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**SAN FRANCISCO
MUNICIPAL TRANSPORTATION AGENCY**

DIVISION: Streets

BRIEF DESCRIPTION:

Approving various routine parking and traffic modifications.



SUMMARY:

- The SFMTA Board of Directors has authority to adopt parking and traffic regulations changes.
- Taxis are not exempt from any of these regulations.
- The proposed parking and traffic modifications have been reviewed pursuant to the California Environmental Quality Act (CEQA).
- The proposed action is the Approval Action for Items B-C as defined by S.F. Administrative Code Chapter 31.
- Certain items listed below with a “#” are Final SFMTA Decisions as defined by Ordinance 127-18. Final SFMTA Decisions can be reviewed by the Board of Supervisors. Information about the review process can be found at: https://sfbos.org/sites/default/files/SFMTA_Action_Review_Info_Sheet.pdf

ENCLOSURES:

1. SFMTAB Resolution
2. Better Streets Plan Mitigated Negative Declaration
http://sfmea.sfplanning.org/2007.1238E_FMND.pdf
3. Better Streets Plan CEQA Findings, Planning Commission Resolution
https://sfplanning.s3.amazonaws.com/default/files/meetingarchive/planning_dept/sf-planning.org/ftp/files/Commission/cpcpackets/2007.1238emrtu.pdf
4. Better Streets Plan Mitigated Negative Declaration Shared Spaces Addendum
<https://citypln-m-extnl.sfgov.org/SharedLinks.aspx?accesskey=bc61363c7effb77e5715d781677a071ae265f0cdbf27c18bd9d91b3402e0900a&VaultGUID=A4A7DACD-B0DC-4322-BD29-F6F07103C6E0>

APPROVALS:

DIRECTOR 
SECRETARY 

DATE

October 11, 2023

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ASSIGNED SFMTAB CALENDAR DATE: October 17, 2023

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PURPOSE

To approve various routine parking and traffic modifications.

STRATEGIC PLAN GOALS AND TRANSIT FIRST POLICY PRINCIPLES:

4. Make streets safer for everyone.
5. Deliver reliable and equitable transportation services.
6. Eliminate pollution and greenhouse gas emissions by increasing use of transit, walking, and bicycling.

This action supports the following SFMTA Transit First Policy Principles:

1. To ensure quality of life and economic health in San Francisco, the primary objective of the transportation system must be the safe and efficient movement of people and goods.
2. Public transit, including taxis and vanpools, is an economically and environmentally sound alternative to transportation by individual automobiles. Within San Francisco, travel by public transit, by bicycle and on foot must be an attractive alternative to travel by private automobile.
3. Decisions regarding the use of limited public street and sidewalk space shall encourage the use of public rights of way by pedestrians, bicyclists, and public transit, and shall strive to reduce traffic and improve public health and safety.

ITEMS

The following item was considered at Interdepartmental Staff Committee on Traffic and Transportation (ISCOTT) public meeting on March 23, 2023

- A. ESTABLISH – SHARED SPACES ROAD CLOSURE – Hayes Street between Gough and Octavia streets, Saturday, October 21, 2023, through Saturday, October 19, 2024, 1 pm to 10 pm each Saturday (Requested by merchant’s association).

Modification A would grant a permit for a Shared Spaces Road Closure used to provide outdoor seating, dining, retail, and entertainment space for customers of nearby businesses, sponsored by the Hayes Valley Merchant’s Association

The following items were considered at Public Hearing on July 7, 2023

- B. ESTABLISH – NO RIGHT TURN, EXCEPT BICYCLES – Market Street, eastbound, at Church Street (Requested by SFMTA).

Modification B in conjunction with a planned No Right Turn Except Bicycles restriction for eastbound Market Street at Church Street, the proposed modification would clarify legislation for the existing bike lane that was previously implemented.

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The following items were considered at Public Hearing on September 1, 2023

- C. ESTABLISH - RESIDENTIAL PERMIT PARKING AREA I (Eligibility only, no signs) – 235 Valencia Street (Requested by residents).

Modification C would add RPP eligibility to the residents of 235 Valencia Street so they can purchase parking permits for their vehicle to park within RPP Area I.

ENVIRONMENTAL REVIEW

The proposed traffic and parking modifications are subject to the California Environmental Quality Act (CEQA). CEQA provides a categorical exemption from environmental review for operation, repair, maintenance, or minor alteration of existing highways and streets, sidewalks, gutters, bicycle and pedestrian trails, and similar facilities pursuant to Title 14 of the California Code of Regulations Section 15301.

The SFMTA, under authority delegated by the San Francisco Planning Department, has determined that the proposed parking and traffic modifications in Item B (Case No. 2023-005894ENV, June 26, 2023) and Item C (Case No. 2023-008880ENV, August 18, 2023) are categorically exempt from CEQA pursuant to Title 14 of the California Code of Regulations Section 15301.

