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**SAN FRANCISCO
MUNICIPAL TRANSPORTATION AGENCY**

DIVISION: Transit Services

BRIEF DESCRIPTION:

Approving traffic and parking modifications to implement a new bus terminal on Sloat Boulevard at Clearfield Drive for the 57 Parkmerced included in the Muni Forward Service Improvements.

SUMMARY:

- On March 28, 2014, the SFMTA Board of Directors approved the Transit Effectiveness Project (TEP) Environmental Impact Report (EIR) and various Service Improvements to improve transit performance along various Municipal Railway routes.
- These proposed changes, including traffic and parking modifications on Sloat Boulevard, will promote the City's Transit-First Policy by improving transit performance for the 57 Parkmerced
- The proposed Service Improvement includes a new terminal location for the 57 Parkmerced on the south side of Sloat Boulevard at Clearfield Drive.
- Community feedback received during door-to-door outreach and a Public Hearing on August 14, 2015 indicates residents support locating the terminal at this location.

ENCLOSURES:

1. SFMTAB Resolution
2. SFMTA Resolution No. 14-041 <http://www.sfmta.com/sites/default/files/agendaitems/3-28-14%20Item%206%20TEP%20CEQA%20approval%20resolution.pdf>
3. TEP FEIR <http://www.sf-planning.org/index.aspx?page=2970>

APPROVALS:

DATE

DIRECTOR _____ 9/8/15

SECRETARY _____ 9/8/15

ASSIGNED SFMTAB CALENDAR DATE: September 15, 2015

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PURPOSE

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GOAL

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

Goal 1: Create a safer transportation experience for everyone

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.

Objective 2.2: Improve transit performance.

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

DESCRIPTION

To reduce travel times and enhance reliability across the Muni system, Muni Forward proposes a wide variety of changes and improvements to transit service, including introducing new routes, realigning existing routes, and increasing frequencies. On March 28, 2014, the SFMTA Board of Directors asserted support for Muni Forward by approving the program's catalog of transit service change recommendations. Developed from the findings of years' worth of data collection and analysis and solidified with the feedback received from community members, merchants, neighborhood groups, citizens' advisory committees, and other stakeholders during more than 100 public meetings to discuss them, the service changes approved by the SFMTA Board represent a realignment of the system to reduce crowding and improve access. Additionally, the SFMTA Board adopted the Final Environmental Impact Report (FEIR) for the TEP, as required under the California Environmental Quality Act (CEQA), which includes the array of transit improvements that are included the Muni Forward program.

Included in the service changes approved by the SFMTA Board was a realignment of the 57 Parkmerced route. This route alignment will be implemented on September 26th, 2015. At that time, the 57 Parkmerced will operate on Sloat Boulevard between Clearfield Drive and Skyline Boulevard, Skyline Boulevard between Sloat Boulevard and John Muir Drive, Herbst Road, John Muir Drive between Skyline Boulevard and Lake Merced Boulevard, Lake Merced Boulevard between John Muir Drive and Brotherhood Way and between Font Boulevard and Winston Drive, Junipero Serra Boulevard between Brotherhood Way and Daly City BART, Chumasero Drive between Brotherhood Way and Font Boulevard, Font Boulevard between Chumasero Drive and Lake Merced Boulevard, and Winston Drive between Lake Merced Boulevard and Buckingham Way.

The new 57 Parkmerced route requires a new terminal location, which was not legislated in March 2014 because a final location had not yet been determined. Additional analysis of feasible terminal locations, combined with additional public outreach has resulted in a terminal location that will support the approved route alignment described above. SFMTA staff is also

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proposing a traffic modification that will exempt Muni vehicles from turning right, in the right turn lane on Brotherhood Way at Church Access Road. This will allow Muni vehicles to have a flag stop in the right turn lane and continue forward in the existing right turn lane while all other vehicles are required to turn right.

Specifically, the SFMTA proposes the following:

- A. EXTEND – BUS ZONE - Sloat Boulevard, south side, from 65 feet to 165 feet west of Clearfield Drive (100' Bus zone extension, removes 5 parking spaces)
- B. ESTABLISH – RIGHT LANE MUST TURN RIGHT EXCEPT MUNI - Brotherhood Way, eastbound, at Church Access Road (999 Brotherhood Way)

ALTERNATIVES CONSIDERED

Multiple terminal locations were considered and tested, including a terminal located in between the Lakeshore Plaza driveways. This location was not pursued because of potential visibility issues for vehicles exiting the driveway directly east of that location.

