

CEQA Exemption Determination

PROPERTY INFORMATION/PROJECT DESCRIPTION

Project Address			Block/Lot(s)
SFMTA_Franklin Street Quick-Build Project		Quick-Build Project	
Case No.			Permit No.
2022-009704ENV			
I — I —		Demolition (requires HRE for	New
	eration	Category B Building)	Construction
Project description for Planning Department approval. San Francisco Municipal Transportation Agency (SFMTA) proposes to install pedestrian safety improvements on Franklin Street between Broadway and Lombard Street. The proposed project would include the following improvements: no right turn on red for northbound and westbound movements at select intersections, advance limit lines and continental crosswalks, painted safety zones and slow-turn wedges, daylighting red zones at select intersections, and new 20-foot double-yellow centerlines at select approaches intersections along Franklin Street. These improvements would slow turning vehicles and increase the visibility and safety of people walking in the crosswalks. In addition, the improvements would prevent vehicles from turning into the lane of oncoming cars or bikes. Full project description attached. Project materials with more detail are available in Planning Case file: 2022-009704ENV. STEP 1: EXEMPTION TYPE			
		etermined to be exempt under the California En	
Ш	Class 1 - Existin	g Facilities. Interior and exterior alterations; additi	ons under 10,000 sq. π.
		onstruction. Up to three new single-family residen e structures; utility extensions; change of use unde	· · · · · · · · · · · · · · · · · · ·
	sq. ft. and meets (a) The project is	I Development. New Construction of seven or more the conditions described below: see consistent with the applicable general plan designs with applicable zoning designation and regulation.	nation and all applicable general plan
	(b) The propose substantially sur(c) The project s(d) Approval of t water quality.(e) The site can	d development occurs within city limits on a project rounded by urban uses. ite has no value as habitat for endangered rare or the project would not result in any significant effects be adequately served by all required utilities and particular planning use only	t site of no more than 5 acres threatened species. s relating to traffic, noise, air quality, or
	Other Statutory Exemp Eligibility Checkl	otion per Public Resources Code section 21080.25 ist.	as demonstrated in the attached SB 288
		Exemption (CEQA Guidelines section 15061(b) ibility of a significant effect on the environment. FO	• • • • • • • • • • • • • • • • • • • •

STEP 2: ENVIRONMENTAL SCREENING ASSESSMENT TO BE COMPLETED BY PROJECT PLANNER

	Air Quality: Would the project add new sensitive receptors (specifically, schools, day care facilities, hospitals, residential dwellings, and senior-care facilities within an Air Pollution Exposure Zone? Does the project have the potential to emit substantial pollutant concentrations (e.g. use of diesel construction equipment, backup diesel generators, heavy industry, diesel trucks, etc.)? (refer to The Environmental Information tab on the San Francisco Property Information Map)	
	Hazardous Materials: If the project site is located on the Maher map or is suspected of containing hazardous materials (based on a previous use such as gas station, auto repair, dry cleaners, or heavy manufacturing, or a site with underground storage tanks): Would the project involve 50 cubic yards or more of soil disturbance - or a change of use from industrial to residential? Note that a categorical exemption shall not be issued for a project located on the Cortese List if box is checked, note below whether the applicant has enrolled in or received a waiver from the San Francisco Department of Public Health (DPH) Maher program, or if Environmental Planning staff has determined that hazardous material effects would be less than significant. (refer to The Environmental Information tab on the San Francisco Property Information Map)	
	Transportation: Does the project involve a child care facility or school with 30 or more students, or a location 1,500 sq. ft. or greater? Does the project have the potential to adversely affect transit, pedestrian and/or bicycle safety (hazards) or the adequacy of nearby transit, pedestrian and/or bicycle facilities?	
	Archeological Resources: Would the project result in soil disturbance/modification greater than two (2) feet below grade in an archeological sensitive area or eight (8) feet in a non-archeological sensitive area? If yes, archeology review is required.	
	Subdivision/Lot Line Adjustment: Does the project site involve a subdivision or lot line adjustment on a lot with a slope average of 20% or more? (refer to The Environmental Information tab on the San Francisco Property Information Map) If box is checked. Environmental Planning must issue the exemption.	
	Average Slope of Parcel = or > 25%, or site is in Edgehill Slope Protection Area or Northwest Mt. Sutro Slope Protection Area: Does the project involve any of the following: (1) New building construction, except one-story storage or utility occupancy, (2) horizontal additions, if the footprint area increases more than 50%, or (3) horizontal and vertical additions increase more than 500 square feet of new projected roof area? (refer to The Environmental Planning tab on the San Francisco Property Information Map) If box is checked, a geotechnical report is likely required and Environmental Planning must issue the exemption.	
	Seismic Hazard: Landslide or Liquefaction Hazard Zone: Does the project involve any of the following: (1) New building construction, except one-story storage or utility occupancy, (2) horizontal additions, if the footprint area increases more than 50%, (3) horizontal and vertical additions increase more than 500 square feet of new projected roof area, or (4) grading performed at a site in the landslide hazard zone? (refer to The Environmental tab on the San Francisco Property Information Map) If box is checked, a geotechnical report is required and Environmental Planning must issue the exemption.	
Comments and Planner Signature (optional): Jennifer M McKellar		
Please see attached SB 288 Eligibility Checklist.		

