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**SAN FRANCISCO
MUNICIPAL TRANSPORTATION AGENCY**

DIVISION: Streets

BRIEF DESCRIPTION:

Amending the Transportation Code, Division II, Section 702 to reduce the speed limit on safety corridors from 35 miles per hour to 30 miles per hour on four street segments: Alemany Boulevard between Junipero Serra Boulevard and Mission Street overpass, Bayshore Boulevard between Hester Avenue (north intersection) and the County Line, Geneva Avenue between Moscow Street and the County Line, and Sloat Boulevard between 39th Avenue and Great Highway; reduce the speed limit from 30 miles per hour to 25 miles per hour on two street segments: Fulton Street between Arguello Boulevard and the Great Highway, and San Jose Avenue between Randall and Guerrero Streets; and reduce the speed limit from 25 miles per hour to 20 miles per hour on Mission Street between 3rd Street and 12th Street.

SUMMARY:

- California Vehicle Code section 22358.7 authorizes local authorities (including the City and County of San Francisco), after completing an engineering and traffic survey, to further reduce speed limits that have already been reduced by 5mph due to physical conditions by an additional 5mph for either of the following reasons: (1) the portion of highway has been designated as a safety corridor, or (2) the portion of highway is adjacent to any land or facility that generates high concentrations of bicyclists or pedestrians.
- The proposed amendment to the Transportation Code will reduce the speed limit on 7 safety corridors as follows: from 35 MPH to 30 MPH on 4 corridors, from 30 MPH to 25 MPH on 2 corridors, and from 25 MPH to 20 MPH on 1 corridor in San Francisco.
- The SFMTA has determined that the proposed speed limit modifications are categorically exempt from the California Environmental Quality Act (CEQA).
- The proposed action is the Approval Action as defined by S.F. Administrative Code Chapter 31.

ENCLOSURES:

1. SFMTAB Resolution
2. Transportation Code Amendment
3. Map of Proposed Speed Limit Reductions

APPROVALS:

DATE

DIRECTOR  _____

September 10, 2024

SECRETARY  _____

September 10, 2024

ASSIGNED SFMTAB CALENDAR DATE: September 17, 2024

PURPOSE

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STRATEGIC PLAN GOALS AND TRANSIT FIRST POLICY PRINCIPLES

The proposed amendment to the Transportation Code to reduce the speed limit at specific locations supports the City's Vision Zero Policy in addition to the SFMTA Strategic Plan Goals below:

Goal 4: Make Streets Safer for Everyone

The proposed amendment to the Transportation Code also supports the SFMTA Transit-First Policy principle indicated below:

1. To ensure quality of life and economic health in San Francisco, the primary objective of the transportation system must be the safe and efficient movement of people and goods.

DESCRIPTION

Speed is the leading factor in severe and fatal traffic crashes in San Francisco, and slowing speeds is the most effective tool to prevent such crashes. An SFMTA conducted engineering and traffic survey justifies speed limit reduction based on the latest California Vehicle Code (CVC) Provisions. The corridors are also part of the 2022 Vision Zero High Injury Network.

The City Traffic Engineer has determined through an engineering and traffic survey that under CVC Section 22358.7, the below 7 safety corridors qualify for the following speed reductions:

From 35MPH To 30MPH Speed Limit:

- Alemany Boulevard between Junipero Serra Boulevard and Mission Street overpass (Districts 7 and 11)
- Bayshore Boulevard between Hester Avenue (north intersection) and the County Line (District 10)
- Geneva Avenue between Moscow Street and the County Line (Districts 10 and 11)
- Sloat Boulevard between 39th Avenue and Great Highway (District 4 and 7)

From 30MPH To 25MPH Speed Limit:

- Fulton Street between Arguello Boulevard and the Great Highway (District 1)
- San Jose Avenue between Randall and Guerrero Streets (Districts 8 and 9)

From 25MPH To 20MPH Speed Limit:

