

SAN FRANCISCO  
MUNICIPAL TRANSPORTATION AGENCY  
BOARD OF DIRECTORS

RESOLUTION No. 171107-141

WHEREAS, The San Francisco Municipal Transportation Agency (SFMTA) is the project sponsor of the 17<sup>th</sup> Street, Church to Sanchez, Bicycle Safety Project (Project) with the goal of improving safety on 17<sup>th</sup> Street for people riding bikes; and,

WHEREAS, The block of 17<sup>th</sup> Street between Sanchez Street and Church Street has been noted for the number for the number of crashes involving cyclists crossing over the streetcar tracks, often due to the presence of vehicles stopped in the lane or double-parked; and

WHEREAS, Responding to neighborhood and Supervisor concerns about bicycle safety on 17<sup>th</sup> Street west of Church Street where there are streetcar tracks, the SFMTA began a process in Summer 2016 to better understand the issues in the area and to develop an appropriate response; and,

WHEREAS, This block of 17<sup>th</sup> Street is on the city's High Injury Network map, created and updated as part of the Vision Zero effort; and,

WHEREAS, A variety of alternatives were considered and discussed with the community, Everett Middle School and Sanchez Elementary School via two community meetings and a variety of smaller meetings and discussions; and,

WHEREAS, Based on community input and an analysis of collision records and conditions in the field, SFMTA staff have proposed the following parking and traffic modifications associated with the Project:

- A. ESTABLISH - TOW-AWAY, NO PARKING ANYTIME – 17<sup>th</sup> Street, north side and south side, between Sanchez Street and Church Street
- B. ESTABLISH - CLASS IV PROTECTED BIKE LANE – 17<sup>th</sup> Street, eastbound and westbound between Sanchez Street and Church Street; and,

WHEREAS, Section 891 of the Streets and Highways Code provides that agencies responsible for the development or operation of bikeways or roadways where bicycle travel is permitted may utilize minimum safety design criteria other than those established by Section 890.6 if the following conditions are met: the alternative criteria are reviewed and approved by a qualified engineer, the alternative criteria is adopted by resolution at a public meeting after public comment and proper notice, and the alternative criteria adheres to the guidelines established by a national association of public agency transportation officials; and

WHEREAS, The protected bikeway meets these three requirements; and has been reviewed and approved by a qualified engineer prior to installation; and,

WHEREAS, The alternative criteria for the project are to discourage motor vehicles from encroaching or double parking in the bicycle facility, provide a more inviting and greater sense of comfort for bicyclists, and to provide a greater perception of safety for bicyclists; and,

WHEREAS, The project's alternative criteria adhere to guidelines set by the National Association of City Transportation Officials; and,

WHEREAS, The proposed removal of parking and establishment of Class IV bikeways is subject to the California Environmental Quality Act (CEQA) and CEQA provides a categorical exemption from environmental review for operation, repair, maintenance, or minor alteration of existing public facilities including 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 a categorical exemption from environmental review for minor public alterations in the condition of land including the creation of bicycle lanes on existing rights-of-way as defined in Title 14 of the California Code of Regulations Section 15304; and,

WHEREAS, On August 9, 2017, the Planning Department determined (Case Number 2017-010216ENV) that the installation of a Class IV bikeway on 17<sup>th</sup> Street between Sanchez Street and Church Street is categorically exempt from CEQA as defined in Title 14 of the California Code of Regulations Section 15301 and Section 15304; 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 at 1650 Mission Street in San Francisco, and is incorporated herein by reference; and,

WHEREAS, 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 via two open community meetings and has been given the opportunity to comment on those modifications through the public hearing process; now, therefore, be it

RESOLVED, That the SFMTA Board of Directors approves bicycle and parking modifications, as set forth in Items A-B above, associated with the 17th Street, Church to Sanchez, Bicycle Safety Project.

I certify that the foregoing resolution was adopted by the San Francisco Municipal Transportation Agency Board of Directors at its meeting of November 7, 2017.



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Secretary to the Board of Directors  
San Francisco Municipal Transportation Agency