STEP 3: PROPERTY STATUS - HISTORIC RESOURCE TO BE COMPLETED BY PROJECT PLANNER		
	PERTY IS ONE OF THE FOLLOWING: (refer to Property Information	(Map)
	Category A: Known Historical Resource. GO TO STEP 5.	
	Category B: Potential Historical Resource (over 45 years of age)	. GO TO STEP 4.
	Category C: Not a Historical Resource or Not Age Eligible (under	r 45 years of age). GO TO STEP 6.
	P 4: PROPOSED WORK CHECKLIST BE COMPLETED BY PROJECT PLANNER	
Check	k all that apply to the project.	
	1. Change of use and new construction. Tenant improvements	not included.
	2. Regular maintenance or repair to correct or repair deterioration	on, decay, or damage to building.
	3. Window replacement that meets the Department's <i>Window Restore</i> storefront window alterations.	eplacement Standards. Does not include
	4. Garage work. A new opening that meets the <i>Guidelines for Ad</i> replacement of a garage door in an existing opening that meets the	= -
	5. Deck, terrace construction, or fences not visible from any imm	mediately adjacent public right-of-way.
	6. Mechanical equipment installation that is not visible from any right-of-way.	immediately adjacent public
	7. Dormer installation that meets the requirements for exemption <i>Administrator Bulletin No. 3: Dormer Windows</i> .	n from public notification under <i>Zoning</i>
	8. Addition(s) that are not visible from any immediately adjacent direction; does not extend vertically beyond the floor level of the t single story in height; does not have a footprint that is more than building; and does not cause the removal of architectural significant	cop story of the structure or is only a 50% larger than that of the original
Note:	: Project Planner must check box below before proceeding.	
	Project is not listed. GO TO STEP 5.	
	Project does not conform to the scopes of work. GO TO STEP 5	i.
	Project involves four or more work descriptions. GO TO STEP 5.	
	Project involves less than four work descriptions. GO TO STEP (6.
STEP 5: ADVANCED HISTORICAL REVIEW TO BE COMPLETED BY PRESERVATION PLANNER		
	ck all that apply to the project.	
	Reclassification of property status. (Attach HRER Part I)	
	Reclassify to Category A	Reclassify to Category C
	a. Per HRER	(No further historic review)
	b. Other (specify):	
	Project involves a known historical resource (CEQA Category A) as determined by Step 3 and conforms entirely to proposed work checklist in Step 4.	
	Interior alterations to publicly accessible spaces that do not defining features.	t remove, alter, or obscure character
	Window replacement of original/historic windows that are not existing historic character.	"in-kind" but are consistent with
	5. Façade/storefront alterations that do not remove, alter, or obs	scure character-defining features.

