

**SAN FRANCISCO
MUNICIPAL TRANSPORTATION AGENCY**

DIVISION: Sustainable Streets

BRIEF DESCRIPTION:

Amending Transportation Code Division II, Section 601 to permanently designate a cable car only lane on eastbound California Street from Powell Street to Grant Avenue.

SUMMARY:


- On April 18, 2017, the SFMTA Board of Directors adopted Resolution No. 170418-045 establishing a cable car only lane on eastbound California Street from Powell Street to Grant Avenue which included an expiration date of June 4, 2017, which was in error.
- The proposed amendment to the Transportation Code will permanently establish a cable car only lane on eastbound California Street from Powell Street to Grant Avenue to keep the trackway clear and improve cable car safety. Only cable cars, other Muni vehicles, and emergency vehicles will be permitted to operate in the lane.
- The proposed action is the Approval Action as defined by the S. F. Administrative Code Chapter 31.

ENCLOSURES:

1. SFMTAB Resolution
2. Transportation Code Division II Amendment
3. Cable Car Safety Map 2011-2016
4. Existing and Proposed Conditions

APPROVALS:

DIRECTOR _____ 

SECRETARY _____ 

DATE

7/11/2017

7/11/2017

ASSIGNED SFMTAB CALENDAR DATE: July 18, 2017

PURPOSE

Amending Transportation Code Division II, Section 601 to permanently designate a cable car only lane on eastbound California Street from Powell Street to Grant Avenue.

STRATEGIC PLAN GOALS AND TRANSIT FIRST POLICY PRINCIPLES

This action supports the Vision Zero Policy goal to eliminate traffic fatalities and the following SFMTA Strategic Plan Goals and Objectives:

- Goal 1: Create a safer transportation experience for everyone
 - 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 2.2: 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 3.4: Deliver services efficiently.

This action also supports the following sections of the Transit-First Policy:

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.

DESCRIPTION

On April 18, 2017, SFMTA Board of Directors amended the Transportation Code through Resolution No. 170418-045 to establish a Cable Car Only Lane on California Street, eastbound, but this amendment erroneously included an expiration date of June 4, 2017. The proposed Transportation Code amendment corrects this error.

SFMTA staff recommends amending the Transportation Code, Division II, Section 601 to permanently designate a cable car only lane on California Street, eastbound, between Powell Street and Grant Avenue.

Specifically the SFMTA proposes the following parking and traffic modifications:

- A. ESTABLISH – CABLE CAR ONLY LANE - California Street, eastbound, from Powell Street to Grant Avenue

STAKEHOLDER ENGAGEMENT

The SFMTA sent mailed notifications to about 350 residents and property owners in the project area in February 2017. SFMTA staff made minor design adjustments to the project to address concerns shared by two residents about ongoing construction at 875 California Street. SFMTA staff also met with the Ritz-Carlton Hotel and made minor design adjustments to the project to ensure the hotel’s driveway and loading dock were not impacted.

There was no public feedback at an SFMTA public hearing on March 3, 2017, or at the SFMTA Board of Directors meeting on April 18, 2017.

ALTERNATIVES CONSIDERED

The project team explored adjusting the traffic signal timing to provide downhill cable cars a head start over traffic, ensuring that the cable car would not be cut off by left turning vehicles. This plan was determined to cause more delay to both the cable cars and general traffic than the preferred alternative of reserving the left lane for the use of cable cars only.

FUNDING IMPACT

The total cost of this project is \$50,000. Capital funds for this project are from the SFMTA’s FY17 operating budget.

ENVIRONMENTAL REVIEW

The proposed parking and traffic 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 as defined in Title 14 of the California Code of Regulations Section 15301.

On March 6, 2017, the San Francisco Planning Department determined (Case Number 2017-002107ENV) that the proposed parking and traffic modifications on California Street are categorically exempt from CEQA as defined in Title 14 of the California Code of Regulations Section 15301. 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 1650 Mission Street in San Francisco, and is incorporated herein by reference.

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

OTHER APPROVALS RECEIVED OR STILL REQUIRED

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

RECOMMENDATION

SFMTA staff recommends that the SFMTA Board of Directors amend Transportation Code Division II, Section 601 to permanently designate a cable car only lane on eastbound California Street from Powell Street to Grant Avenue.