- Mission Street between 3rd Street and 12th Street (District 6)

If the proposed speed limit reductions are approved, the SFMTA will conduct additional education and outreach after speed limit changes are implemented to support compliance with the new speed limits. Education strategies will aim to reach impacted drivers, residents, merchants, and neighborhoods using strategies such as multilingual outreach, targeted digital advertising, and physical advertising on bus shelters and light pole banners. SFMTA will not post new speed limit signs until at least 30 days after approval by the SFMTA Board, because the amendment to the Transportation Code will not go into effect until that date. As directed by CVC section 22358.7(d), the City will issue only warning citations for violations of exceeding the speed limit by 10 miles per hour or less for the first 30 days that the lower speed limit is in effect.

STAKEHOLDER ENGAGEMENT

The City conducted outreach for the Vision Zero Action Strategy in early 2021. Based on input from the Action Strategy outreach, the public expressed support for 20 MPH speed limits throughout the City. The SFMTA Board of Directors has also provided direction to reduce speed limits within existing authority to reduce injuries and traffic crashes on City streets.

A virtual public hearing was conducted to consider the proposed changes on August 2, 2024. An official document indicating the public hearing date, time, location, and purpose was posted in the areas affected by the change 10 days in advance of the hearing date. The SFMTA received emails in support prior to public hearing and comments in support during public hearing. The SFMTA will conduct additional education and outreach to impacted drivers, residents, merchants and neighborhoods, as described in the preceding section.

ALTERNATIVES CONSIDERED

The speed limit could remain at 35 MPH, 30 MPH, and 25 MPH and more robust 35 MPH, 30 MPH, and 25 MPH signage could be installed. Given the direct correlation between severity of traffic collisions and speed, reducing the speed limit is expected to reduce traffic crashes, injuries, and fatalities. Therefore, leaving the speed limit on these streets at current levels was rejected as an alternative. Lowering speed limits using signage to address speeding issues is also a less costly and more immediate measure than speed humps or other infrastructure changes. The City Traffic Engineer therefore recommends that the SFMTA Board approve the proposed speed reductions.

FUNDING IMPACT

Budget Table

| Item | Cost | Source |
|--------------------------------------|------------------|---------------|
| Outreach and Education | \$20,000 | Prop L |
| Sign Materials and Labor | \$50,000 | Prop L |
| Design and Project Management | \$20,000 | Prop L |
| Contingency | \$10,000 | Prop L |
| TOTAL | \$100,000 | Prop L |

The cost of the project, including education, outreach, labor and materials for the sign implementation for these 7 safety corridors is fully funded by a Prop L sales tax grant from the SFCTA. The entire cost for the 7 corridors is estimated to be \$100,000.

The Prop L sales tax funding corresponds with programming identified in SFMTA’s five-year Capital Improvement Budget under CIP ID ST310. Additional programming of \$100k from Prop L sale tax funds has been identified in Fiscal Year 2027 to address future speed limit reduction needs.

There is little to no risk of additional fiscal impacts for this project. All work will be completed by SFMTA staff, with the cost of labor and materials fully known and accounted for. An additional contingency of 10% has been budgeted to the project for unforeseen issues.

ENVIRONMENTAL REVIEW

The proposed speed limit modifications are subject to the California Environmental Quality Act (CEQA). CEQA provides a categorical exemption from environmental review for operation, repair, maintenance, or minor alteration of existing highways and streets, sidewalks, gutters, bicycle and pedestrian trails, and similar facilities as defined in Title 14 of the California Code of Regulations Section 15301.

On August 2, 2024, the SFMTA, under authority delegated by the San Francisco Planning Department, determined that the proposed speed limit reductions are categorically exempt (Case Number 2024-006748ENV) from CEQA as defined in Title 14 of the California Code of Regulations Section 15301.

The proposed action is the Approval Action as defined by the S.F. Administrative Code Chapter 31.