	6. Raising the building in a manner that does not remove, alter, features.	or obscure character-defining
	7. Restoration based upon documented evidence of a building's photographs, plans, physical evidence, or similar buildings.	historic condition, such as historic
	8. Work consistent with the <i>Secretary of the Interior Standards for (Analysis required)</i> :	or the Treatment of Historic Properties
	9. Work compatible with a historic district (Analysis required):	
	10. Work that would not materially impair a historic resource (A	ttach HRER Part II).
Note: If ANY box in STEP 5 above is checked, a Preservation Planner MUST sign below.		
	Project can proceed with exemption review. The project has been reviewed by the Preservation Planner and can proceed with exemption review. GO TO STEP 6.	
Comments (optional): Preservation Planner Signature:		
STEP 6: EXEMPTION DETERMINATION TO BE COMPLETED BY PROJECT PLANNER		
	No further environmental review is required. The project is execunusual circumstances that would result in a reasonable poss	
	Project Approval Action:	Signature:
	Posting of the date of approval by the City Traffic Engineer on	Jennifer M McKellar
	Planning Department's website.	11/15/2022
	Once signed or stamped and dated, this document constitutes an exemption pursuant to CEQA Guidelines and Chapter 31of the Administrative Code. In accordance with Chapter 31 of the San Francisco Administrative Code, an appeal of an exemption determination to the Board of Supervisors can only be filed within 30 days of the project receiving the approval action.	

STEP 7: MODIFICATION OF A CEQA EXEMPT PROJECT

TO BE COMPLETED BY PROJECT PLANNER

In accordance with Chapter 31 of the San Francisco Administrative Code, when a California Environmental Quality Act (CEQA) exempt project changes after the Approval Action and requires a subsequent approval, the Environmental Review Officer (or his or her designee) must determine whether the proposed change constitutes a substantial modification of that project. This checklist shall be used to determine whether the proposed changes to the approved project would constitute a "substantial modification" and, therefore, be subject to additional environmental review pursuant to CEQA.

MODIFIED PROJECT DESCRIPTION

Modified Project Description:			
DET	TERMINATION IF PROJECT (CONSTITUTES SUBSTANTIAL MODIFICATION	
Com	pared to the approved project, we	ould the modified project:	
	Result in expansion of the building envelope, as defined in the Planning Code;		
	Result in the change of use that would require public notice under Planning Code Sections 311 or 312;		
	Result in demolition as defined under Planning Code Section 317 or 19005(f)?		
	Is any information being presented that was not known and could not have been known at the time of the original determination, that shows the originally approved project may no longer qualify for the exemption?		
If at I	east one of the above boxes is	checked, further environmental review is required	
DET	ERMINATION OF NO SUBSTAN	TIAL MODIFICATION	
	The proposed modification wor	uld not result in any of the above changes.	
If this box is checked, the proposed modifications are exempt under CEQA, in accordance with prior project approval and no additional environmental review is required. This determination shall be posted on the Planning Department website and office and mailed to the applicant, City approving entities, and anyone requesting written notice. In accordance with Chapter 31, Sec 31.08j of the San Francisco Administrative Code, an appeal of this determination can be filed to the Environmental Review Officer within 10 days of posting of this determination.			
Planner Name:		Date:	



Eligibility Checklist: Senate Bill 288 (SB288) and Public Resources Code Section 21080.25

Date of Preparation: November 15, 2022

Record No.: 2022-009704ENV, Franklin Street Quick-Build Project

Project Sponsor: Julia Malmo-Laycock, San Francisco Municipal Transportation Agency

Through: Melinda Hue, San Francisco Municipal Transportation Agency

Staff Contact: Jennifer McKellar, jennifer.mckellar@sfgov.org, 628.652.7563

PROJECT DESCRIPTION

The SFMTA proposes to make pedestrian safety improvements on Franklin Street between Broadway and Lombard Street, as part of the Franklin Street Quick-Build Project (proposed project). The proposed project would include the following improvements: no right turn on red for northbound and westbound movements, advance limit lines and continental crosswalks, painted safety zones and slow-turn wedges, daylighting red zones at select intersections, and new 20foot double-yellow centerlines at select intersection approaches. The painted safety zones, slow-turn wedges, and daylighting would slow turning vehicles and increase the visibility and safety of people walking in the crosswalks. The new 20-foot double-yellow centerlines would prevent vehicles from turning into the lane of oncoming cars or bikes. Up to 6 on-street parking spaces would be removed to implement the project. No excavation is required.

