

**Taxi Task Force Subcommittee recommendations for allowing taxis at restricted Left-Turn locations:**

**1. Left turn onto Sutter from Powell St.**

Muni blocks off Stockton Street at Union Square for its T-Third extension, the NLT at NB Powell Street at WB Sutter Street. Stockton Street road closure requires min of 12 extra blocks to take patrons westbound from Union Square. Until recently it was legal to turn left at this location.

**2. Make U-Turn at Caltrain to allow taxis to go SB on Townsend.**

**3. Left turn onto Kearny St., from Market St., (eastbound towards Ferry Building)**

The idea for this turn is to allow taxis better access to North Beach/Fisherman's Wharf area after picking up passengers on Market St., from the Four Seasons Hotel or from Westfield Mall area. The only current legal routes are circuitous routes involving looping around a block, or continuing along Market St., to Main St.

**4. Left turn onto Market St. from 2<sup>nd</sup> St.**

Although there is now a red-carpet on 3<sup>rd</sup> St., and it is useful, it is still on the far right. Taxis wanting to turn left onto Market St. from SOMA should be able to do so from 2<sup>nd</sup> St., as it tends to be less congested than 3<sup>rd</sup> St.

**5. Left turn onto 11<sup>th</sup> St. from market (westbound towards Van Ness Ave.)**

This left turn is made from a red-carpet Bus and taxi only lane. But the sign says only Muni can turn left here. Because taxis can use the red-carpet lane here, it makes sense to let taxis turn left here too.

**6. Left turn onto 19<sup>th</sup> Ave. from eastbound Lincoln Way**

There is a new red-carpet bus lane here from left turns but does not include taxis in the signage. This should include taxis to allow routes other than Lincoln Way/Oak St., when trying to get passengers from the Sunset District to downtown during rush hour.

**7. Left turn onto 9<sup>th</sup> St. from Mission St. (eastbound towards Ferry Building)**

Taxis have left turn exemptions all along eastbound Mission St. heading towards the Ferry Building. Taxis in that direction can turn left onto 7<sup>th</sup>, 6<sup>th</sup>, 5<sup>th</sup>, 3<sup>rd</sup>, 2<sup>nd</sup>, and Fremont, but not onto 9<sup>th</sup>.

**8. Left turn onto Howard St. from Main St.**

Main St. is a northbound one-way street here. Since taxis can usually share bus lanes, it would be helpful to allow taxis to turn left onto Howard St. from the bus lane to allow for faster response times to dispatch or app calls in the SOMA area.

**9. Westbound onto Broadway from Stockton St.**

**10. Left turn onto Geary from Powell (perhaps starting at 7pm after Stockton Street opens up but all times until then).**

**11. Left turn onto westbound Market St. from northbound 11<sup>th</sup> St.**

### **Additional Recommendations**

- Signage is needed in front of Nordstrom where shoppers inherently try to hail taxis on Market street, at that busiest point directly across from the Cable Car turnaround. They should be directed to the taxi loading zones on adjacent 4<sup>th</sup> and 5<sup>th</sup> streets.
- Two Taxi stands are needed at the new Mission Bay hospital along 16<sup>th</sup> St. and 4<sup>th</sup> St. There is a great demand and continuous confusion as to where to be picked up and dropped off due to entrances.