” project, listed in Item A above.

I certify that the foregoing resolution was adopted by the San Francisco Municipal Transportation Agency Board of Directors at its meeting of March 2, 2021.

Caroline Celaya

Secretary to the Board of Directors
San Francisco Municipal Transportation Agency