Please see the Franklin Street Quick-Build Project memo and drawings (Case No. 2022-009704ENV) for a more detailed description of the project.

Constructed by:	Contracted through:
☐ Public Works	☐ Public Works
⊠ SFMTA	☐ SFMTA

SB288 ELIGIBILITY CHECKLIST

This project, as proposed, would be eligible for a Statutory Exemption per Public Resources Code section 21080.25 as demonstrated below.

Table 1: Project Type Checklist – Public Resources Code Section 21080.25(b) The project must meet at least one project type to qualify for this Statutory Exemption. See Attachment 1 below for definitions of terms.		
\boxtimes	(1) Pedestrian and bicycle facilities, including new facilities. For purposes of this paragraph, "bicycle facilities" include, but are not limited to, bicycle parking, bicycle sharing facilities, and bikeways as defined in Section 890.4 of the Streets and Highways Code.	
	(2) Projects that improve customer information and wayfinding for transit riders, bicyclists, or pedestrians.	
	(3) Transit prioritization projects.	
	(4) On highways with existing public transit service or that will be implementing public transit service within six months of the conversion, a project for the designation and conversion of general purpose lanes or highway shoulders to bus-only lanes, for use either during peak congestion hours or all day.	
	(5) A project for the institution or increase of new bus rapid transit, bus, or light rail service, including the construction of stations, on existing public rights-of-way or existing highway rights-of-way, whether or not the right-of-way is in use for public mass transit.	
	(6) A project to construct or maintain infrastructure to charge or refuel zero-emission transit buses, provided the project is carried out by a public transit agency that is subject to, and in compliance with, the State Air Resources Board's Innovative Clean Transit regulations (Article 4.3 (commencing with Section 2023) of Chapter 1 of Division 3 of Title 13 of the California Code of Regulations) and the project is located on property owned by the transit agency or within an existing public right-of-way.	
	(7) The maintenance, repair, relocation, replacement, or removal of any utility infrastructure associated with a project identified in items (1) to (6) above, inclusive.	
	(8) A project that consists exclusively of a combination of any of the components of a project identified in items (1) to (7) above, inclusive.	
	(9) A project carried out by a city or county to reduce minimum parking requirements.	

(continued on the following page)



1 belo	Table 2: Other Project Eligibility Criteria – Public Resources Code Section 21080.25(c) project must meet <u>all</u> the criteria listed below to qualify for this Statutory Exemption. See Attachment pow for definitions of terms. Note: Table 2 does not apply to a project carried out by a city or county to the minimum parking requirements.
X	te minimum parking requirements. (1) A public agency is carrying out the project and is the lead agency for the project.
\boxtimes	(2) The project is located in an urbanized area.
\boxtimes	(3) The project is located on or within an existing public right-of-way (or on property owned by the transit agency per Table 1, Item 6 above).
\boxtimes	(4) The project shall not add physical infrastructure that increases new automobile capacity on existing rights-of-way except for minor modifications needed for the efficient and safe movement of transit vehicles, such as extended merging lanes. The project shall not include the addition of any auxiliary lanes.
\boxtimes	(5) The construction of the project shall not require the demolition of affordable housing units.
X	(6) The project would <u>not</u> exceed one hundred million dollars (\$100,000,000) in 2020 United States dollars. ¹
	e project exceeds \$100,000,000, then Section 21080.25(c)(6) imposes additional requirements. Please consult ne Planning Department staff.
Statu	Table 3: Project Labor Requirements – Public Resources Code Section 21080.25(d) dition to meeting the criteria in Table 2, the project must meet labor requirements to qualify for a tory Exemption. See Attachment 1 below for definitions of terms. Note: Table 3 does not apply to a ct carried out by a city or county to reduce minimum parking requirements.
	(1) Before granting an exemption under this section, the lead agency shall certify that the project will be completed by a skilled and trained workforce.
	(2) (A) Except as provided in subparagraph (B), for a project that is exempted under this section, the lead agency shall not enter into a construction contract with any entity unless the entity provides to the lead agency an enforceable commitment that the entity and its subcontractors at every tier will use a skilled and trained workforce to perform all work on the project or a contract that falls within an apprenticeship occupation in the building and construction trades in accordance with Chapter 2.9 (commencing with Section 2600) of Part 1 of Division 2 of the Public Contract Code.
	(B) Subparagraph (A) does not apply if any of the following requirements are met:
	(i) The lead agency has entered into a project labor agreement that will bind all contractors and subcontractors performing work on the project or the lead agency has contracted to use a skilled and trained workforce and the entity has agreed to be bound by that project labor agreement.
	(ii) The project or contract is being performed under the extension or renewal of a project labor agreement that was entered into by the lead agency before January 1, 2021.
	(iii) The lead agency has entered into a project labor agreement that will bind the lead agency and all its subcontractors at every tier performing the project or the lead agency has contracted to use a skilled and trained workforce.
	A portion of the project would be constructed by SFMTA and/or Public Works Shops and this portion would not require the use of contractors for labor.
\boxtimes	Not Applicable. The project would be entirely constructed by SFMTA Shops and would not require the use of contractors for labor.



