SAN FRANCISCO MUNICIPAL TRANSPORTATION AGENCY BOARD OF DIRECTORS

RESOLUTION No. 240618-071

WHEREAS, The San Francisco Municipal Transportation Agency (SFMTA) is committed to achieving the Vision Zero goal of eliminating transportation related fatalities; and,

WHEREAS, The SFMTA is committed to making San Francisco a Transit First City that prioritizes non-private automobile transportation; and,

WHEREAS, The SFMTA is committed to creating a network of protected bikeways citywide; and,

WHEREAS, The SFMTA understands that the vibrancy of San Francisco as a whole depends upon thriving commercial corridors, such as the Valencia corridor between 15th and 23rd streets; and,

WHEREAS, The SFMTA has proposed for endorsement, but not approval, the conceptual design of a side-running protected bikeway and preliminary curb management plan on Valencia Street between 15th and 23rd streets; 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; and,

WHEREAS, On February 8, 2023, the Planning Department determined that the Valencia Bikeway Project (Case Number 2023-000053ENV), also known as the Mid-Valencia Bikeway Pilot Project, is statutorily exempt from the California Environmental Quality Act (CEQA) pursuant to Public Resources Code Section 21080.25; and,

WHEREAS, On June 11, 2024, the SFMTA, under authority delegated by the Planning Department, determined that the Mid-Valencia Bikeway Pilot update and endorsement of a conceptual side-running bikeway design on Valencia Street is not a "project" under Title 14 of the California Code of Regulations Sections 15060(c) and 15378(b); and,

WHEREAS, The SFMTA will not seek approval for a side-running bikeway design on Valencia Street until compliance with CEQA and Chapter 31 of the San Francisco Administrative Code is completed; and,

WHEREAS, Copies of the CEQA determinations are on file with the Secretary to the SFMTA Board of Directors and is incorporated herein by reference; now therefore be it

RESOLVED, That the San Francisco Municipal Transportation Agency Board of Directors endorses, but does not approve, the conceptual design of a side-running protected bikeway and preliminary curb management plan on Valencia Street between 15th and 23rd streets as depicted in Enclosure 2; and be it further

RESOLVED, That the San Francisco Municipal Transportation Agency Board of Directors directs staff to explore opportunities for placemaking to enhance vitality on the Valencia corridor; and be it further

RESOLVED, That the San Francisco Municipal Transportation Agency Board of Directors directs staff to continue to collaborate with the Valencia corridor merchants and other key stakeholders to understand their needs for quantity and available hours related to parking and loading for commercial deliveries and continue to make adjustments to existing parking and loading spaces to align limited supply with those needs whenever possible; and be it further

RESOLVED, That the San Francisco Municipal Transportation Agency Board of Directors directs staff to work closely with the Valencia corridor business community and other key stakeholders to accomplish any eventual construction at a time and in a manner that will minimize, to the fullest extent practicable, disruptions to the largest number of businesses possible.

I certify that the foregoing resolution was adopted by the San Francisco Municipal Transportation Agency Board of Directors at its meeting of June 18, 2024.

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Secretary to the Board of Directors San Francisco Municipal Transportation Agency