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**SAN FRANCISCO
MUNICIPAL TRANSPORTATION AGENCY**

DIVISION: Sustainable Streets

BRIEF DESCRIPTION:

Approving a traffic modification to convert Eddy Street between Leavenworth Street and Mason Street from one-way to two-way traffic.



SUMMARY:

- This project was developed as part of the March 2007 Tenderloin/ Little Saigon Plan, and approved by the San Francisco County Transportation Authority.
- Eddy Street is a high injury corridor and this project seeks to enhance neighborhood livability through traffic calming.
- In November 2007, the Board of Supervisors passed and Mayor Gavin Newsom signed Resolution 620-07 which urged the San Francisco Municipal Transportation Agency to convert Eddy Street to two-way traffic.
- The proposed action is the Approval Action as defined by the S.F. Administrative Code.

ENCLOSURES:

1. SFMTAB Resolution
2. Eddy Street Cross Section Graphics
4. [Tenderloin/ Little Saigon Neighborhood Transportation Plan, March 2007](#)

APPROVALS:

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DIRECTOR	 _____	7/11/2017 _____
SECRETARY	 _____	7/11/2017 _____

ASSIGNED SFMTAB CALENDAR DATE: July 18, 2017

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PURPOSE

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STRATEGIC PLAN GOALS AND TRANSIT FIRST POLICY PRINCIPLES

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

Transit First Principles

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.
2. Public transit, including taxis and vanpools, is an economically and environmentally sound alternative to transportation by individual automobiles. Within San Francisco, travel by public transit, by bicycle and on foot must be an attractive alternative to travel by private automobile.
3. Decisions regarding the use of limited public street and sidewalk space shall encourage the use of public rights of way by pedestrians, bicyclists, and public transit, and shall strive to reduce traffic and improve public health and safety.
5. Pedestrian areas shall be enhanced wherever possible to improve the safety and comfort of pedestrians and to encourage travel by foot.

DESCRIPTION

This project is a cornerstone of the San Francisco County Transportation Authority Tenderloin/Little Saigon Plan, approved in March 2007. The goal of this plan was to prioritize community transportation needs and develop near and mid-term improvements in the Tenderloin and Little Saigon neighborhoods. The study noted traffic calming and specifically one-way to two-way street conversions as a community priority.

On November 6, 2007, the Board of Supervisors passed and Mayor Gavin Newsom signed Board of Supervisors Resolution 620-07 urging the San Francisco Municipal Transportation Agency to convert Eddy and Ellis streets to two-way traffic. In 2012, western portions of both Eddy and Ellis streets were converted to two-way traffic. In 2016, the SFMTA recommended extending the two-way traffic on Eddy Street from Leavenworth to Mason streets and Ellis Street from Jones Street to Mason Street.

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At a public hearing, SFMTA staff heard community concerns from Glide Memorial and the San Francisco Hotel Council regarding the proposed two-way conversion of Ellis Street. Glide Memorial expressed concern about loading during major church events and senior and disabled access overall. The Hilton Hotel was concerned about delivery vehicle access to their garage. As a result of these particular community needs, SFMTA staff do not recommend converting this portion of Ellis Street to two-way traffic. SFMTA staff will continue to pursue traffic calming and pedestrian safety efforts on Ellis Street through upcoming Tenderloin project efforts.

Therefore, the SFMTA is proposing to change Eddy Street between Leavenworth Street and Mason Street from one-way to two-way traffic to promote traffic calming and improve safety and comfort through the project area for all road users, but particularly those walking.

Project Location

Eddy Street is an eastbound, two-lane, one-way street in the city's Tenderloin neighborhood.

Project Elements

This project will implement two-way street traffic along three block of the Eddy St. corridor, extending existing two-way traffic currently ending at Leavenworth. Project elements are informed by the Tenderloin- Little Saigon Plan.

Proposed Project Traffic Modifications

The specific traffic modification is as follows:

- A. ESTABLISH – TWO-WAY STREET – Eddy Street, between Mason and Leavenworth streets

STAKEHOLDER ENGAGEMENT

This project is the result of significant community outreach performed under the Tenderloin-Little Saigon Plan. The following stakeholder engagement represents recent efforts to discuss the Eddy Street two-way conversion with the neighborhood.

Door-to-Door Outreach

In late April and early May staff performed door-to-door outreach to businesses and residences along Eddy Street. They were able to make contact with 36 individuals to inform them of the proposed changes to the street. 18 individuals supported the project, 17 individuals shared no opinion or concerns regarding the project, and one individual was against the proposed conversion.

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Of those who supported the project, four shared concerns regarding overall traffic and circulation.