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WHEREAS, The City adopted the Vision Zero Policy in February 2014 which aims to eliminate all traffic fatalities by 2024; and,

WHEREAS, The San Francisco Municipal Transportation Agency have developed the California Street Cable Car Lane Project to support the City's Vision Zero Policy; and,

WHEREAS, SFMTA staff have proposed traffic modifications as part of the California Street Cable Car Lane Project, a Vision Zero supporting project, as follows:

- A. ESTABLISH – CABLE CAR ONLY LANE - California Street, eastbound, from Powell Street to Grant Avenue

WHEREAS, The proposed parking and traffic 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 as defined in Title 14 of the California Code of Regulations Section 15301; and

WHEREAS, On March 6, 2017, the Planning Department determined that the proposed parking and traffic modifications are categorically exempt from CEQA as defined in Title 14 of the California Code of Regulations Section 15301; 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 determinations is on file with the Secretary to the SFMTA Board of Directors, and may be found in the records of the Planning Department at 1650 Mission Street in San Francisco, and is incorporated herein by reference; and,

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

RESOLVED, That the SFMTA Board of Directors amends Transportation Code, Division II, Section 601 to designate a cable car only lane on eastbound California Street from Powell Street to Grant Avenue, and, be it further

RESOLVED, That the San Francisco Municipal Transportation Agency Board of Directors approves these traffic modifications as set forth in item A above to implement the California Street Cable Car Lane Project.

I certify that the foregoing resolution was adopted by the San Francisco Municipal Transportation Agency Board of Directors at its meeting of July 18, 2017.

Secretary to the Board of Directors
San Francisco Municipal Transportation Agency

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[Transportation Code – California Street Cable Car Lane]

Resolution amending the Transportation Code to clarify designation of a cable car only lane eastbound on California Street between Powell Street and Grant Avenue.

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deletions are ~~strike-through Times New Roman~~.

The Municipal Transportation Agency Board of Directors of the City and County of San Francisco enacts the following regulations:

Section 1. Article 600 of Division II of the Transportation Code is hereby amended by revising Section 601, to read as follows:

SEC. 601. DESIGNATED TRANSIT-ONLY AREAS.

(a) The locations listed in this Section 601 are designated as Transit-only Areas. Any vehicle operating within a Transit-only Area during times that the Transit-only Area is enforced is in violation of Transportation Code, Division I, Section 7.2.72 (Driving in Transit-only Area).

(1) **Cable Car Lanes on Powell Street Between California Street and Sutter Street.** Except as to cable cars, Municipal Railway vehicles, and authorized emergency vehicles, no vehicle may operate within, over, upon or across the cable car lanes, or make any left or U-turn on the exclusive cable car lanes on Powell Street between California and Sutter Streets except to pass a disabled vehicle.

(2) **Cable Car Lanes on California Street (Eastbound) Between Powell Street and Grant Avenue.** Except as to cable cars, Municipal Railway vehicles, and authorized emergency vehicles, no vehicle may operate within, over, upon, or across the cable car lanes, or make any left or U-turn on the exclusive cable car lanes on California Street, eastbound, between Powell Street and Grant Avenue except to pass a disabled vehicle.

(3) **West Portal Avenue Between 15th Avenue and Sloat Boulevard.** Except as to streetcars and Municipal Railway vehicles, no vehicle may operate within Transit-only Areas on West Portal Avenue between 15th Avenue and Sloat Boulevard.

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(4) **Exclusive Commercial Vehicle/ Transit Area on Sansome Street.**

Except as to buses, taxis, authorized emergency vehicles, bicycles, and commercial vehicles, no vehicle may operate within the Transit-only Area running southbound on Sansome Street between Washington Street and Bush Street between the hours of 7AM – 8PM seven days a week.

(4~~5~~) **Exclusive Commercial Vehicle/Transit Area on Sansome Street.**

Except as to buses, authorized emergency vehicles, and commercial vehicles, no vehicle may operate within the Transit-only Area running southbound on Sansome Street between Broadway and Washington Street between the hours of 6AM – 8PM seven days a week.

(6) **Judah Street, from 9th Avenue to 20th Avenue.** Except as to

streetcars and Municipal Railway vehicles, no vehicle may operate within Transit-only Areas on Judah Street from 9th Avenue to 20th Avenue.

(7) **Van Ness Avenue, from Filbert Street to Market Street.** Except as to

Municipal Railway and Golden Gate Transit vehicles and authorized emergency vehicles, no vehicle may operate within the Transit-only Areas on Van Ness Avenue from Filbert Street to Market Street.

