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**SAN FRANCISCO
MUNICIPAL TRANSPORTATION AGENCY**

DIVISION: Sustainable Streets

BRIEF DESCRIPTION:

Approving a traffic modification to establish bicycle lanes in both directions on Folsom Street between 24th Street and Cesar Chavez Street.

SUMMARY:

- This project will extend bicycle lanes on Folsom Street south of 24th Street to Cesar Chavez Street on San Francisco's bicycle network.
- This bike lane extension was part of the San Francisco Planning Department's Mission District Streetscape Plan.
- This project does not require the removal of parking spaces or change the number of travel lanes on Folsom Street from 24th Street to Cesar Chavez Street.
- The proposed action is the Approval Action as defined by the S. F. Administrative Code Chapter 31.

ENCLOSURES:

1. SFMTAB Resolution
2. Folsom Street Bike Lane Extension Plans
3. Final Mission District Streetscape Project Mitigated Negative Declaration (http://sfmea.sfplanning.org/2008.1075E_FMND.pdf)

APPROVALS:

DATE

DIRECTOR _____ 10/13/15

SECRETARY _____ 10/13/15

ASSIGNED SFMTAB CALENDAR DATE: October 20, 2015

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PURPOSE

Approving a traffic modification to establish bicycle lanes in both directions on Folsom Street from 24th Street to Cesar Chavez Street.

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 car-sharing the preferred means of travel

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

DESCRIPTION

The SFMTA is proposing to add bicycle lanes on Folsom Street between 24th Street and Cesar Chavez Street. Bike lanes along Folsom Street begin at 13th Street and currently end at 24th Street. This project will provide continuous bicycle lanes on Folsom Street, a major north-south corridor, to Cesar Chavez Street, a major east-west corridor, on San Francisco's bicycle network. Additionally, these changes will improve safety and comfort for people cycling through the area, one of the key initiatives that will advance the City's Vision Zero goal of eliminating traffic-related deaths and severe injuries.

Folsom Street, between 24th Street and Cesar Chavez Street, is a 52-foot wide, two-way roadway with one 17-foot travel lane in each direction and one 9-foot wide curbside parking lane. This project will add a 6' bicycle lane in each direction, narrowing the travel lane to 11 feet.

ITEM FOR APPROVAL TO SUPPORT THE PROJECT

ESTABLISH – CLASS II BICYCLE LANES

Folsom Street, northbound and southbound, from 24th Street to Cesar Chavez Street.

PUBLIC OUTREACH

The Project was originally presented to the public by the Planning Department as Project A-6.2.13: Folsom Street Road Diet as part of the Mission District Streetscape Plan. The Planning Department conducted public outreach and environmental review related to the Mission District Streetscape Plan between August 2009 and April 2010. The City subsequently adopted the Plan in 2011. The Plan provides a framework to implement the policies of the Mission Area Plan of the San Francisco General Plan, which was developed through the Eastern Neighborhoods planning process and adopted by the City in December 2008.

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A public hearing was held on July 31, 2015, to solicit public comment on the proposal. There was no opposition to the project raised by members of the public.

ALTERNATIVES CONSIDERED

A “no project” alternative was considered. This alternative was not selected since it neither improves safety and connectivity for people traveling by bicycle, nor increases convenience for trips made by bicycle which are goals outlined in the SFMTA’s Bicycle Strategy.

FUNDING IMPACT

Funding totaling \$38,249 for the design and construction phases is from Population Based General Fund Baseline.

ENVIRONMENTAL REVIEW

The proposed parking and traffic modification is subject to environmental review pursuant to the California Environmental Quality Act (CEQA). On January 2, 2014 the San Francisco Planning Department determined that the proposed bicycle lanes on Folsom Street, from 24th Street to Cesar Chavez Street, are within the scope of impacts evaluated in the Mission District Streetscape Plan Final Mitigated Negative Declaration (Case 2008.1075E) adopted by the Planning Commission on January 20, 2011, and that the proposed bicycle lanes would not require the preparation of a subsequent negative declaration pursuant to Title 14 of the California Code of Regulations Section 15162.

The Planning Department’s determination (Case 2008.1075E) is on file with the Secretary to the SFMTA Board of Directors. Approval of the proposed action is the Approval Action as defined by Chapter 31 of the San Francisco Administrative Code.

OTHER APPROVALS RECEIVED OR STILL REQUIRED

The City Attorney has reviewed this calendar item.

RECOMMENDATION

SFMTA staff recommends the SFMTA Board approve a traffic modification to establish bicycle lanes in both directions on Folsom Street between 24th Street and Cesar Chavez Street.