ATTACHMENT 1: DEFINITIONS

Definitions for terms 1 through 8 are the same as provided in the text of Senate Bill 288.

- (1) "Affordable housing" means any of the following:
 - (A) Housing that is subject to a recorded covenant, ordinance, or law that restricts rents or sales prices to levels affordable, as defined in Section 50052.5 or 50053 of the Health and Safety Code, to persons and families of moderate, lower, or very low income, as defined in Section 50079.5, 50093, or 50105 of the Health and Safety Code, respectively.
 - (B) Housing that is subject to any form of rent or price control through a public entity's valid exercise of its police power.
 - (C) Housing that had been occupied by tenants within five years from the date of approval of the development agreement by a primary tenant who was low income and did not leave voluntarily.
- (2) "**Highway**" means a way or place of whatever nature, publicly maintained and open to the use of the public for purposes of vehicular travel. "Highway" includes a street.
- (3) "New automobile capacity" means any new lane mileage of any kind other than sidewalks or bike lanes.
- (4) "Project labor agreement" has the same meaning as defined in paragraph (1) of subdivision (b) of Section 2500 of the Public Contract Code.
- (5) "Skilled and trained workforce" has the same meaning as provided in Chapter 2.9 (commencing with Section 2600) of Part 1 of Division 2 of the Public Contract Code.
- (6) "**Transit lanes**" means street design elements that delineate space within the roadbed as exclusive to transit use, either full or part time.
- (7) "**Transit prioritization projects**" means any of the following transit project types on highways:
 - (A) Signal coordination.
 - (B) Signal timing modifications.
 - (C) Signal phasing modifications.
 - (D) The installation of wayside technology and onboard technology.
 - (E) The installation of ramp meters.
 - (F) The installation of dedicated transit or very high occupancy vehicle lanes, and shared turning lanes.
- (8) "Very high occupancy vehicle" means a vehicle with six or more occupants.
- (9) For the purpose of this statutory exemption, **bikeway** is defined the same way as in Section 890.4 of the California Streets and Highways Code. "Bikeway" means all facilities that provide primarily for, and promote, bicycle travel. Bikeways shall be categorized as follows:
 - (a) Bike paths or shared use paths (Class I bikeways) provide a completely separated right-of-way designated for the exclusive use of bicycles and pedestrians with crossflows



by motorists minimized.

