Notice of Exemption

Approval Date: April 18, 2017
Case No.: 2017-001180ENV
Project Title: SFMTA – 13th Street Eastbound Bicycle Facility Project
Location: 13th Street between South Van Ness Avenue and Bryant Street
Zoning: N/A
Block/Lot: N/A
Lot Size: N/A
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Pursuant to the California Environmental Quality Act (CEQA), the Guidelines of the Secretary for Resources, and San Francisco requirements, this Notice of Exemption is transmitted to you for filing. At the end of the posting period, please return this Notice to the Staff Contact with a notation of the period it was posted.

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PROJECT DESCRIPTION:

The San Francisco Municipal Transportation Agency (SFMTA) is the project sponsor of the 13th Street Eastbound Bicycle Facility Project. The project would include the installation of a new bicycle facility on eastbound 13th Street, between South Van Ness Avenue and Bryant Street. Currently, there are no existing bicycle facilities along eastbound 13th Street; the westbound direction of 13th Street between Folsom Street and Bryant Street has an existing Class IV bikeway (parking-protected bike lane).

The project would generally remove one travel lane along eastbound 13th Street to accommodate the bicycle lane. The project would also relocate and remove existing on-street parking, restrripe portions of the street (i.e., lane marking changes), change the color of curbs, install signs within the project limits, and install painted bicycle boxes at the intersections of Folsom Street/13th Street, Harrison Street/13th Street, and Bryant Street/13th Street.

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The project would not involve any changes to the existing westbound lanes along 13th Street. The project would include changes to the eastbound lanes along 13th Street. Between Harrison Street and Bryant Street, the proposed project would include two phases. In Phase I, on the segment between Harrison Street and Bryant Street, the project would result in a mid-block eastbound cross-section of (parentheses indicate change to existing conditions): a 10-footwide left turn lane (new), a 10-foot-wide mixed-flow travel lane (no change in width), an 8-foot-wide parking lane (relocated), a 5-foot-wide painted buffer (new), and a 7-foot-wide bicycle lane (new). In Phase II, on the segment between Harrison Street and Bryant Street, the project would result in a mid-block eastbound cross-section of (parentheses indicate change to Phase I conditions): two 10-foot-wide left turn lanes (no change in width), a 10-foot-wide mixed-flow travel lane (no change in width), and a 20-foot-wide through/right travel lane (new).

No excavation is required. Project construction, which includes painting and sign installation, is anticipated to last approximately 60 days. A subsequent phase which includes similar construction activities is anticipated to last approximately 30 days. The proposed project is intended to help meet the City's adopted Vision Zero policy which seeks to eliminate all traffic-related fatalities by 2024.

DETERMINATION:

The City and County of San Francisco decided to carry out or approve the project on April 18, 2017. The project was subject to internal review by SFMTA staff, a recommendation for approval by Transportation Advisory Staff Committee, Public Hearing with an SFMTA Hearing Officer, and finally approval by SFMTA Board. SFMTA will carry out the project. A copy of the document(s) may be examined at 1650 Mission Street, Suite 400, San Francisco, CA, 94103 in file no. 2017-001180ENV.

1. An Exemption from Environmental Review has been prepared pursuant to the provisions of CEQA under [CHECK ONE]:
   ___Ministerial (Sec. 21080(b)(1); 15268)
   ___Declared Emergency (Sec. 21080(b)(3); 15269(a))
   ___Emergency Project (Sec. 21080(b)(4); 15269(b)(c))
   ___Categorical Exemption. State type and section number: Class 1 (Section 15301) and Class 4 (Section 15304).
   ___Statutory Exemption. State code number: ______
   ___Community Plan Exemption (Sec. 21083.3; 15183)

2. This project in its approved form has been determined to be exempt from environmental review because it would not result in significant impacts related to any environmental topics. The proposed project satisfies the criteria for exemption under the above-cited classification(s). In addition, none of the CEQA Guidelines Section 15300.2 exceptions to the use of a categorical exemption applies to the proposed project.
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