SAN FRANCISCO
MUNICIPAL TRANSPORTATION AGENCY
BOARD OF DIRECTORS

RESOLUTION No. _____

WHEREAS, The (SFMTA) has identified a need to propose a traffic and parking modification as follows:

- A. ESTABLISH – CLASS II BICYCLE LANES – Folsom Street, northbound and southbound, from 24th Street to Cesar Chavez Street; and,

WHEREAS, Goal 1 of the San Francisco Municipal Transportation Agency (SFMTA) Strategic Plan is to “Create a safer transportation experience for everyone” and Goal 2 of the SFMTA Strategic Plan is to “Make transit, walking, bicycling, taxi, ridesharing, and carsharing the preferred means of travel”; and,

WHEREAS, The proposed parking and traffic modification is subject to environmental review pursuant to the California Environmental Quality Act (CEQA); and,

WHEREAS, The project is analyzed in the Mission District Streetscape Plan Final Mitigated Negative Declaration (FMND, Case No. 2008.1075E), adopted by the San Francisco Planning Commission in Resolution No. R-18259 on January 20, 2011; and,

WHEREAS, As part of Resolution No. R-18259, the Planning Commission 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, On January 2, 2014, the San Francisco Planning Department determined that the proposed parking and traffic modification would not change the analysis or conclusions reached in the Mission District Streetscape Plan FMND, would not require any new mitigation measures, and would not require additional environmental evaluation per Section 31.19(c)(1) of the San Francisco Administrative Code. The SFMTA has reviewed and concurs with the Planning Department’s determination; and,

WHEREAS, A copy of the Planning Department’s determination is on file with the Secretary for the SFMTA Board of Directors. The proposed action is the Approval Action as defined by the S. F. Administrative Code Chapter 31; and,

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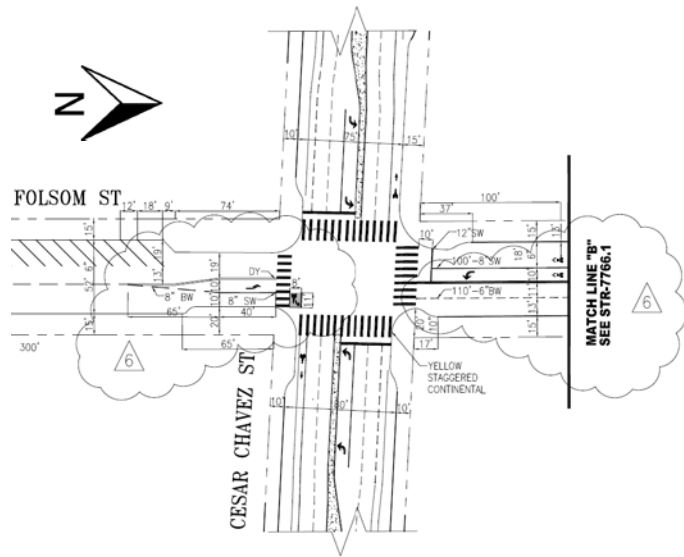
WHEREAS, The public has been notified about the proposed modifications and has been given the opportunity to comment on those modifications through the public hearing process; now, therefore, be it

RESOLVED, That the SFMTA Board of Directors finds, on the basis of substantial evidence and in light of the whole record, that there have been no changes to the project or its circumstances and no new information has become available since adoption of the negative declaration that would alter the findings of the San Francisco Planning Commission; and be it further,

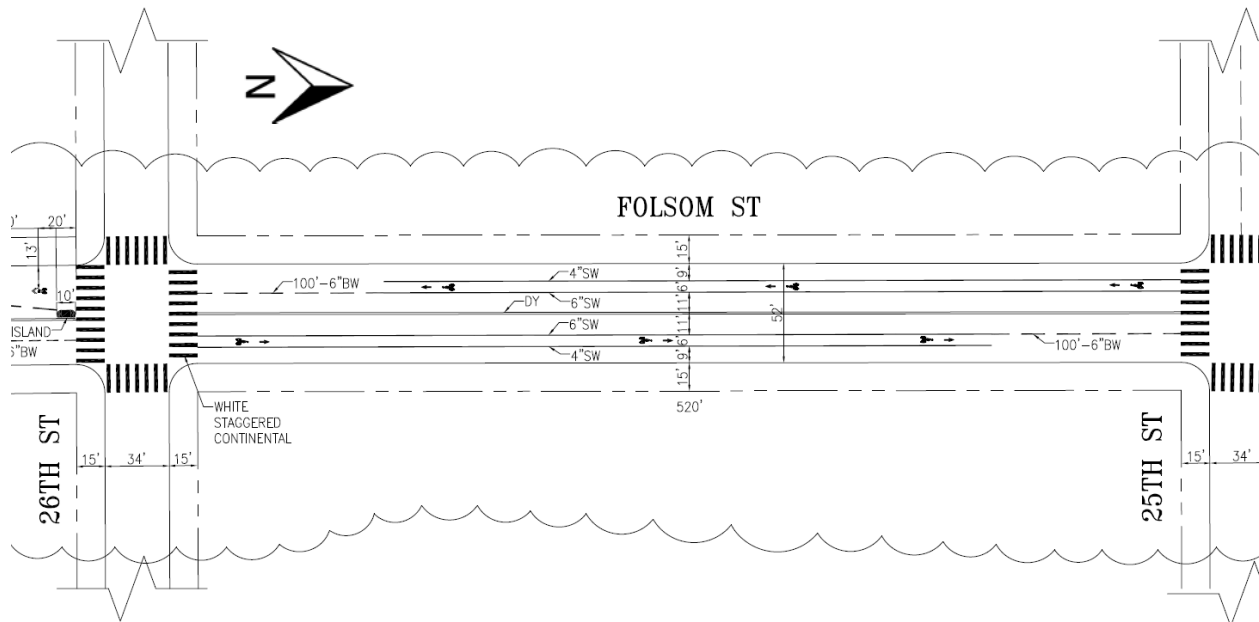
RESOLVED, That the SFMTA Board of Directors approves the traffic modification to establish bicycle lanes in both directions on Folsom Street between 24th Street and Cesar Chavez Street as set forth above.