- (b) Bike lanes (Class II bikeways) provide a restricted right-of-way designated for the exclusive or semi exclusive use of bicycles with through travel by motor vehicles or pedestrians prohibited, but with vehicle parking and crossflows by pedestrians and motorists permitted.
- (c) Bike routes (Class III bikeways) provide a right-of-way on-street or off-street, designated by signs or permanent markings and shared with pedestrians and motorists. In San Francisco, many of these routes are marked with shared lane markings referred to as sharrows.
- (d) Cycle tracks or separated bikeways (Class IV bikeways) promote active transportation and provide a right-of-way designated exclusively for bicycle travel adjacent to a roadway and which are separated from vehicular traffic. Types of separation include, but are not limited to, grade separation, flexible posts, inflexible physical barriers, or on-street parking.
- (10) Pedestrian Facilities as a term is not defined in Senate Bill 288. The Manual on Uniform Traffic Control Devices for Streets and Highways (MUTCD) is a national standard approved by the Federal Highway Administrator in accordance with Title 23 of the U.S. Code. In the MUTCD, **Pedestrian Facilities** is "a general term denoting improvements and provisions made to accommodate or encourage walking." This definition will be used by San Francisco Planning Department to determine if a project or project component includes a pedestrian facility and meets the eligibility criteria of SB288.



² U.S. Department of Transportation, Federal Highway Administration. 2009. *Manual on Uniform Traffic Control Devises for Streets and Highways*. See page 17. Online at https://mutcd.fhwa.dot.gov/pdfs/2009r1r2/mutcd2009r1r2edition.pdf. Accessed December 21, 2020



Date: November 15, 2022

To: Jennifer McKellar, San Francisco Planning Department

From: Julia Malmo-Laycock, San Francisco Municipal Transportation Agency (SFMTA)

Thru: Melinda Hue, SFMTA

RE: Franklin Street Ouick-Build Project

Case Number: 2022-009704ENV

The project sponsor, the San Francisco Municipal Transportation Agency (SFMTA), proposes to implement pedestrian safety improvements on Franklin Street, between Broadway and Lombard Street, as part of the Franklin Street Quick-Build Project (proposed project). The project is part of the Vision Zero quick-build initiative to quickly implement safety improvements to address pedestrian safety concerns from the community.

EXISTING CONDITIONS

The project area extends along Franklin Street between Broadway and Lombard Street in the Marina and Pacific Heights neighborhoods. Franklin Street is a northbound one-way road with a generally 49-foot-wide roadway and generally 9-foot-wide sidewalks on both sides of the street. There are three vehicle travel lanes heading northbound and residential permit parking on both sides of the street. All intersections are signalized. No Muni bus routes are located on the project corridor. Attachment A: Existing Plans shows the existing striping plans.

PROPOSED PROJECT

The proposed project would install pedestrian safety improvements along the corridor. This project would implement no right on red for northbound and westbound movements at the following intersections: Franklin Street and Broadway, Franklin and Green streets, and Franklin and Union streets. The no right turn on red restriction would reduce instances of vehicles blocking crosswalks, and potential conflicts between pedestrians and vehicles.

To further enhance safety for pedestrians, all intersection approaches along the project corridor would include advanced limit lines and continental crosswalks. All intersections, with the exception of Franklin and Union streets, and Franklin and Lombard streets, would include painted safety zones and daylighting red zones¹ at the southeast and southwest corners, and slow-turn wedges at the southwest and northeast corners to slow down turning vehicles and increase the visibility of people walking in the crosswalks. All intersection approaches, with the exception of Franklin and Lombard

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¹ Daylighting refers to the removal of 1-2 parking spaces at intersection approaches to improve visibility of pedestrians.

streets, would receive new 20-foot double-yellow centerlines to prevent vehicles from turning into the lane of oncoming cars or bikes. Attachment B: Proposed Plans show the proposed striping plans.

The proposed design would result in minimal changes to the number of on-street parking spaces on Franklin Street and on cross street approaches to Franklin. Overall, there would be a net reduction of approximately 6 residential permit parking spaces (RPP zones A and K) as part of the project to accommodate the painted safety zones and daylighting red zones.

CONSTRUCTION

Construction for this project would be led by SFMTA Field Shops. The Paint Shop would paint red zones, painted safety zones, crosswalks, and new centerlines. The Sign Shop would install delineator posts, traffic signs, and parking signs where necessary.