Community Groups and Advocacy Groups

SFMTA staff conducted individual stakeholder meetings with the following stakeholders:

- Central City Single Room Occupancy (CCSRO) Collaborative
- Glide Memorial Church
- San Francisco Hotel Council
- Hotel Hilton Union Square
- Alliance for Better District 6

Sunday Streets

Staff hosted a booth focusing on Tenderloin projects, specifically the proposed Eddy Street two-way conversion at the Tenderloin Sunday Streets held on April 30, 2017. Approximately 20 members of the community stopped by the booth to discuss this proposal.

Public Hearing

A public hearing was held on June 2, 2017 to solicit feedback. 17 people spoke in favor of the project, specifically citing neighborhood traffic calming goals and improved traffic safety in the community. One letter was received in favor of the project but also expressed concern about double-parked vehicles in front of the Tenderloin Police Station.

The Alliance for Better District 6 shared their concern about existing double-parked vehicles on the 300 block in front of the Tenderloin Police Station and objected to the two-way conversion until double-parking issues are resolved. A petition signed by 20 people from the Alliance for Better District 6 specifically requests the SFMTA to consider other measures such as adding signage, waiting for construction to complete on Eddy and Taylor Family Housing, or renovating the police station to accommodate more vehicles. Two additional letters from stakeholders share these same concerns. Three additional community members spoke in opposition to the project citing concerns regarding traffic congestion during peak hours on Eddy Street.

During this public hearing, a commenter noted that a flyer distributed by SFMTA staff had misidentified the public hearing room number. Though the flyer was incorrect, all required public hearing notifications posted on signposts on Eddy Street listed the correct room number, and the SFMTA website provided accurate information as well. No other complaints were received regarding individuals who could not find the room due to the inaccurate information.

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San Francisco Police Department

SFMTA staff met with the Police Department to better understand their needs particularly around existing curb use in front of the Tenderloin Police Station at the corner of Eddy and Jones streets. The Police Department uses both the curb and the adjacent travel lane to park vehicles.

To accommodate operational needs of the Police Department, there will continue to be two lanes eastbound on Eddy Street at Jones Street adjacent to the station, in addition to a new westbound lane. All existing “Police Vehicle Only” signs will be retained.

ALTERNATIVES CONSIDERED

The original plan recommended eastern portions of Eddy and Ellis streets to be converted from one-way traffic to two-way traffic. SFMTA staff do not recommend converting Ellis Street as part of this project as a result of concerns heard from adjacent stakeholders.

Another alternative considered was not to convert Eddy Street to two-way traffic at this time. However, this would not align with community outreach, past planning efforts and City resolutions.

FUNDING IMPACT

The Eddy Traffic Calming Project is a project in the San Francisco Municipal Transportation Agency’s 2017-2021 Capital Improvement Program. The paint, signage, and meter changes needed for the two-way conversion is estimated to cost approximately \$50,000. Funds have been allocated for this project in the FY18 Operating Budget

ENVIRONMENTAL REVIEW

The proposed traffic modification on Eddy Street is subject to the California Environmental Quality Act (CEQA). CEQA provides a categorical exemption from environmental review for minor alterations to 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 April 12, 2012, the Planning Department determined (Case No. 2011.0963E) that the proposed traffic modification on Eddy Street is categorically exempt from environmental review under CEQA pursuant to 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 at 1650 Mission Street in San Francisco, and is incorporated herein by reference.

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OTHER APPROVALS RECEIVED OR STILL REQUIRED

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

RECOMMENDATION

SFMTA recommends approving a traffic modification to convert Eddy Street between Leavenworth Street and Mason Street from one-way to two-way traffic as set forth in Item A.

SAN FRANCISCO
MUNICIPAL TRANSPORTATION AGENCY
BOARD OF DIRECTORS

RESOLUTION No. _____

WHEREAS, The Eddy Traffic Calming Project is alignment with San Francisco County Transportation Authority Tenderloin Little Saigon Plan and the subsequent City Resolution 620-07, urging the San Francisco Municipal Transportation Agency to convert Eddy Street to two-way traffic; and,

WHEREAS, The residents of the Tenderloin have expressed a strong desire to see the neighborhood streets become more livable; 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, The SFMTA staff has proposed the following traffic modification on Eddy Street between Leavenworth Street and Mason Street:

- A. ESTABLISH – TWO-WAY STREET – Eddy Street, between Mason and Leavenworth streets

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RESOLVED, That the San Francisco Municipal Transportation Agency Board of Directors approves the traffic modification, as set forth in Item A, to convert Eddy Street between Leavenworth Street and Mason Street from one-way to two-way traffic.

I certify that the foregoing resolution was adopted by the San Francisco Municipal Transportation Agency Board of Directors at its meeting of July 18, 2017.

Secretary to the Board of Directors
San Francisco Municipal Transportation Agency