A copy of the CEQA determination is on file with the Secretary to the SFMTA Board of Directors, and may be found in the records of the Planning Department by Case Number at <https://sfplanninggis.org/pim/> or 49 South Van Ness Avenue, Suite 1400 in San Francisco, and are incorporated herein by reference.

OTHER APPROVALS RECEIVED OR STILL REQUIRED

The City Attorney has reviewed this calendar item. No other approvals are required.

RECOMMENDATION

Staff recommends that the SFMTA Board of Directors amend Transportation Code, Division II, Section 702 to reduce the speed limit on safety corridors from 35 miles per hour to 30 miles per hour on four street segments: Alemany Boulevard between Junipero Serra Boulevard and Mission Street overpass, Bayshore Boulevard between Hester Avenue (north intersection) and the County Line, Geneva Avenue between Moscow Street and the County Line, and Sloat Boulevard between 39th Avenue and Great Highway; reduce the speed limit from 30 miles per hour to 25 miles per hour on two street segments: Fulton Street between Arguello Boulevard and the Great Highway, and San Jose Avenue between Randall and Guerrero Streets; and reduce the speed limit from 25 miles per hour to 20 miles per hour on Mission Street between 3rd Street and 12th Street.

SAN FRANCISCO
MUNICIPAL TRANSPORTATION AGENCY
BOARD OF DIRECTORS

RESOLUTION No. _____

WHEREAS, Speed is the leading factor in severe and fatal traffic crashes in San Francisco, and slowing speeds is the most effective tool to prevent them; and,

WHEREAS, San Francisco has historically been limited in its authority to reduce speed limits, because speed limits have been set under the California Vehicle Code (CVC) using the 85th percentile methodology, which sets speed limits based on how fast most drivers are traveling; and,

WHEREAS, CVC section 22358.7 authorizes local authorities, after completing an engineering and traffic survey, to further reduce speed limits that have already been reduced by 5mph due to physical conditions by an additional 5mph if either the portion of highway has been designated as a safety corridor or the portion of highway is adjacent to any land or facility that generates high concentrations of bicyclists or pedestrians; and,

WHEREAS, The Traffic Engineer has determined that the following 7 safety corridors meet the criteria for speed limit reductions based on an SFMTA conducted Engineering and Traffic Survey (E&TS) and California Vehicle Code (CVC) Provisions, and recommends the following speed limit modifications:

- A. REDUCE – FROM 35MPH TO 30MPH SPEED LIMIT – Alemany Boulevard between Junipero Serra Boulevard and Mission Street overpass (Districts 7 and 11); Bayshore Boulevard between Hester Avenue (north intersection) and the County Line (District 10); Geneva Avenue between Moscow Street and the County Line (Districts 10 and 11); Sloat Boulevard between 39th Avenue and Great Highway (District 4 and 7)
- B. REDUCE – FROM 30MPH TO 25MPH SPEED LIMIT – Fulton Street between Arguello Boulevard and the Great Highway (District 1); San Jose Avenue between Randall and Guerrero Streets (Districts 8 and 9)
- C. REDUCE – FROM 25MPH TO 20MPH SPEED LIMIT – Mission Street between 3rd Street and 12th Street (District 6)

WHEREAS, The proposed speed limit reductions in those 7 safety corridors support Vision Zero's commitment to slow speeds to reduce traffic crashes; and,

WHEREAS, The public has been notified about the proposed modifications and has been given the opportunity to comment on these modifications through the public hearing process; and,

WHEREAS, The proposed speed limit reductions are subject to the California Environmental Quality Act (CEQA); CEQA provides a categorical exemption from environmental review for operation, repair, maintenance, or minor alterations of existing highways and streets, sidewalks, gutters,

bicycle and pedestrian trails, and similar facilities as defined in Title 14 of the California Code of Regulations Section 15301; and,