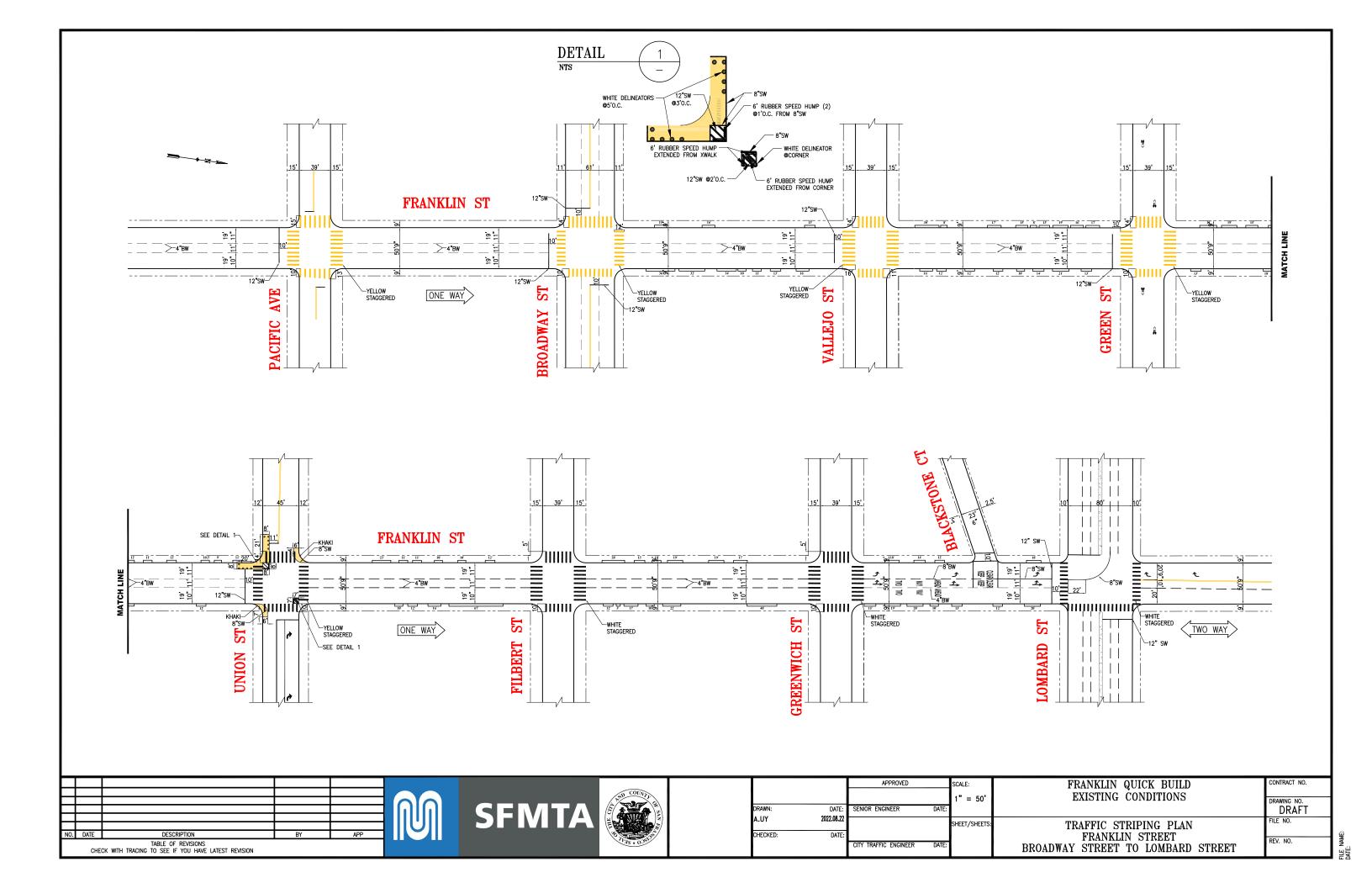
APPROVAL ACTION

The project would be approved by the City Traffic Engineer, and not at a noticed public hearing. Therefore, the Approval Action as defined by San Francisco. Administrative Code Chapter 31, Sections 31.04(h)(2) and 31.08(g) would be posting of the date of approval on the Planning Department website. The Approval Action starts the 30-day exemption appeal period.

ATTACHMENTS

Attachment A: Existing PlansAttachment B: Proposed Plans

Attachment A: Existing Plans



Attachment B: Proposed Plans