The proposed action is the Approval Action for Items B-C as defined by San Francisco Administrative Code Chapter 31.

On April 19, 2021, the San Francisco Planning Department determined that the Shared Spaces Program (Case No. 2021-003010ENV), inclusive of Item A, is within the scope of the Better Streets Plan Final Mitigated Negative Declaration (FMND, Case No. 2007.1238E, September 17, 2010), and that the proposal would not require the preparation of a subsequent negative declaration under CEQA Guidelines section 15162. On October 28, 2010, the Planning Commission in Resolution No. 18211, adopted findings under the California Environmental Quality Act (CEQA), the CEQA Guidelines, and Chapter 31 of the Administrative Code (CEQA Findings), and a Mitigation Monitoring and Reporting Program (MMRP), associated with the Better Streets Plan.

Copies of the CEQA determination are on file with the Secretary to the SFMTA Board of Directors, and may be found in the records of the Planning Department by Case Number at <https://sfplanninggis.org/pim/> or 49 South Van Ness Avenue, Suite 1400 in San Francisco, and are incorporated herein by reference.

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 – SHARED SPACES ROAD CLOSURE – Hayes Street between Gough and Octavia streets, Saturday, October 21, 2023, through Saturday, October 19, 2024, 1 pm to 10 pm each Saturday.
- B. ESTABLISH – NO RIGHT TURN, EXCEPT BICYCLES – Market Street, eastbound, at Church Street.
- C. ESTABLISH - RESIDENTIAL PERMIT PARKING AREA I – 235 Valencia Street, and,

WHEREAS, The proposed traffic and parking modifications are subject to the California Environmental Quality Act (CEQA); CEQA provides a categorical exemption from environmental review for operation, repair, maintenance, or minor alteration of existing highways and streets, sidewalks, gutters, bicycle and pedestrian trails, and similar facilities pursuant to Title 14 of the California Code of Regulations Section 15301; and,

WHEREAS, The SFMTA, under authority delegated by the San Francisco Planning Department, has determined that the proposed parking and traffic modifications in Item B (Case No. 2023-005894ENV, June 26, 2023) and Item C (Case No. 2023-008880ENV, August 18, 2023) are categorically exempt from CEQA pursuant to Title 14 of the California Code of Regulations Section 15301; and,

WHEREAS, The proposed action is the Approval Action for Items B-C as defined by San Francisco Administrative Code Chapter 31; and,

WHEREAS, On September 17, 2010, the San Francisco Planning Department published the Better Streets Plan Final Mitigated Negative Declaration (Better Streets Plan FMND, Case No. 2007.1238E), and under the California Environmental Quality Act (CEQA), the CEQA Guidelines, and Chapter 31 of the Administrative Code—the San Francisco Planning Commission adopted CEQA Findings, a Mitigation Monitoring and Reporting Program (MMRP) on October 28, 2010 under Motion 18211; and,

WHEREAS, On April 19, 2021, the San Francisco Planning Department determined that the Shared Spaces Program (Case No. 2021-003010ENV), inclusive of Item A, is within the scope of the Better Streets Plan FMND and that it would not require the preparation of a subsequent negative declaration under CEQA Guidelines Sections 15162; and,

WHEREAS, The SFMTA Board of Directors has reviewed the Better Streets Plan Final Mitigated Negative Declaration (FMND) and Addendum and finds that since adoption of the

FMND, no changes have occurred in the proposed project or in the circumstances under which the project would be implemented that would cause new significant impacts or a substantial increase in the severity of impacts identified and analyzed in the FMND, and that no new information has emerged that would materially change the analysis or conclusions set forth in the FMND; The actions approved herein would not necessitate implementation or additional or considerably different mitigation measures that those identified in the FMND; and,

WHEREAS, Copies of the CEQA determinations are on file with the Secretary to the SFMTA Board of Directors, and may be found in the records of the Planning Department by Case Number at <https://sfplanninggis.org/pim/> or 49 South Van Ness Avenue, Suite 1400 in San Francisco, and are incorporated herein by reference; 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, The SFMTA Board of Directors adopts these CEQA findings as its own; a copy of the Planning Commission Resolution, the CEQA findings, and the CEQA determinations are on file with the Secretary to the SFMTA Board of Directors, and may be found in the records of the Planning Department at <https://sfplanning.org/> and 49 South Van Ness Avenue, Suite 1400 in San Francisco, and is incorporated herein by reference; and, be it further

RESOLVED, That the San Francisco Municipal Transportation Agency Board of Directors, upon recommendation of the Director of Transportation and the Director of the Streets Division approves the changes.

I certify that the foregoing resolution was adopted by the San Francisco Municipal Transportation Agency Board of Directors at its meeting of October 17, 2023.

Secretary to the Board of Directors
San Francisco Municipal Transportation Agency