(8) **Van Ness Avenue, from Filbert Street to Lombard Street.** Except as

to Municipal Railway and Golden Gate Transit vehicles and authorized emergency vehicles, no vehicle may operate within the Transit-only Areas on Van Ness Avenue from Filbert Street to Lombard Street southbound.

(9) **Van Ness Avenue, from Chestnut Street to 150 Feet North of Bay**

Street. Except as to Municipal Railway and Golden Gate Transit vehicles and authorized emergency vehicles, no vehicle may operate within the Transit-only Areas on Van Ness Avenue from Chestnut Street to 150 feet north of Bay Street northbound.

(10) **Van Ness Avenue, from North Point Street to Chestnut Street.**

Except as to Municipal Railway and Golden Gate Transit vehicles and authorized emergency vehicles, no vehicle may operate within the Transit-only Areas on Van Ness Avenue from North Point Street to Chestnut Street southbound.

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(11) **South Van Ness Avenue, from Market Street to Mission Street.**

Except as to Municipal Railway and Golden Gate Transit vehicles and authorized emergency vehicles, no vehicle may operate within the Transit-only Areas on South Van Ness Avenue from Market Street to Mission Street.

(12) **Pine Street, from Market Street to Battery Street and from Sansome Street to Montgomery Street.** Except as to buses, vehicles preparing to make a turn, vehicles entering into or exiting from a stopped position at the curb, and vehicles entering into or exiting from a driveway, and authorized emergency vehicles, no vehicle may operate within the Transit-only Areas on Pine Street from Market Street to Battery Street and from Sansome Street to Montgomery Street westbound between the hours of 3PM – 7PM Monday to Friday.

(13) **Jefferson Street, from Powell Street to Taylor Street and Jefferson Street from Jones Street to a point 150 feet west of Taylor Street.** Except as to streetcars and Municipal Railway vehicles, vehicles preparing to make a turn, vehicles entering into or exiting from a stopped position at the curb, and vehicles entering into or exiting from a driveway, no vehicle may operate within the Transit-only Areas on Jefferson Street from Powell Street to Taylor Street, and from Jones Street to a point 150 feet west of Taylor Street in the westbound direction.

(14) **Jones Street, from Jefferson Street to Beach Street.** Except as to streetcars and Municipal Railway vehicles, no vehicle may operate within the Transit-only Areas on Jones Street from Jefferson Street to Beach Street in the southbound direction.

(15) **Beach Street, from Jones Street to Grant Avenue.** Except as to streetcars and Municipal Railway vehicles, vehicles preparing to make a turn, vehicles entering into or exiting from a stopped position at the curb, and vehicles entering into or exiting from a driveway, no vehicle may operate within the Transit-only Areas on Beach Street from Jones Street to Grant Avenue in the eastbound direction.

(16) **Duboce Avenue, from Church Street to Fillmore Street.** Except as to streetcars and Municipal Railway vehicles and bicycles, no vehicle may operate within the

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Transit-only Areas on Duboce Avenue from Church Street to Fillmore Street in the westbound direction.

(17) **McAllister Street, from Hyde Street to Charles J Brenham Place.**

Except as to buses, taxis, authorized emergency vehicles, bicycles, and commercial vehicles, no vehicle may operate within the Transit-only Areas on McAllister Street from Hyde Street to Charles J Brenham Place in the eastbound direction.

(18) **Haight Street, from Buchanan Street to Market Street.** Except as to

Municipal Railway vehicles, no vehicle may operate within the Transit-only Areas on Haight Street from Buchanan Street to Market Street in the eastbound direction.

(19) **Phelan Loop, near the intersection of Phelan Avenue and Ocean**

Avenue. Except as to Municipal Railway vehicles, no vehicle may operate within the Transit-only Areas on Phelan Loop.

(20) **Lincoln Way, from 20th Avenue to 19th Avenue.** Except as to

Municipal Railway vehicles, no vehicle may operate within the Transit-only Areas on Lincoln Way from 20th Avenue to 19th Avenue in the eastbound direction.

(~~7~~21) **Other Transit-Only Areas.** Except for buses, taxicabs, vehicles

preparing to make a turn, vehicles entering into or existing from a stopped position at the curb, and vehicles entering into or exiting from a driveway, no vehicle may operate in the following Transit-only Areas during the times indicated:

Hours of Operation	Street	From	To
All Times	1st St.	Market St.	Howard St.
	3rd St.	Townsend St.	Market St.
	4th St.	Market St.	Howard St.
	16th St. (Westbound)	Third St.	Church St.
	16th St. (Eastbound)	Bryant St.	Potrero Ave.
	16th St. (Eastbound)	Vermont St.	Third St.
	Bush St. (Eastbound)	151 feet east of Sansome St.	Battery St.
	Church St.	16th St.	Duboce Ave.
	Clay St.	Sansome St.	Davis St.
	Fremont St.	Mission St.	Market St.
	Fremont St.	Harrison St.	Folsom St.

