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**SAN FRANCISCO
MUNICIPAL TRANSPORTATION AGENCY**

DIVISION: Sustainable Streets

BRIEF DESCRIPTION:

Approve modifications to 14 blocks in Residential Permit Parking (RPP) Areas Q, P and S to change the parking time limit for vehicles without RPP permits from two hours to four hours.

SUMMARY:

- The SFMTA Board has authority to adopt parking and traffic regulations.
- The goal of RPP is to reduce the adverse effects of vehicle congestion, and restrict unlimited parking by non-residents while providing the opportunity for residents to park.
- Modifications to RPP Areas can be initiated by members of the public or SFMTA staff.
- The SFMTA Board approved the creation of RPP Area Q and directed staff to find a workable solution to meet the needs of non-residents who attend various community activities and events during weekdays.

ENCLOSURES:

1. SFMTAB Resolution
2. Proposal Area Map
3. Categorical Exemption (Case No. 2015-000397ENV) for SFMTA Order 5367 for Public Hearing 1/16/2015:

<https://aca.accela.com/ccsf/Cap/CapDetail.aspx?Module=Planning&TabName=Planning&capID1=15CAP&capID2=00000&capID3=000B1&agencyCode=CCSF>

APPROVALS:

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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 the security for transportation system users

Objective 1.3: Improve the safety of the transportation system

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

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

Objective 2.4: Improve parking utilization and manage parking demand

DESCRIPTION

On March 3, 2015, the SFMTA Board of Directors established new Residential Permit Parking (RPP) Area Q in the Alamo Square and North of the Panhandle area with two hour parking time limit restrictions for vehicles without RPP permits to park. At public hearings for this new RPP area and at the March 3rd SFMTA Board meeting many non-residents expressed opposition to the proposed two-hour time restriction. As a result, the SFMTA Board directed staff to continue to work with various stakeholders to find a workable solution to meet the needs of non-residents who attend various community activities and events in Area Q during weekdays.

On March 19th and June 17th, SFMTA parking staff met with stakeholders to discuss the parking needs of non-residents who attend various community activities and events in Area Q during weekdays.

In order to address the parking needs of non-residents who patronize local businesses, community centers and museums and attend various community activities and events, including faith-based community events in Area Q during weekdays, SFMTA evaluated several options. These options included:

Alternative Options	Positive Impact	Negative Impact
1. Increase the parking time limit for vehicles without RPP permits from two hours to four hours	Non-RPP permit vehicles parked less than four hours will not be cited.	Decreases effectiveness of RPP function; reduces need for residents to purchase RPP permits if they are willing to move their vehicles mid-day and allows commuters and other non-RPP vehicle owners to park for up to four hours.
2. Increase the parking time limit for vehicles without RPP permits from two hours to six hours	Non-RPP permit vehicles can be parked for six or more hours without citation.	Eliminates effectiveness of RPP; reduces available on-street parking for residents; reduces need for residents to purchase RPP; allows commuters and other users to park for up to six hours.
3. Change the parking regulations from RPP to four-hour parking for all vehicles.	Frees up parking for visitors, whether commuters, business patrons, service providers, residents or church-goers	Eliminates benefit of RPP for residents by forcing them to move their parked vehicles every four hours.
4. Eliminate RPP Area Q parking restrictions	Frees up parking for visitors, whether commuters, business patrons, service providers, or other persons.	Reduces parking turnover and availability for residents and visitors alike; creates a parking management “donut hole” that attracts and allows long-term free parking.
5. Install meters on non-commercial blocks.	Increases parking turnover and frees up parking for visitors, whether commuters, business patrons, service providers, or other persons.	Meters are not suitable in residential areas; increases the cost of on-street parking for residents and other users.
6. No change to RPP time limits	Improves resident access to on-street parking near their homes; allows free two-hour parking for all other users.	Requires visitors parking for more than two hours to move their vehicles.

While SFMTA believes that the best option is to keep the existing two-hour parking restrictions, the SFMTA is willing to accommodate the needs of non-residents who patronize businesses, local museums, community centers and attend various community activities and events in Area Q during weekdays by increasing the parking time restriction for vehicles without RPP permits from two hours to four hours on 14 blocks in Residential Permit Parking (RPP) Areas Q, P and S.