WHEREAS, On August 2, 2024, the SFMTA, under authority delegated by the Planning Department, determined that the proposed speed limit reductions are categorically exempt (Case Number 2024-006748ENV) from CEQA, pursuant to Title 14 of the California Code of Regulations Section 15301; and,

WHEREAS, The proposed action is the Approval Action as defined by the S. F. Administrative Code Chapter 31; and,

WHEREAS, A copy of the CEQA determination is on file with the Secretary to the SFMTA Board of Directors, and may be found in the records of the Planning Department by Case Number at <https://sfplanninggis.org/pim/> or 49 South Van Ness Avenue, Suite 1400 in San Francisco, and are incorporated herein by reference; and, now, therefore be it

RESOLVED, That the San Francisco Municipal Transportation Agency Board of Directors amends Transportation Code, Division II, Section 702 to reduce the speed limit on safety corridors from 35 miles per hour to 30 miles per hour on four street segments: Alemany Boulevard between Junipero Serra Boulevard and Mission Street overpass, Bayshore Boulevard between Hester Avenue (north intersection) and the County Line, Geneva Avenue between Moscow Street and the County Line, and Sloat Boulevard between 39th Avenue and Great Highway; reduce the speed limit from 30 miles per hour to 25 miles per hour on two street segments: Fulton Street between Arguello Boulevard and the Great Highway, and San Jose Avenue between Randall and Guerrero Streets; and reduce the speed limit from 25 miles per hour to 20 miles per hour on Mission Street between 3rd Street and 12th Street.

I certify that the foregoing resolution was adopted by the San Francisco Municipal Transportation Agency Board of Directors at its meeting of September 17, 2024.

Secretary to the Board of Directors
San Francisco Municipal Transportation Agency

[Transportation Code – Reducing Speed Limits on Various Streets]

Resolution amending Division II of the Transportation Code to reduce the speed limit from 35 miles per hour to 30 miles per hour on four street segments: Alemany Boulevard between Junipero Serra Boulevard and Mission Street overpass, Bayshore Boulevard between Hester Avenue (north intersection) and the County Line, Geneva Avenue between Moscow Street and the County Line, and Sloat Boulevard between 39th Avenue and Great Highway; reduce the speed limit from 30 miles per hour to 25 miles per hour on two street segments: Fulton Street between Arguello Boulevard and the Great Highway, and San Jose Avenue between Randall and Guerrero Streets; and reduce the speed limit from 25 miles per hour to 20 miles per hour on Mission Street between 3rd Street and 12th Street.

NOTE: **Additions** are in *single-underline italics Times New Roman font*.
Deletions are in *strike-through italics Times New Roman font*.
Asterisks (* * * *) indicate the omission of unchanged Code subsections or parts of tables.

The Municipal Transportation Agency Board of Directors of the City and County of San Francisco enacts the following regulations:

Section 1. Article 700 of Division II of the Transportation Code is hereby amended by revising Section 702, to read as follows:

SEC. 702. DESIGNATED SPEED LIMITS.

(a) **20 Miles Per Hour.** A *prima facie* speed limit of 20 miles per hour is established in the following locations:

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Mission Street, between 1st Street and ~~12th~~ 3rd Street.

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(b) **30 Miles Per Hour.** A *prima facie* speed limit of 30 miles per hour is established in the following locations:

3rd Street between Channel and Kirkwood Streets.

3rd Street between Shafter and Bayshore Boulevard.

Alemanya Boulevard between Junipero Serra Boulevard and Mission Street overpass.

Bayshore Boulevard between Hester Avenue (north intersection) and the County Line.

Bush Street between Presidio Avenue and Battery Street.

Carter Street between Geneva Avenue and County Line.

Cesar Chavez Street, Third Street to a point 500 feet east of Kansas Street.

The Embarcadero between King Street and Bay Street.

Fell Street between Baker Street and Stanyan Street.

Fulton Street between Stanyan Street and Arguello Boulevard.

~~Fulton Street between Arguello Boulevard and the Great Highway.~~

Geary Boulevard between 30th and 42nd Avenue.