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	(Northbound)		
	Geary St.	Market St.	Gough St.
	Geary St.	Mason St.	Gough St.
	Geneva Ave. (Outbound)	Delano Ave.	280 Freeway Overpass
	Judah St.	20th Ave.	La Playa St.
	Market St. (Eastbound)	12th St.	3rd St.
	Market St. (Westbound)	So. Van Ness Ave.	3rd St.
	Mission St. (Northbound)	Randall St.	Cesar Chavez St.
	Mission St. (Westbound)	11th St.	South Van Ness Ave.
	Mission St. (Southbound)	Duboce Ave.	Randall St.
	O'Farrell St.	Franklin St.	Powell St.
	Otis St. (Outbound)	South Van Ness Ave.	Duboce Ave.
	Post St.	Gough St.	Grant St.
	Potrero Ave. (Southbound)	25th St.	18th St.
	Starr King Way	Gough St.	Franklin St.
	Stockton St.	Bush St.	Geary St.
	Sutter St.	Gough St.	Kearny St.
	Taraval St. (Eastbound)	46th Ave.	17th Ave.
	Taraval St. (Westbound)	15th Ave.	46th Ave.
6:00 AM – 10:00 AM Monday - Friday	Bush St. (Eastbound)	Montgomery St.	Sansome St.
	Bush St. (Eastbound)	Sansome St.	151 Feet Easterly
7:00 AM – 9:00 AM Monday – Friday	Mission St. (Eastbound)	11th St.	5th St.
	Clay St. (Eastbound)	Grant St.	Kearny St.
	Sacramento St. (Westbound)	Kearny St.	Grant St.
7:00 AM-7:00 PM, Monday-Friday	Sacramento St.	Drumm St.	Kearny St.
7:00 AM-7:00 PM	Stockton St.	Geary St.	O'Farrell St.

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Everyday			
7:00 AM-6:00 PM, Monday-Friday	Mission St. (Eastbound)	5th St.	Beale St.
	Mission St. (Westbound)	Main St.	4th St.
7:00 AM-9:00 PM, Monday-Friday	Clay St.	Powell St.	Battery St.
3:00 PM – 8:00 PM Monday – Friday	Bush St. (Eastbound)	Montgomery St.	Sansome St.
3:30 PM – 7:00 PM Monday – Friday	Sacramento St. (Westbound)	Kearny St.	Larkin St.
4:00 PM-6:00 PM, Monday-Friday	Mission St. (Eastbound)	11th St.	5th St.
	Mission St. (Westbound)	4th St.	11th St.
3:00 PM-6:00 PM, Monday-Friday	Sutter St.	Sansome St.	Kearny St.
	Clay St. (Eastbound)	Kearny St.	Grant Ave.
3:00 PM-7:00 PM, Monday-Friday	4th St.	Howard St.	Clementina
	Bush St. (Eastbound)	Sansome St.	151 feet Easterly

Section 2. Subsection (a)(2) to Section 601 of the Transportation Code was initially added to Section 601 in SFMTA Board Resolution 170418-045, enacted on April 18, 2017. That ordinance erroneously stated that subsection (a)(2) would expire by operation of law on June 4, 2017. The purpose of this ordinance, which effectively reenacts subsection (a)(2), is to clarify that subsection (a)(2) is and remains operative as a matter of law.

Section 3. Effective Date. This ordinance shall become effective 31 days after enactment. Enactment occurs when the San Francisco Municipal Transportation Agency Board of Directors approves this ordinance.

Section 4. Scope of Ordinance. In enacting this ordinance, the San Francisco Municipal Transportation Agency Board of Directors intends to amend only those words, phrases, paragraphs, subsections, sections, articles, numbers, letters, punctuation marks, charts, diagrams, or any other constituent parts of the Transportation Code that are explicitly

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shown in this ordinance as additions or deletions in accordance with the "Note" that appears under the official title of the ordinance.

APPROVED AS TO FORM:
DENNIS J. HERRERA, City Attorney

By: _____
JOHN I. KENNEDY
Deputy City Attorney

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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 July 18, 2017.

