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**SAN FRANCISCO
MUNICIPAL TRANSPORTATION AGENCY**

DIVISION: Sustainable Streets

BRIEF DESCRIPTION:

Requesting that the San Francisco Municipal Transportation Agency Board of Directors approve a pilot project to implement various parking and pedestrian changes in the Persia Triangle area.

SUMMARY:

- The City's WalkFirst Report recommends various near-term changes to increase pedestrian safety in the Persia Triangle area
- The SF Planning Department has requested a pilot project to implement various parking and pedestrian changes in the Persia Triangle area for a nine month period.
- The SF Planning Department has determined that the pilot project is exempt from environmental review pursuant to Title 14 of the California Code of Regulations Section 15306 as a Class 6 (Information Collection) categorical exemption.

ENCLOSURES:

A. SFMTAB Resolution

APPROVALS:

DATE

DIRECTOR _____ 2/10/14

SECRETARY _____ 2/10/14

ASSIGNED SFMTAB CALENDAR DATE: February 18, 2014

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PURPOSE

Requesting approval by the San Francisco Municipal Transportation Agency Board of Directors of a pilot project to implement various parking and pedestrian changes in the Persia Triangle area

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 and communications.
 - Objective 2.2: Improve transit performance.
 - Objective 2.3: Increase use of all non-private auto modes.
 - Objective 2.4: Improve parking utilization and manage parking demand.

DESCRIPTION

The “Persia Triangle” is the area bounded by Mission Street, Ocean Avenue, and Persia Avenue. In the past five years, there have been seven collisions involving pedestrians in the Persia Triangle area. In addition, there was a desire to enhance street lighting. As a result, the City’s WalkFirst Report recommends various near-term changes to enhance pedestrian safety in this area. With support from Supervisor John Avalos and the community, the Planning Department, proposes a pilot project to implement several temporary street changes to ensure pedestrian safety in advance of work being planned for the fall of 2014.

The proposed parking and pedestrian changes will provide the opportunity for the SFMTA to gather information and collect data to study the effects of these changes on the Persia Triangle area that will help inform future implementation of additional pedestrian scale streetlight fixtures, permanent parking and pedestrian changes including bulb outs in the area. Pending analysis of these temporary changes and feedback from the community, the permanent construction of pedestrian bulb outs may follow as part of an upcoming Department of Public Works (DPW) Ocean Avenue paving project, with construction scheduled to begin in fall 2014.

As part of the pilot, temporary paint will be applied to the southwest and southeast corners at the intersection of Persia and Ocean Avenues to simulate a pedestrian bulb-out. Temporary sidewalk extensions will be simulated with planter boxes, tables and chairs, on Ocean Avenue, west of Mission Street (north and south sides), and on the west side of Mission Street, south of Ocean Avenue. Parking changes on the north side of Ocean Avenue include the relocation of a blue zone 20 feet west to accommodate additional space for a temporary sidewalk extension. One parking meter will be removed as a result of the blue zone relocation. There will be no parking changes on the south side of Ocean Avenue due to an existing red zone.

Please see the graphic on Page 3 for a location map of the proposed changes.

MUNI lines #14 and 49 run through the pilot area but there will be no impact to transit service. As part of this pilot, the following items were discussed at the December 6th, SFMTA public hearing:

- A. ESTABLISH – NO PARKING ANYTIME and RESCIND – BLUE ZONE - Ocean Avenue, north side, from Mission Street, 15 feet to 35 feet westerly (extends existing 15’ Red Zone to 35’).

PH 12/06/13 Requested by SF Planning.

- B. ESTABLISH – BLUE ZONE and RESCIND – PARKING METER - Ocean Avenue, north side, from Mission Street, 35 feet to 55 feet westerly (convert Parking Meter #6)

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Persia Triangle – Various Street Changes – Pilot and Long-Term



Location	Pilot	○ Long-Term
1	N/A	Re-align NE corner of Alemany/Ocean (Remove WB Right-Turn Slip Lane)
2	N/A	Re-align SE corner of Alemany/Ocean (Square up curb return)
3	Temporary bulb-out on SW corner of Ocean/Persia	Permanent bulb-out on SW corner of Ocean/Persia
4	Temporary bulb-out on SE corner of Ocean/Persia	Permanent bulb-out on SE corner of Ocean/Persia
5	N/A	Permanent bulb-out on NW corner of Mission/Persia
6	Temporary sidewalk extension on SW corner of Mission/Ocean	Permanent sidewalk extension on SW corner of Mission/Ocean
7	Temporary sidewalk extension on NW corner of Mission/Ocean	Permanent sidewalk extension on NW corner of Mission/Ocean

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FUNDING IMPACT

The SF Planning Department will provide the funds to implement the pilot project.

OTHER APPROVALS RECEIVED

On December 19, 2013, the San Francisco Planning Department determined that the proposed implementation of parking and pedestrian changes in the Persia Triangle area for a nine month period was exempt from environmental review pursuant to Title 14 of the California Code of Regulations Section 15306 as a Class 6 (Information Collection) categorical exemption.

The Planning Department's determination is on file with the Secretary to the SFMTA Board of Directors. The proposed action is the Approval Action as defined by the S. F. Administrative Code Chapter 31.

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

RECOMMENDATION

SFMTA staff recommend that the SFMTA Board of Directors approve a pilot project to implement various parking and pedestrian changes in the Persia Triangle

SAN FRANCISCO
MUNICIPAL TRANSPORTATION AGENCY
BOARD OF DIRECTORS

RESOLUTION No. _____

WHEREAS, The San Francisco Municipal Transportation Agency has received a request, and identified a need for parking modifications as part of a pilot project in the Persia Triangle area as follows:

- A. ESTABLISH – NO PARKING ANYTIME and RESCIND – BLUE ZONE - Ocean Avenue, north side, from Mission Street, 15 feet to 35 feet westerly (extends existing 15' Red Zone to 35').
- B. ESTABLISH – BLUE ZONE and RESCIND – PARKING METER - Ocean Avenue, north side, from Mission Street, 35 feet to 55 feet westerly (convert Parking Meter #6)

WHEREAS, On December 19, 2013, the San Francisco Planning Department determined that the proposed implementation of parking and pedestrian changes in the Persia Triangle area for a nine month period was exempt from environmental review pursuant to Title 14 of the California Code of Regulations Section 15306 as a Class 6 (Information Collection) categorical exemption; and,

WHEREAS, The proposed parking and pedestrian changes will provide the opportunity for the SFMTA to gather information and collect data to study the effects of these changes on the Persia Triangle area that will help inform future implementation of permanent parking and pedestrian changes including bulb outs in the area; and,

WHEREAS, A copy of the San Francisco Planning Department's determination is on file with the Secretary to the SFMTA Board of Directors. The proposed action is the Approval Action as defined by the S. F. Administrative Code Chapter 31; 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 a pilot project to implement various parking and pedestrian changes in the Persia Triangle and authorizes the traffic modifications as stated in this resolution.

I certify that the foregoing resolution was adopted by the San Francisco Municipal Transportation Agency Board of Directors at its meeting of February 18, 2014.

Secretary to the Board of Directors
San Francisco Municipal Transportation Agency