

SAN FRANCISCO
MUNICIPAL TRANSPORTATION AGENCY
BOARD OF DIRECTORS

RESOLUTION No. 210406-044

WHEREAS, On January 30, 2020, the World Health Organization declared the COVID-19 outbreak a public health emergency of international concern; on January 31, 2020, the U.S. Department of Health and Human Services declared a Public Health Emergency for the United States; and, on February 25, 2020, San Francisco Mayor London Breed, issued a Proclamation Declaring the Existence of a Local Emergency within the City in response to the pandemic (COVID-19 Emergency), and

WHEREAS, The Centers for Disease Control and Prevention (CDC) issued guidance to local and state jurisdictions and determined that the virus presents a serious public health threat, requiring coordination among state and local departments to ensure readiness for potential health threats associated with the virus; and

WHEREAS, The San Francisco Department of Public Health (DPH), the Department of Emergency Management, and other City partners have been working successfully to implement CDC guidelines, but now require additional tools and resources to protect the public health given the current state of the epidemic and the need for a sustained response; and

WHEREAS, On March 16, 2020, San Francisco's Health Officer issued a Public Health Order requiring that residents remain in place, with the only exception being for essential needs which significantly impacted San Francisco's multimodal transportation system, and required the SFMTA to reduce transit service per the COVID-19 Muni Core Service Plan, and on May 28, 2020, the Mayor released a plan and timeline, informed by the Economic Recovery Task Force, to safely reopen San Francisco; and

WHEREAS, The San Francisco Municipal Transportation Agency, in response to the COVID-19 Emergency and the City's reopening timeline, developed a Transportation Recovery Plan (TRP) that serves as a framework for temporary improvements to the multimodal transportation system; and

WHEREAS, The Slow Streets Program, a component of the TRP, would install temporary barricades and signage at designated intersections along specified corridors to provide additional space for socially distant essential travel and exercise; and

WHEREAS, The Slow Streets Program, a vital element in the TRP that supports overall recovery and ensures resilience of the city's transportation network, promotes non-automobile travel, and augments the rest of the city's transportation network and infrastructure; and

WHEREAS, The following corridors are proposed for closure to through traffic and for inclusion in the Slow Streets Program:

1. 12th Avenue from Lincoln Way to Noriega Street,
2. Hearst Avenue from Ridgewood Avenue to Baden Street,
3. Lapu Lapu/Rizal/Tandang Sora/Bonifacio/Mabini streets from Folsom Street to Harrison Street, and
4. Lyon Street from Turk Street to Haight Street, and

WHEREAS, The temporary improvements of the Slow Streets program shall include a thorough and transparent evaluation process to determine the effectiveness of the changes, including soliciting stakeholder feedback, collecting and analyzing safety and performance data, and posting evaluation results on the SFMTA website; and

WHEREAS, The proposed traffic modifications will be temporary in nature and will expire 120 days after the termination or expiration of the COVID-19 Emergency; and

WHEREAS, The proposed four Slow Streets is subject to the California Environmental Quality Act (CEQA); CEQA provides a statutory exemption from environmental review for emergency projects pursuant to Title 14 of the California Code of Regulations Section 15269; and

WHEREAS, On January 26, 2021, the Planning Department determined (Case Number 2021-000804ENV) that the proposed 9 Slow Streets corridors project is statutorily exempt from CEQA pursuant to Title 14 of the California Code of Regulations Section 15269; 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 at sfplanning.org or 49 South Van Ness Avenue, Suite 1400 in San Francisco, and is incorporated herein by reference; and

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

RESOLVED, That SFMTA Board of Directors approves the following corridors for closure to through traffic and for inclusion in the Slow Streets Program:

1. 12th Avenue from Lincoln Way to Noriega Street,
2. Hearst Avenue from Ridgewood Avenue to Baden Street,
3. Lapu Lapu/Rizal/Tandang Sora/Bonifacio/Mabini streets from Folsom Street to Harrison Street,
4. Lyon Street from Turk Street to Haight Street; and be it further

RESOLVED, That all actions approved herein, are to be in effect temporarily during the COVID-19 emergency referenced in the Proclamation of the Mayor Declaring the Existence of a

Local Emergency dated February 25, 2020 and shall expire 120 days after the termination or expiration of such proclamation; and be it further

RESOLVED, That SFMTA staff shall make a report to the SFMTA Board of Directors no later than 120 days after the conclusion of the COVID-19 Emergency, including evaluation findings and recommendations regarding the approved traffic modifications.

I certify that the foregoing resolution was adopted by the San Francisco Municipal Transportation Agency Board of Directors at its meeting of April 6, 2021.



Secretary to the Board of Directors
San Francisco Municipal Transportation Agency