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**SAN FRANCISCO
MUNICIPAL TRANSPORTATION AGENCY**

DIVISION: Sustainable Streets

BRIEF DESCRIPTION:

Approving various parking and traffic modifications to install transit islands and pedestrian bulb-outs at the South Van Ness Avenue and Mission intersection.

SUMMARY:

- The South Van Ness and Mission Intersection Improvements Project will improve pedestrian safety and reliability of transit service at the South Van Ness Avenue and Mission intersection.
- Intersection improvements include a transit boarding island on Otis Street west of South Van Ness Avenue, pedestrian bulb-outs on the west side and northeast corner, and crosswalk re-alignment through a modified median on the east side of the intersection.

ENCLOSURES:

1. SFMTAB Resolution
2. South Van Ness and Mission Intersection Improvements Categorical Exemption - <https://aca.accela.com/ccsf/Cap/CapDetail.aspx?Module=Planning&TabName=Planning&capID1=14CAP&capID2=00000&capID3=002HE&agencyCode=CCSF>

APPROVALS:

DATE

DIRECTOR _____ 9/8/15

SECRETARY _____ 9/8/15

ASSIGNED SFMTAB CALENDAR DATE: September 15, 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

Objective 1.1: Improve security for transportation system users.

Objective 1.3: Improve the safety of the transportation system.

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

Objective 2.1: Improve customer service and communications.

Objective 2.2: Improve transit performance.

Objective 2.3: Increase use of all non-private auto modes.

Goal 3: Improve the environment and quality of life in San Francisco

Objective 3.1: Reduce the Agency's and the transportation system's resource consumption, emissions, waste, and noise

Objective 3.2: Increase the transportation system's positive impact to the economy

Objective 3.3: Allocate capital resources effectively

Objective 3.4: Deliver services efficiently

Objective 3.5: Reduce capital and operating structural deficits

DESCRIPTION

The proposed parking changes and intersection improvements will increase reliability of Mission Street transit service and improve pedestrian safety at the intersection. Intersection improvements include a transit boarding island on Otis Street west of South Van Ness Avenue, pedestrian bulb-outs on the west side and northeast corner, and crosswalk re-alignment through a modified median on the east side of the intersection. The transit boarding island, consistent with the Muni Forward/Transit Effectiveness Project 14 Mission Travel Time Reduction Proposals (TTRP.14) toolkit elements, reduces the delay for a bus to get back into the traffic. The bulb-outs improve the pedestrian experience by reducing the crossing distance and providing additional sidewalk waiting space. The crosswalk re-alignment through the median provides a space for pedestrians to wait if they cannot complete the crossing in one stage. These improvements are located at the southern end of Van Ness Avenue and provide improved connections with the existing Muni transit network.

The SFMTA proposes the following parking and traffic modifications:

- A. ESTABLISH – TOW-AWAY NO STOPPING ANYTIME AND TRANSIT ISLAND - Otis Street, north side, from South Van Ness Avenue/12th Street to 165 feet westerly (existing bus zone and rescinds metered space #18)

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- B. ESTABLISH – NO PARKING ANYTIME - Otis Street, south side, from South Van Ness Avenue to 32 feet westerly (for a 10-foot wide bulb-out and rescinds metered space #1 and shifts space #3 westward); South Van Ness Avenue, east side, from Mission Street to 60 feet northerly (for a 6-foot wide bulb-out); 12th Street, south side, from 10 feet to 50 feet north of South Van Ness Avenue (rescinds meter spaces #82 and #84)

PUBLIC OUTREACH

The proposed improvements were presented at two community meetings on April 21, 2015 and May 30, 2015. Door-to-door outreach was performed on April 23, 2015 and May 6, 2015. Public hearing notices were posted on utility poles at the South Van Ness Avenue and Mission intersection and on the SFMTA public hearing webpage. On May 22, 2015, a SFMTA public hearing was held to discuss the parking and traffic changes.

No public comments were received about the proposed changes.

ALTERNATIVES CONSIDERED

One alternative is not to implement the proposed parking and traffic modifications, but this alternative does not improve transit performance, pedestrian comfort, or safety. As a result, SFMTA staff recommends pursuing the proposed transit and pedestrian improvements. The parking and traffic changes are the most appropriate to support the transit and pedestrian improvements discussed above.

FUNDING IMPACT

The total cost of this project is approximately \$2 million. Funds have been allocated or are scheduled for allocation from the SFMTA General Obligation Bond, Proposition K Sales Tax and development fees.

ENVIRONMENTAL REVIEW

On April 21, 2015, the Planning Department issued a Class 1(c) and Class 4 categorical exemption from the California Environmental Quality Act (CEQA) for the intersection improvements under Case No. 2014-002258 ENV. The improvements include the following measures:

1. Add bulb-out at the northeast corner of South Van Ness Avenue at Mission Street
2. Relocate median and create a pedestrian refuge island at the east edge of the South Van Ness Avenue and Mission Street intersection
3. Add bulb-out on the west side of the Otis Street and eastbound Mission Street intersection;
4. Add transit boarding island along the north side of westbound Otis Street.

The action proposed under this calendar item is an Approval Action as defined by Chapter 31 of the San Francisco Administrative Code.

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OTHER APPROVALS RECEIVED OR STILL REQUIRED

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

RECOMMENDATION

Approving various parking and traffic modifications to install transit islands and pedestrian bulb-outs at the South Van Ness Avenue and Mission intersection.

SAN FRANCISCO
MUNICIPAL TRANSPORTATION AGENCY
BOARD OF DIRECTORS

RESOLUTION No. _____

WHEREAS, The San Francisco Municipal Transportation Agency has received a request, or identified a need for parking and traffic modifications as follows:

- A. ESTABLISH – TOW-AWAY NO STOPPING ANYTIME AND TRANSIT ISLAND - Otis Street, north side, from South Van Ness Avenue/12th Street to 165 feet westerly (existing bus zone and rescinds metered space #18)
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WHEREAS, The San Francisco Planning Department determined that the proposed parking and traffic modifications as set forth in items A and B above are categorically exempt as Class 1(c) and 4 exemptions from the California Environmental Quality Act (CEQA) under Case No. 2014-002258 ENV on April 21, 2015; and,

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

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RESOLVED, That the San Francisco Municipal Transportation Agency Board of Directors approves the proposed parking and traffic modifications to install transit islands and pedestrian bulb-outs at the South Van Ness Avenue and Mission intersection as set forth in items A through B above.

I certify that the foregoing resolution was adopted by the San Francisco Municipal Transportation Agency Board of Directors at its meeting of September 15, 2015.

Secretary to the Board of Directors
San Francisco Municipal Transportation Agency