

**THIS PRINT COVERS CALENDAR ITEM NO. : 10.4**

**SAN FRANCISCO  
MUNICIPAL TRANSPORTATION AGENCY**

**DIVISION:** Sustainable Streets

**BRIEF DESCRIPTION:**

Approving sidewalk widening and removal of seven parking spaces as part of the Visitation Valley Green Nodes project on Sunnydale Avenue at Rutland Street for bulbouts.

**SUMMARY:**

- As part of the Visitation Valley Green Nodes project, the San Francisco Public Utilities Commission (SFPUC) is proposing sidewalk widening for bulbouts at the intersection of Sunnydale Avenue and Rutland Street.
- The bulbouts are designed to accommodate bioretention planters, which would be used to manage and treat stormwater onsite.
- The bulbouts would also improve pedestrian safety by reducing the crossing distance at the intersection.
- The proposed bulbouts, which would require the removal of seven on-street parking spaces, were evaluated by the SFMTA and it was determined that these bulbouts have no significant impact to traffic or parking supply in the area.
- The proposed action is the Approval Action as defined by the S. F. Administrative Code Chapter 31.

**ENCLOSURES:**

1. SFMTAB Resolution

**APPROVALS:**

**DATE**

DIRECTOR \_\_\_\_\_ 3/10/15

SECRETARY \_\_\_\_\_ 3/10/15

**ASSIGNED SFMTAB CALENDAR DATE:** March 17, 2015

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### **PURPOSE**

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### **GOAL**

This action supports the following SFMTA Strategic Plan Goal and Objectives:

Goal 1 – Create a safer transportation experience for everyone, and

Goal 2 – Make transit, walking, bicycling, taxi, ridesharing and carsharing the preferred means of travel.

### **DESCRIPTION**

The SFPUC's Visitation Valley Green Nodes project proposes to implement green stormwater infrastructure within the Visitation Valley community. The project includes installing bulbouts with bioretention planters at Sunnydale Avenue and Rutland Street by removing seven on-street parking spaces.

These bulbouts would enhance pedestrian safety by shortening the street crossing distance and improving pedestrian visibility while removing stormwater from the combined sewer system.

The bulbouts consist of one large midblock bulbout on the south side of Sunnydale Avenue, and one large corner bulbout on the northwest corner of Sunnydale and Rutland. The bulbouts would remove a total of seven parking spaces.

The location was chosen based on a comprehensive process that included stormwater analysis, assessment of potential positive environmental and economic impacts, and consideration of public feedback.

The Sustainable Streets Division engineers analyzed the proposal and determined that the removal of seven parking spaces to install bulbouts on Sunnydale Avenue and Rutland Street would not affect traffic or parking supply in the area.

### **ALTERNATIVES CONSIDERED**

SFMTA staff considered installing a Sunnydale Mini-Plaza consisting of a total of five bulbouts at the intersection of Sunnydale and Rutland. This proposal was discarded due to budget, infrastructure and accessibility issues. Another alternative considered was to maintain the existing conditions. The existing conditions do not provide space to install the bioretention planters needed to treat stormwater in the area. Therefore, this alternative was also discarded.

### **PUBLIC OUTREACH**

The public has been notified about the proposed modifications and has been given the opportunity to comment on those modifications through community outreach and a public hearing that took place on November 14, 2014. During the community outreach phase, people

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were generally supportive of the project however a few expressed concern about people using the bulbouts as a place to congregate. We explained that because of the bioretention planters, there would not be adequate space. Nobody attended the public hearing to speak about this item.

### **FUNDING IMPACT**

The estimated cost to construct these bulbs is \$1.2 million. The SFPUC will provide all the funds to implement the project.

### **ITEMS FOR APPROVAL TO SUPPORT THE PROJECT**

- A. ESTABLISH – NO PARKING ANYTIME and ESTABLISH – SIDEWALK WIDENING - Sunnydale Avenue, north side, from Rutland Street to 61 feet westerly
- B. ESTABLISH – NO PARKING ANYTIME and ESTABLISH – SIDEWALK WIDENING - Sunnydale Avenue, south side, from 192 feet west of Peabody Street to 295 feet west of Peabody Street.

### **OTHER APPROVALS RECEIVED**

The proposed parking and traffic modifications are subject to environmental review under the California Environmental Quality Act (CEQA). On February 12, 2015, the San Francisco Planning Department determined that the proposed parking and traffic modifications are exempt from environmental review as a Class 1 (Existing Facilities) categorical exemption.

The San Francisco Planning Department's determination is on file with the Secretary to the SFMTA Board of Directors. The proposed action is the Approval Action as defined by the S. F. Administrative Code Chapter 31.

The City Attorney's Office has reviewed this calendar item.

### **RECOMMENDATION**

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SAN FRANCISCO  
MUNICIPAL TRANSPORTATION AGENCY  
BOARD OF DIRECTORS

RESOLUTION No. \_\_\_\_\_

WHEREAS, San Francisco Municipal Transportation Agency (SFMTA) staff have proposed parking modifications on Sunnydale Avenue at Rutland Street as follows:

- A. ESTABLISH – NO PARKING ANYTIME and ESTABLISH – SIDEWALK WIDENING - Sunnydale Avenue, north side, from Rutland Street to 61 feet westerly
- B. ESTABLISH – NO PARKING ANYTIME and ESTABLISH – SIDEWALK WIDENING - Sunnydale Avenue, south side, from 192 feet west of Peabody Street to 295 feet west of Peabody Street.

WHEREAS, The proposed modifications are subject to environmental review under the California Environmental Quality Act (CEQA); and,

WHEREAS, On February 12, 2015, the San Francisco Planning Department determined that the proposed parking and traffic modifications are exempt from environmental review as a Class 1 (Existing Facilities) categorical exemption; and,

WHEREAS, A copy of the determination is on file with the Secretary to the SFMTA Board of Directors and,

WHEREAS, The proposed action is the Approval Action as defined by the S. F. Administrative Code Chapter 31; and,

WHEREAS, The proposed modifications will remove parking to improve pedestrian safety; and,

WHEREAS, The public has been notified about the proposed modifications and has been given the opportunity to comment on those modifications through community outreach and the public hearing process; now, therefore, be it

RESOLVED, That the SFMTA Board of Directors approves the following parking modifications as part of the Visitation Valley Green Nodes project on Sunnydale Avenue at Rutland Street for bulbouts as follows:

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I certify that the foregoing resolution was adopted by the San Francisco Municipal Transportation Agency Board of Directors at its meeting of March 17, 2015.

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Secretary to the Board of Directors  
San Francisco Municipal Transportation Agency