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**SAN FRANCISCO
MUNICIPAL TRANSPORTATION AGENCY**

DIVISION: Sustainable Streets

BRIEF DESCRIPTION:

Accepting a gift of \$200,000 from CRP/Cypress Market Street, LLC to fund the planning and construction of various transit, pedestrian and bicycle safety improvements on Market Street, between 5th and 6th Streets and on 5th Street, between Market and Mission Streets.

SUMMARY:

- In November 2005, 949 Market Street Associates (949 Market Street) requested the approval of the City to develop a new, approximately 375,000-square-foot retail shopping center including a two-level, approximately 188-space parking garage (CityPlace) at the property located at 935-939, 941-945, and 947-965 Market Street, situated on the south side of Market Street between 5th and 6th Streets. The Planning Commission approved CityPlace in July 2010.
- In July 2010, the SFMTA Board of Directors adopted a resolution (Resolution 10-097) to accept a gift from 949 Market Street of \$200,000 for various transit, pedestrian and bicycle safety improvements. 949 Market Street did not develop CityPlace and never provided SFMTA with the gift.
- CRP/Cypress Market Street, LLC (CRP/Cypress) is the new developer of CityPlace. CRP/Cypress wishes to donate \$200,000 to the SFMTA to pay for the planning and construction of pedestrian, transit, and/or bicycle improvements on Market Street, between 5th and 6th Streets and on 5th Street, between Market and Mission Streets, so as to improve the public realm around the CityPlace project (Gift).

ENCLOSURES:

1. SFMTAB Resolution

APPROVALS:

DATE

DIRECTOR _____

10/29/13

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ASSIGNED SFMTAB CALENDAR DATE: November 5, 2013

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PURPOSE

This calendar item requests the SFMTA Board of Directors to accept a gift in the amount of \$200,000 from CRP/Cypress Market Street, LLC to fund the planning and construction of various transit, pedestrian and bicycle safety improvements.

GOAL

The project intends to fulfill the following goals and objectives of the SFMTA Strategic Plan:

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

DESCRIPTION

The area surrounding the intersection of 5th Street and Market Street in downtown San Francisco is a popular retail destination and serves as a vital node in the City's transportation network. Pedestrians shopping, eating and going to work in the area fill the sidewalks. Multiple transit lines serve the Market Street, Mission Street and 5th Street corridors. Market Street is one of the most heavily used bicycle routes in the City. High volumes of private automobiles and commercial vehicles access the various businesses and parking garages in the area. Due to these factors, and in light of the SFMTA's goal of continually improving the safety, accessibility and comfort of the public realm to encourage the use auto-alternative modes of transportation, the SFMTA has identified the area as needing pedestrian, bicycle and transit safety infrastructure investment. The SFMTA is therefore seeking funding sources to identify, prioritize, and implement these various street improvements.

In November 2005, 949 Market Street Associates, LLC (949 Market Street) requested the approval of the City to develop a new, approximately 375,000-square-foot retail shopping center including a two-level, approximately 188-space parking garage (CityPlace) at the property located at 935-939, 941-945, and 947-965 Market Street, situated on the south side of Market Street between 5th and 6th Streets. The City Planning Commission approved the CityPlace development in July 2010. At the time, 949 Market Street proposed to give the SFMTA a gift of \$200,000 to fund the planning and construction of various transit, pedestrian and bicycle safety improvements in the vicinity of CityPlace. Although the SFMTA Board of Directors approved a resolution accepting the gift, 949 Market Street did not develop the CityPlace project, nor did it provide the gift to the SFMTA.

CityPlace is now operated by a new developer, CRP/Cypress Market Street, LLC (CRP/Cypress), who has offered to make a \$200,000 donation to the SFMTA to pay for the planning and construction of pedestrian, transit, and/or bicycle improvements on Market Street, between 5th and 6th Streets and on 5th Street, between Market and Mission Streets, to improve the streetscape around the CityPlace project (Gift).

Potential Projects to be Studied:

SFMTA staff has identified the following potential pedestrian and bicycle safety improvement projects that will be further studied and prioritized as part of the planning process using the Gift. Others may be added for study based on feedback from the community.

- **Bike Racks:** Anchored to the sidewalk, bike racks could provide the riding public a convenient and secure place to lock their bikes while they patronize nearby businesses.
- **Bike-Share Pod:** The City is implementing a bike-sharing program in August 2013 where members use publicly owned bikes to make trips between destinations. The City could expand its pilot bike-share program with additional bikes and/or bike-share pods in the vicinity of Market and 5th Street.
- **Muni Boarding Island Enhancements:** For safety, a colored pavement treatment, additional pavement markings, and signage could be installed. In addition, landscaping could be added to each of the islands' approaches.
- **Bike Lane:** A southbound Class 2 bike lane could be added to on 5th Street.
- **Raised Crosswalk at Stevenson:** A raised crosswalk across Stevenson Street at 5th Street would improve safety for people walking in the area.
- **5th and Market Street Crosswalk Rehabilitation:** Repaving and restoring the existing crosswalk in kind. Like most Market Street crosswalks in the area, the crosswalks are textured brick colored concrete.

ALTERNATIVES CONSIDERED

The alternative of not accepting the Gift was considered. Without the Gift, SFMTA would not have sufficient funds to plan and construct pedestrian and bicycle safety improvements in the project area.

FUNDING IMPACT

Accepting the Gift will provide the necessary funding to complete planning and implementation of pedestrian and bicycle improvements that have no other identified funding source. Staff may also identify competitive grants or request sales tax funding to supplement the Gift in order to maximize this opportunity for improving the public realm.

OTHER APPROVALS RECEIVED OR STILL REQUIRED

The City Attorney's Office has reviewed this calendar item. No other approvals are needed.

RECOMMENDATION

Staff recommends that the SFMTA Board of Directors accept the Gift.

SAN FRANCISCO
MUNICIPAL TRANSPORTATION AGENCY
BOARD OF DIRECTORS

RESOLUTION No. _____

WHEREAS, The San Francisco Municipal Transportation Agency (SFMTA) is committed to improving the safety, accessibility and comfort of the public realm to encourage the use of auto-alternative modes of transportation; and,

WHEREAS, SFMTA staff has identified the area on Market Street, between 5th and 6th Streets and on 5th Street between Market and Mission Streets as needing a variety of pedestrian, bicycle and transit safety improvements; and,

WHEREAS, CRP/Cypress Market Street, LLC (Developer) has been approved to develop a new, approximately 375,000-square-foot retail shopping center including a two-level, approximately 188-space parking garage (CityPlace) at the property located at 935-939, 941-945, and 947-965 Market Street, situated on the south side of Market Street between 5th and 6th Streets; and,

WHEREAS, Developer recognizes the importance of Market Street as a major pedestrian, transit, and bicycle corridor and wishes to donate \$200,000 to the SFMTA to pay for the planning and construction of pedestrian, transit, and/or bicycle improvements on Market Street, between 5th and 6th Streets and on 5th Street, between Market and Mission Streets, so as to improve the public realm around the proposed CityPlace retail center; now, therefore, be it

RESOLVED, That the SFMTA Board of Directors accepts a gift in the amount of \$200,000 from CRP/Cypress Market Street, LLC to fund the planning and construction of various transit, pedestrian and bicycle safety improvements on Market Street, between 5th and 6th Streets and on 5th Street, between Market and Mission Streets.

I certify that the foregoing resolution was adopted by the San Francisco Municipal Transportation Agency Board of Directors at its meeting of November 5, 2013.

Secretary to the Board of Directors
San Francisco Municipal Transportation Agency