These particular 14 blocks were selected because they are near:

1. Senior care residences where visitors and medical service providers need to park for longer than two hours;
2. Community centers that host mid-week, day-time events and activities
3. Faith-based community facilities that host mid-week, day-time events and activities

Proposed Residential Permit Parking Modifications

Pursuant to the City’s Transportation Code, existing parking restriction hours for non-residents in a Residential Permit Parking area can be modified by the SFMTA Board in response to a petition submitted by members of the public, or based on the recommendation of SFMTA staff. The proposed Residential Permit Parking modifications are as follows:

- A. RESCIND – TWO-HOUR PARKING, 8 AM TO 9 PM, MONDAY THROUGH FRIDAY, EXCEPT VEHICLES WITH AREA S PERMITS - ESTABLISH – FOUR-HOUR PARKING, 8 AM TO 9 PM, MONDAY THROUGH FRIDAY, EXCEPT VEHICLES WITH AREA S PERMITS -Divisadero Street, west side, between Page and Haight Streets.
- B. RESCIND – TWO-HOUR PARKING, 8 AM TO 6 PM, MONDAY THROUGH FRIDAY, EXCEPT VEHICLES WITH AREA P OR AREA Q PERMITS - ESTABLISH – FOUR-HOUR PARKING, 8 AM TO 6 PM, MONDAY THROUGH FRIDAY, EXCEPT VEHICLES WITH AREA P OR AREA Q PERMITS - Fulton Street, north side, between Baker and Broderick Streets.
- C. RESCIND – TWO-HOUR PARKING, 8 AM TO 6 PM, MONDAY THROUGH FRIDAY, EXCEPT VEHICLES WITH AREA P PERMIT - ESTABLISH – FOUR-HOUR PARKING, 8 AM TO 6 PM, MONDAY THROUGH FRIDAY, EXCEPT VEHICLES WITH AREA P PERMIT - McAllister Street, both sides, between Divisadero and Broderick Streets.
- D. RESCIND – TWO-HOUR PARKING, 8 AM TO 6 PM, MONDAY THROUGH FRIDAY, EXCEPT VEHICLES WITH AREA Q PERMITS - ESTABLISH – FOUR-HOUR PARKING, 8 AM TO 6 PM, MONDAY THROUGH FRIDAY, EXCEPT VEHICLES WITH AREA Q PERMITS - Hayes Street, south side, between Central Avenue and Lyon Street; Lyon Street, west side, between Grove and Hayes Streets.
- E. RESCIND – TWO-HOUR PARKING, 9 AM TO 8 PM, MONDAY THROUGH FRIDAY, EXCEPT VEHICLES WITH AREA Q PERMITS - ESTABLISH – FOUR-HOUR PARKING, 9 AM TO 8 PM, MONDAY THROUGH FRIDAY, EXCEPT VEHICLES WITH AREA Q PERMITS - Steiner Street, west side, between Fell and Oak Streets; Page Street, both sides, between Pierce and Steiner Streets; Fell Street, north side, between Divisadero and Broderick Streets.
- F. RESCIND – TWO-HOUR PARKING, 9 AM TO 8 PM, MONDAY THROUGH FRIDAY, EXCEPT VEHICLES WITH AREA Q PERMITS - ESTABLISH – FOUR-HOUR PARKING, 9 AM TO 8 PM, MONDAY THROUGH FRIDAY, EXCEPT VEHICLES WITH AREA Q PERMITS - Golden Gate Avenue, both sides, between Pierce Street and Webster Street; McAllister Street, south side, between Pierce and Fillmore Streets; Fillmore Street, west side, between McAllister and Fulton Streets; Fulton Street, north side, between Webster and Fillmore Streets.

PUBLIC OUTREACH

SFMTA staff met with community members concerned about visitor parking in Area Q on four occasions. The first one was held on February 19th. At that meeting community members expressed their frustration and disappointment with the lack of flexibility in parking for visitors and with the SFMTA, and the neighborhood associations and neighbors who initiated the formation of RPP Area Q.

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SFMTA staff again met with community members on February 26th, 2015. The Director of SFMTA Parking Enforcement and the SFPD Captain of the Parkside Station made presentations about enforcing double-parking regulations and how to avoid being ticketed. Staff from Supervisor Breed's office offered to work with the community and the SFPD to create a brochure or flier with guidance on how to avoid receiving parking citations during large events.

SFMTA parking staff met with community members regarding Area Q on two additional occasions. On March 19th, SFMTA staff, met with community members for the purpose of collecting information about demand for on-street parking for weekday activities. On June 17th, SFMTA staff met with community members to again ask for information about mid-week parking demand.