Geary Boulevard between Presidio Avenue and Wood Street on the depressed section.

Geary Expressway between Gough Street and Presidio Avenue.

Geneva Avenue between Moscow Street and the County Line.

Golden Gate Avenue between Divisadero Street and Van Ness Avenue.

Industrial Street between Bayshore Boulevard and Oakdale Avenue.

John F. Kennedy Drive between Kezar Drive and Stanyan Street.

Kezar Drive between Lincoln Way and John F. Kennedy Drive.

King Street between 5th Street and The Embarcadero.

Mansell Street between Visitacion Avenue and Persia Avenue.

Market Street between Danvers Street and Castro Street.

Masonic Avenue between Presidio Avenue and Geary Boulevard.

Oak Street between Stanyan Street and Baker Street.

Oakdale Avenue between Bayshore Boulevard and 3rd Street.

Pine Street between Market Street and Presidio Avenue.

Point Lobos Avenue between Great Highway and Forty-Second Avenue.

Sagamore Street between San Jose Avenue and Orizaba Avenue.

~~*San Jose Avenue between Randall and Guerrero Streets.*~~

~~*Sloat Boulevard between 39th Avenue and Great Highway.*~~

Sunset Boulevard between Martin Luther King, Jr. Drive and Lake Merced Boulevard.

Turk Boulevard between Baker Street and Arguello Boulevard.

Twin Peaks Boulevard between Panorama Drive and Palo Alto Avenue.

(c) **35 Miles Per Hour.** A *prima facie* speed limit of 35 miles per hour is established in the following locations:

~~*Alemaney Boulevard between Junipero Serra Boulevard and Mission Street.*~~

Bayshore Boulevard between Cesar Chavez Street and Hester Avenue (north intersection)~~the County Line~~.

Broadway (Robert C Levy) Tunnel between the east and west portals.

Brotherhood Way between Alemany and a point about 200 feet westerly from Chumasero Drive.

Cargo Way between 3rd Street and Jennings Street.

Clarendon Avenue, north and south sides between the east line of Laguna Honda Boulevard and Johnstone Drive.

Clipper Street between Douglas Street and Diamond Heights Boulevard.

Evans Avenue between Cesar Chavez and Hunters Point Boulevard.

~~Geneva Avenue between Moscow Street and the County Line.~~

Great Highway between Lincoln Way and Point Lobos.

Great Highway (Upper Roadway) between Lincoln Way and Sloat Boulevard.

Hunters Point Boulevard between Jennings Street and Innes Avenue.

Innes Avenue between Hunters Point Boulevard and Donahue Street.

Junipero Serra Boulevard between St. Francis Circle and Ocean Avenue.

Laguna Honda Boulevard between Dewey Boulevard and Noriega Street.

Lake Merced Boulevard between Sunset Boulevard and Skyline Boulevard.

Lake Merced Boulevard between Winston Drive and Sunset Boulevard.

Lincoln Way, north side, between Third Avenue and the Great Highway.

Lincoln Way, south side, between the Great Highway and Third Avenue.

Mansell Street between Sunnydale and Brazil Avenues.

O'Shaughnessy Boulevard between Portola Drive and Malta Drive.

Portola Drive between St. Francis Circle and Corbett Avenue, north and south sides.

Market Street between Corbett Avenue and Danvers Street, north and south sides.

Sloat Boulevard, eastbound and westbound traffic, between Junipero Serra Boulevard, St. Francis Circle and Nineteenth Avenue.

~~*Sloat Boulevard, eastbound traffic, between the east line of the Great Highway and the east line of 39th Avenue.*~~

~~*Sloat Boulevard, westbound traffic, between the east line of 39th Avenue and the east line of 47th Avenue.*~~

Sunnydale Avenue between Persia Avenue and the west boundary of the McLaren Municipal Golf Course.

Woodside Avenue between Portola Drive and Laguna Honda Boulevard.

