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ERRATA

Date:

February 10, 2025

From:

Angela Calvillo, Clerk of the Board

Subject:

Errata Correction to Motion (File No. 241193)

Affirming the Statutory Exemption Determination, Mid-Valencia

Curbside Protected Bikeway Project

The following correction was made to the above referenced Board of Supervisors Motion No. M25-004 (File No. 241193):

• On Page 1, Line 7, by changing 'September 30, 2024' to 'November 4, 2024'.

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[Affirming the Statutory Exemption Determination - Proposed MTA Mid-Valencia Curbside Protected Bikeway Project]

Motion affirming the determination by the Planning Department that the proposed Municipal Transportation Agency (MTA) Mid-Valencia Curbside Protected Bikeway project is statutorily exempt from environmental review.

November 4, 2024

WHEREAS, On September 30, 2024, the Planning Department determined that the proposed Mid-Valencia Curbside Protected Bikeway Project (the Project) is statutorily exempt from the California Environmental Quality Act (CEQA) pursuant to CEQA, Section 21080.25 (CEQA determination); and

WHEREAS, The project site consists of an eight-block section of Valencia Street (from 15th Street to 23rd Street) located in the Mission neighborhood of San Francisco; and

WHEREAS, Between 15th Street and 23rd Street, Valencia Street is a north-south, two-way street with one travel lane in each direction; a two-way, center-running bikeway runs along this corridor with two- to six-foot buffers between the bikeway and travel lanes; and

WHEREAS, The San Francisco Municipal Transportation Agency (SFMTA or Project Sponsor) proposes to remove the existing two-way, center-running bikeway on Valencia Street and install curbside protected Class IV bikes lanes from 15th Street to 23rd Street; and

WHEREAS. The proposed bike lanes would be located directly adjacent to the curb or weave around curbside parklets, and buffer zones would be placed between the proposed bike lanes and parking and loading spaces to provide space for people to get in and out of vehicles and provide more distance between people biking and parked vehicles; and

WHEREAS, On cross streets intersecting the project corridor, the proposed project would modify the color curb designation of existing loading spaces (e.g., from passenger loading to commercial loading) and would convert some parking spaces into bikeshare stations; implementation of the proposed project would result in changes to the location and an overall decrease in the number of parking and loading spaces in the project corridor; and changes to the location of parklets, on-street bike share stations, and bicycle corrals (on-street bicycle parking) throughout the project corridor; and

WHEREAS, CEQA exempts from environmental review "pedestrian and bicycle facilities that improve safety, access, or mobility, including new facilities, within the public right-of-way" (CEQA, Section 21080.25(b)(1)), and that meet other specified requirements; and

WHEREAS, The Planning Department determined that the Project is exempt under Section 21080.25, because it proposes to implement bicycle facilities that improve safety, access, or mobility, and it meets the criteria for applicability of the statutory exemption; and

WHEREAS, On May 30, 2024, the SFMTA filed an application with the Planning Department for the purpose of obtaining a CEQA determination for the Project; and

WHEREAS, On November 4, 2024, the Planning Department determined that the Project was statutorily exempt under CEQA under Section 21080.25 and issued a statutory exemption for the Project; and

WHEREAS, On November 19, 2024, the SFMTA Board of Directors approved the Project; and

WHEREAS, On December 4, 2024, Julio Ramos of the Law Office of Julio J. Ramos, on behalf of VAMANOS (hereinafter Appellant), filed an appeal of the statutory exemption determination; and

WHEREAS, By memorandum to the Clerk of the Board dated December 9, 2024, the Planning Department's Environmental Review Officer determined that the appeal was timely filed; and

WHEREAS, On January 28, 2025, this Board held a duly noticed public hearing to consider the appeal filed by Appellant; and

WHEREAS, In reviewing the appeal, this Board reviewed and considered the CEQA determination, the appeal letter, the responses to the appeal documents that the Planning Department and the Project Sponsor prepared, the other written records before the Board of Supervisors and all of the public testimony made in support of and opposed to the appeal; and

WHEREAS, Following the conclusion of the public hearing, the Board of Supervisors affirmed the CEQA determination, based on the written record before the Board of Supervisors as well as all of the testimony at the public hearing in support of and opposed to the appeal; and

WHEREAS, The written record and oral testimony in support of and opposed to the appeal and the oral and written testimony at the public hearing before the Board of Supervisors by all parties and the public in support of and opposed to the appeal, including the deliberations by the members of the Board, is in the Clerk of the Board of Supervisors File No. 241192, and is incorporated in this motion as though set forth in its entirety; now, therefore, be it

MOVED, That the Board of Supervisors hereby adopts as its own and incorporates by reference in this motion, as though fully set forth, the CEQA determination; and, be it

FURTHER MOVED, That the Board of Supervisors finds that based on the whole record before it there are no substantial Project changes, no substantial changes in Project circumstances, and no new information of substantial importance that would change the

conclusions set forth in Planning Department's determination that the Project is statutorily exempt from environmental review; and, be it

FURTHER MOVED, That after carefully considering the appeal of the CEQA determination, including the written information submitted to the Board of Supervisors and the public testimony presented to the Board of Supervisors at the hearing on the CEQA determination, this Board concludes that the Project qualifies for a statutory exemption determination under CEQA.

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Date Passed: January 28, 2025

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January 28, 2025 Board of Supervisors - APPROVED

Ayes: 10 - Chan, Chen, Dorsey, Engardio, Fielder, Mahmood, Melgar, Sauter,

Sherrill and Walton Excused: 1 - Mandelman

File No. 241193

I hereby certify that the foregoing Motion was APPROVED on 1/28/2025 by the Board of Supervisors of the City and County of San Francisco.

Angela Calvillo Clerk of the Board