I certify that the foregoing resolution was adopted by the San Francisco Municipal Transportation Agency Board of Directors at its meeting of October 20, 2015.

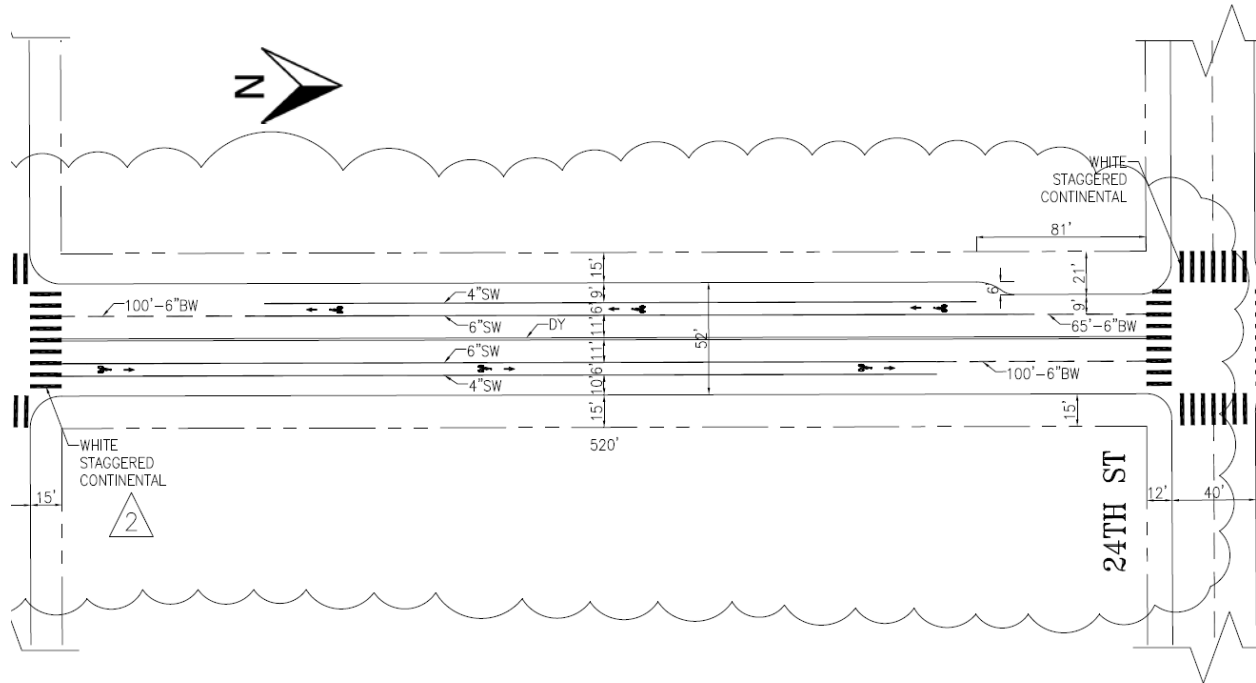
Secretary to the Board of Directors
San Francisco Municipal Transportation Agency



Enclosure 2.1: Proposed Striping Detail of Folsom Street at Cesar Chavez Street



Enclosure 2.2: Proposed Striping Detail of Folsom Street, between 26th and 25th Streets



Enclosure 2.3: Proposed Striping Detail of Folsom Street, between 25th and 24th Streets

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Enclosure 3: Link to Final Mission District Streetscape Project Mitigated Negative Declaration (also on file with the Secretary to the SFMTA Board of Directors)