Secretary to the Board of Directors
San Francisco Municipal Transportation Agency

Enclosure 3: Cable Car Safety Map 2011-2016

Cable Car Safety

2011-2016

Created December 2016

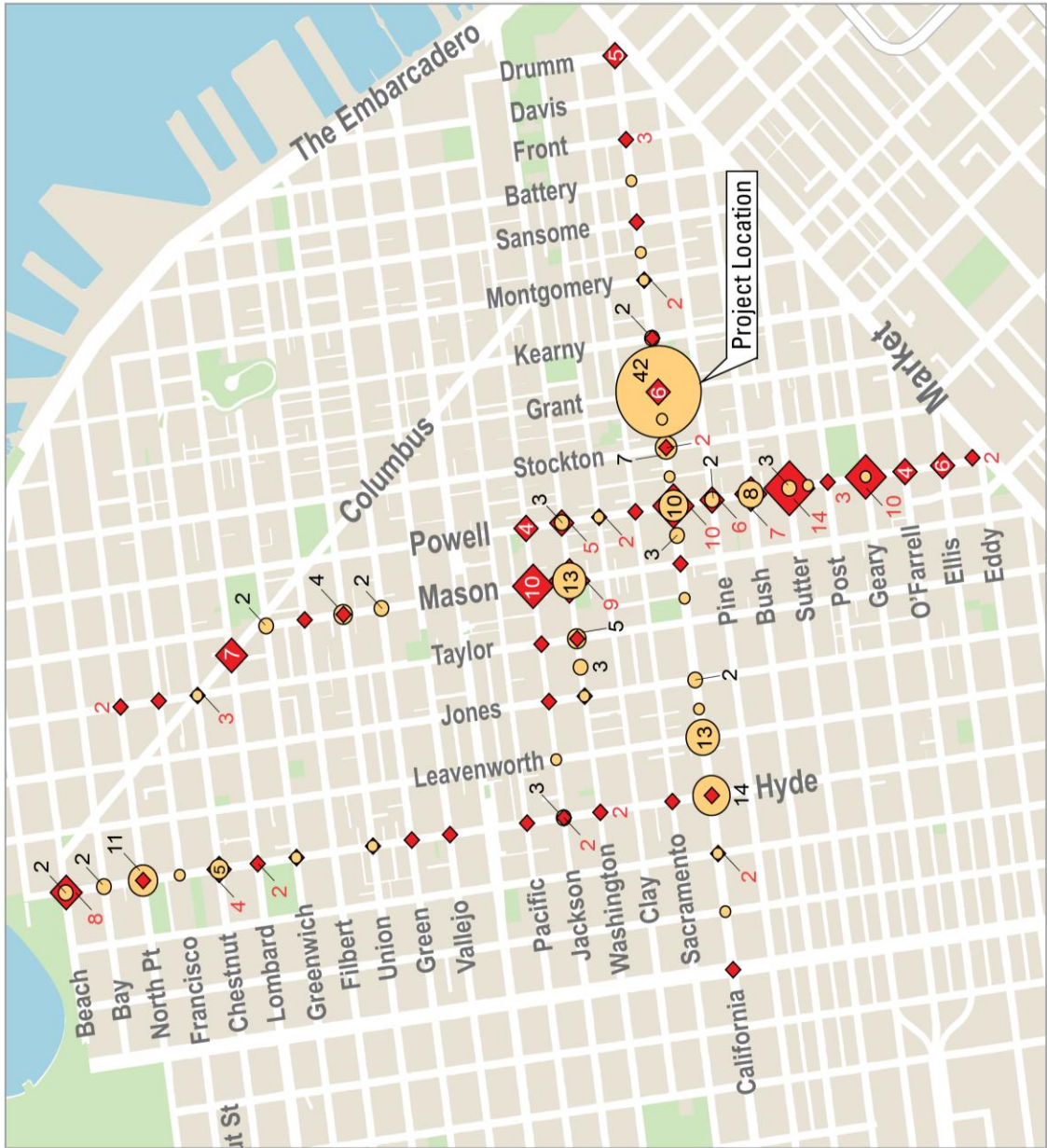
This map shows a five-year history of collisions and near-misses (slot-blades).

The size of the icon is relative to the number of events in the past five years. An icon with no number associated with it symbolizes one event in the past five years.

LEGEND

 Collision (number of events in red or white)

 Slot-Blade Event (number of events in black)



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For reference contact: Dan.Howard@sfmta.com

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Enclosure 4: Existing and Proposed Conditions