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Section 2. Effective Date. This resolution shall become effective 31 days after enactment. Enactment occurs when the San Francisco Municipal Transportation Agency Board of Directors approves this resolution.

Section 3. Scope of Resolution. In enacting this resolution, the San Francisco Municipal Transportation Agency Board of Directors intends to amend only those words, phrases, paragraphs, subsections, sections, articles, numbers, letters, punctuation marks, charts, diagrams, or any other constituent parts of the Transportation Code that are explicitly

shown in this resolution as additions or deletions in accordance with the "Note" that appears under the official title of the resolution.

APPROVED AS TO FORM:
DAVID CHIU, City Attorney

By: _____
Misha Tsukerman
Deputy City Attorney

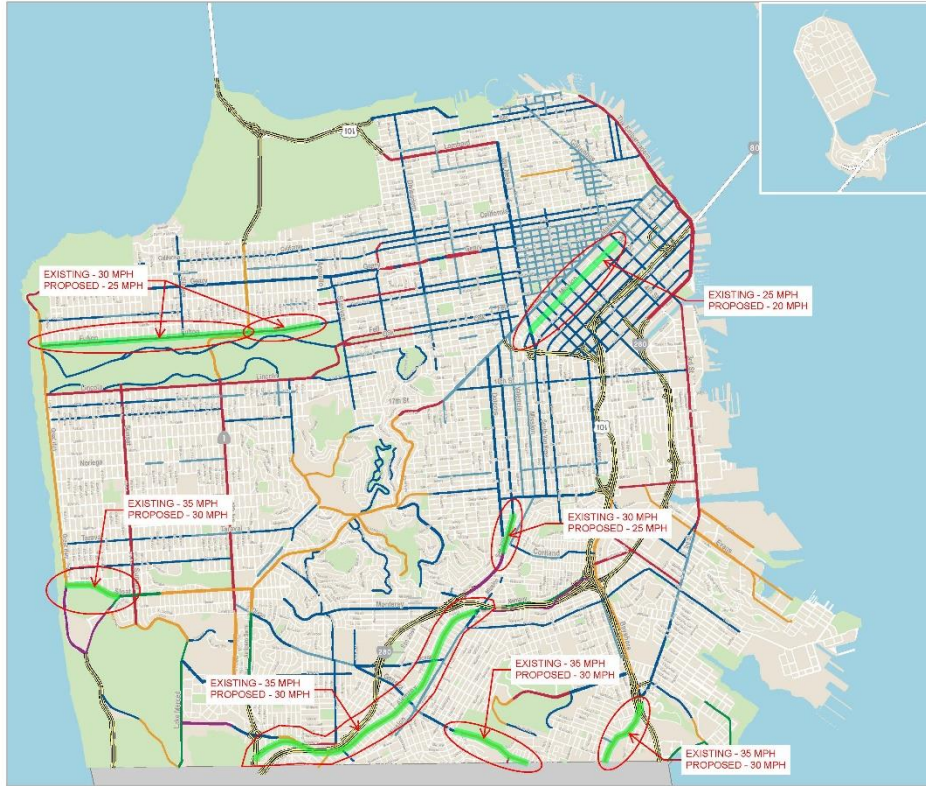
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Secretary to the Board of Directors
San Francisco Municipal Transportation Agency

Enclosure 3. Map of Proposed Speed Limit Reductions

SFMTA is proposing speed limit reductions across the City based on an SFMTA conducted Engineering and Traffic Survey (E&TS) and California Vehicle Code (CVC) Provisions.



Speed Limits Speed Limits by Block in San Francisco June 2024

The map shows speed limits by block in San Francisco. If a block is not highlighted, it is considered under the de facto speed limit of 25 miles per hour. School Zone speed limits are not shown.

LEGEND

Speed Limit (MPH)

- 15
- 20
- 25
- 30
- 35
- 40
- 45
- Interstate or Freeway



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