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**SAN FRANCISCO
MUNICIPAL TRANSPORTATION AGENCY**

DIVISION: Sustainable Streets

BRIEF DESCRIPTION:

Approving various parking and traffic modifications necessary to install pedestrian bulbouts at the intersection of Columbus Avenue, Pacific Avenue, and Kearny streets.

SUMMARY:

- This project will install pedestrian bulbouts at the intersection of Columbus Avenue, Pacific Avenue, and Kearny streets.
- These bulbouts will shorten pedestrian crossing distances and improve pedestrian visibility at these three intersections, improving pedestrian safety.
- The proposed improvements are being coordinated with a Department of Public Works repaving project.
- A public hearing to discuss the proposed improvements was held on 1/9/2015.
- The project will result in the net removal of three general metered parking spaces.

ENCLOSURES:

1. SFMTAB Resolution

APPROVALS:

DATE

DIRECTOR _____

2/23/15

SECRETARY _____

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ASSIGNED SFMTAB CALENDAR DATE: March 3, 2015

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PURPOSE

Approve various parking and traffic modifications necessary to install pedestrian bulbouts at the intersection of Columbus Avenue, Pacific Avenue, and Kearny streets.

GOAL

This action supports the following SFMTA Strategic Plan Goal and Objectives:

- Goal 1- Create a safer transportation experience for everyone, and
Objective 1.3: Improve the safety of the transportation system.
- Goal 2- Make transit, walking, bicycling, taxi, ridesharing and carsharing the preferred means of travel.
Objective 2.1: Improve customer service and communications.
Objective 2.3: Increase use of all non-private auto modes.

DESCRIPTION

The WalkFirst process, which reviews collision and pedestrian accident history, identified the intersection of Columbus Avenue, Pacific Avenue, and Kearny streets as a high-priority location for pedestrian safety improvements. Between April 2007 and April 2012, there have been 15 reported collisions, of which three involved pedestrians, at this one intersection.

This project will install pedestrian bulbouts to shorten pedestrian crossing distances and improve visibility, improving pedestrian safety.

The proposed pedestrian improvements are being coordinated with the Department of Public Works' paving schedule. The project will result in the net removal of three general metered parking spaces.

The project requires the following parking and traffic modifications:

- A. ESTABLISH – SIDEWALK WIDENING, ESTABLISH – NO PARKING ANY TIME – Kearny Street, west side, from 13 feet to 28 feet south of Columbus Avenue (for 6-foot bulb, removing meter #17); Columbus Avenue, east side, from 8 feet to 28 feet south of Kearny Street (for 6-foot bulb, removing meter #134); and Pacific Avenue, south side, from 9 feet to 31 feet west of Columbus Avenue (for 6-foot bulb and 5-foot red zone, removing meter #605)
- B. ESTABLISH – YELLOW METERED LOADING, 7 AM TO 6 PM, MONDAY THROUGH SATURDAY – Pacific Avenue, south side, from 26 feet to 55 feet west of Columbus Avenue (shifting existing 29-foot yellow meter space to the west); and Kearny Street, west side, from 28 feet to 33 feet south of Columbus Avenue (extending existing yellow meter)

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PUBLIC OUTREACH

A public hearing for the project was held on January 9, 2015. No members of the public attended regarding this project.

ALTERNATIVES CONSIDERED

- An earlier version of the project included temporary bulbouts at this intersection. The Department of Public Works needed additional sidewalk space to construct curb ramps and provided funding to construct these bulbs in concrete.
- A no-build option was not considered because of the status of these locations as high-priority intersections for improvements.

Staff concluded that the recommendation to implement pedestrian improvements is the best way to proceed.

FUNDING IMPACT

This project is fully funded. The Department of Public Works is providing all funding for this project.

OTHER APPROVALS RECEIVED

On October 28, 2014, the San Francisco Planning Department determined that the proposed parking and traffic modifications listed in items A-B were within the scope of the Better Streets Plan Programmatic Mitigated Negative Declaration adopted on September 17, 2010, and that the proposed parking and traffic modifications would not require the preparation of a subsequent negative declaration under CEQA Guidelines section 15162 and 15168.

The Planning Department's determination is on file with the Secretary to the SFMTA Board of Directors.

The City Attorney has reviewed this report.

RECOMMENDATION

SFMTA staff recommends that the SFMTA Board of Directors approve the parking and traffic modifications listed in items A-B above to install pedestrian bulbouts at the intersection of Columbus Avenue, Pacific Avenue, and Kearny streets.

SAN FRANCISCO
MUNICIPAL TRANSPORTATION AGENCY
BOARD OF DIRECTORS

RESOLUTION No. _____

WHEREAS, San Francisco Municipal Transportation Agency (SFMTA) staff have proposed the following parking and traffic modifications to install pedestrian bulbouts at the intersection of Columbus Avenue, Pacific Avenue, and Kearny streets:

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WHEREAS, On October 28, 2014, the San Francisco Planning Department determined that the proposed parking and traffic modifications listed in items A-B were within the scope of the Better Streets Plan Programmatic Mitigated Negative Declaration approved on September 17, 2010, incorporated herein by reference, and that the parking and traffic modifications would not require the preparation of a subsequent negative declaration under CEQA Guidelines section 15162 and 15168. The SFMTA has reviewed and concurs with the Planning Department’s determinations; and,

WHEREAS, A copy of the San Francisco Planning Department’s determination is on file with the Secretary to the SFMTA Board of Directors, 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 through the public hearing process; now, therefore, be it

RESOLVED, That the San Francisco Municipal Transportation Agency Board of Directors approves the parking and traffic modifications listed in items A-B above necessary to install pedestrian bulbouts at the intersection of Columbus Avenue, Pacific Avenue, and Kearny streets.

I certify that the foregoing resolution was adopted by the San Francisco Municipal Transportation Agency Board of Directors at its meeting of March 3, 2015.

Secretary to the Board of Directors
San Francisco Municipal Transportation Agency