FUNDING IMPACT

None.

PUBLIC OUTREACH

In summer 2015, door to door outreach was conducted to residences in the vicinity of the proposed terminal location. Feedback from residents did not indicate opposition to the proposed terminal along Sloat Boulevard at Clearfield Drive. These items were presented at public hearing on August 14, 2015. No members of the public spoke in opposition or support of this proposal.

ENVIRONMENTAL REVIEW

The TEP Final Environmental Impact Report (FEIR) was certified by the San Francisco Planning Commission in Motion No. 19105 on March 27, 2014. Subsequently, on March 28, 2014 in Resolution No. 14-041, the SFMTA Board of Directors approved the Transit Effectiveness Project, including various Service Improvements to improve transit performance along various Municipal Railway routes. As part of the Resolution No. 14-041, the SFMTA Board of Directors adopted findings under the California Environmental Quality Act (CEQA), the CEQA Guidelines, and Chapter 31 of the Administrative Code (CEQA Findings) and a Mitigation Monitoring and Reporting Program (MMRP). Approval of TEP Service Improvements relies on said the TEP FEIR. The San Francisco Planning Commission certified the FEIR for the Transit Effectiveness Project on March 27, 2014. This proposal is within the scope of the FEIR. The SFMTA approved all of the TEP proposals and, in doing so, adopted environmental findings and a mitigation monitoring and reporting program (MMRP) under the California Environmental Quality Act on March 28, 2014.

The City Attorney's Office has reviewed this calendar item.

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RECOMMENDATION

SFMTA staff recommends that the SFMTA Board of Directors approve the traffic and parking modifications to implement a new bus terminal on Sloat Boulevard at Clearfield Drive for the 57 Parkmerced included in the Muni Forward Service Improvements.

SAN FRANCISCO
MUNICIPAL TRANSPORTATION AGENCY
BOARD OF DIRECTORS

RESOLUTION No. _____

WHEREAS, The San Francisco Municipal Transportation Agency has proposed the traffic and parking modifications for a new bus terminal on Sloat Boulevard for the 57 Parkmerced included in the Muni Forward Service Improvements as follows:

- A. EXTEND – BUS ZONE - Sloat Boulevard, south side, from 65 feet to 165 feet west of Clearfield Drive (100' Bus zone extension, removes 5 parking spaces)
- B. ESTABLISH – RIGHT LANE MUST TURN RIGHT EXCEPT MUNI - Brotherhood Way, eastbound, at Church Access Road (999 Brotherhood Way)

WHEREAS, This project was analyzed in the Transit Effectiveness Project Final Environmental Impact Report (FEIR) certified by the San Francisco Planning Commission in Motion No. 19105 on March 27, 2014; and,

WHEREAS, Approval for the proposed bus terminal, and right turn lane exemption in the Parkmerced area relies on said FEIR, and information pertaining to the FEIR and its certification are set forth in a SFMTA companion Resolution No 14-041, which is on file with the Secretary to the SFMTA Board of Directors and are incorporated herein by reference; and,

WHEREAS, As part of the companion Resolution No. 14-041, the SFMTA Board of Directors adopted approval findings under the California Environmental Quality Act (CEQA), the CEQA Guidelines, and Chapter 31 of the Administrative Code (CEQA Findings) and a Mitigation Monitoring and Reporting Program (MMRP), which Resolution, CEQA Findings, and MMRP are on file with the Secretary to the SFMTA Board of Directors and are incorporated herein by reference as though fully set forth; and,

WHEREAS, The SFMTA Board has reviewed the FEIR and hereby finds that since certification of the FEIR, no changes have occurred in the proposed project or in the circumstances under which the project would be implemented that would cause new significant impacts or a substantial increase in the severity of impacts identified and analyzed in the FEIR, and that no new information has emerged that would materially change the analysis of conclusions set forth in the FEIR. The actions approved herein would not necessitate implementation or additional or considerably different mitigation measures that those identified in the FEIR; 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 traffic and parking modifications to implement a new bus terminal on Sloat Boulevard at Clearfield Drive for the 57 Parkmerced included in the Muni Forward Service Improvements as set forth in items A and B above.

I certify that the foregoing resolution was adopted by the San Francisco Municipal Transportation Agency Board of Directors at its meeting of September 15, 2015.

Secretary to the Board of Directors
San Francisco Municipal Transportation Agency