On July 21st SFMTA staff updated the Area Q project website, posted notices in the neighborhood and sent an email to all interested persons about the July 31 public hearing. On July 22nd, Hoodline ran an article about the proposed parking time limit changes. Approximately 30 people attended the Public Hearing. Fifteen people spoke at the hearing. Several people expressed appreciation for SFMTA's outreach to the community and willingness to find a solution to their parking needs. However, they stated that this measure did not go far enough in addressing the needs of community center visitors, church goers, seniors and low income residents. They again asked the SFMTA to eliminate RPP parking restrictions in Area Q and find a way to exempt seniors and low income residents, citywide, from paying for the RPP permit fee.

In addition to testimony given at the public hearing, SFMTA received seven emails from residents of the area: five expressed opposition to the proposal and two provided neutral comments.

FUNDING IMPACT

The Residential Permit Parking program is operated on a cost-recovery basis. There will be no net fiscal impact.

ALTERNATIVES CONSIDERED

SFMTA staff evaluated several options to address the parking needs of non-residents who attend various community activities and events in Area Q during weekdays as discussed above.

While SFMTA believes that the best option is not to change the existing RPP parking time limits by maintaining the existing two-hour parking restriction for non-RPP permitted vehicles, the SFMTA is willing to accommodate the needs of non-residents who patronize businesses, local museums, community centers and attend various community activities and events in Area Q during weekdays by increasing the parking time restriction for vehicles without RPP permits from two hours to four hours.

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ENVIRONMENTAL REVIEW

The proposed traffic modifications are subject to environmental review under the California Environmental Quality Act (CEQA). On January 5, 2015, under the authority delegated by the Planning Department, SFMTA staff determined that the proposed residential parking permit area is categorically exempt from environmental review under Class 1(c)(9) since the proposed changes in traffic and parking regulations do not establish a higher speed limit or result in more than a negligible increase in the use of the street.

OTHER APPROVALS RECEIVED

None.

The City Attorney's Office has reviewed this report.

RECOMMENDATION

SFMTA staff recommends that the SFMTA Board approve modifications to 14 blocks in Residential Permit Parking (RPP) Areas Q, P and S to change the parking time limit for vehicles without RPP permits from two hours to four hours.

SAN FRANCISCO
MUNICIPAL TRANSPORTATION AGENCY
BOARD OF DIRECTORS

RESOLUTION No. _____

WHEREAS, The San Francisco Municipal Transportation Agency Board of Directors has authority to modify existing parking restriction hours for non-residents in a Residential Permit Parking area based on the recommendation of SFMTA staff; and,

WHEREAS, On March 3, 2015, the SFMTA Board established new Residential Permit Parking (RPP) Area Q in the Alamo Square and North of the Panhandle area with two hour parking time limit restrictions for vehicles without RPP permits to park; and,

WHEREAS, At various public hearings for this new RPP area prior to March 3rd and at the March 3rd SFMTA Board meeting, many non-residents expressed their opposition to the proposed two-hour time restriction; and,

WHEREAS, As a result, although the SFMTA Board approved the new RPP Area Q, the SFMTA Board also directed staff to continue to work with various stakeholders to find a workable solution to meet the needs of non-residents who attend various community activities and events in Area Q during weekdays; and,

WHEREAS, SFMTA parking staff met with various stakeholders to discuss the parking needs of non-residents who attend various community activities and events in Area Q during weekdays; and,

WHEREAS, The SFMTA is willing to accommodate the needs of non-residents who attend various community activities and events in Area Q during weekdays by increasing the parking time restriction for vehicles without RPP permits from two hours to four hours on 14 blocks in Residential Permit Parking (RPP) Areas Q, P and S; and,

WHEREAS, The San Francisco Municipal Transportation Agency proposes the following RPP parking time restriction modifications as follows:

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

WHEREAS, On January 5, 2015, under authority delegated by the Planning Department, SFMTA staff determined that the proposed residential parking permit area is categorically exempt from environmental review under Class 1(c)(9) since the proposed changes in traffic and parking regulations do not establish a higher speed limit or result in more than a negligible increase in the use of the street; 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; now, therefore, be it

RESOLVED, That the SFMTA Board of Directors approves modifications to 14 blocks in Residential Permit Parking (RPP) Areas Q, P and S, as set forth in items A-F above, to change the parking time limit for vehicles without RPP permits from two hours to four hours.

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

Enclosure 2

Location of block faces proposed for parking time limit changes from two-hour to four-hour

