



SAN FRANCISCO PLANNING DEPARTMENT

General Plan Referral

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Case No. Case No. 2015-004151GPR
Presidio Middle School ADA Drop-off Zone

Block/Lot No.: 1461/001

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Recommendation: Finding the project, on balance, is **in conformity** with the General Plan

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BACKGROUND

We are in receipt of your request that the Planning Department consider a General Plan referral application concerning the creation of an ADA compliant drop-off zone along 30th Avenue, adjacent to the entrance of Presidio Middle School. The General Plan Referral application was submitted to the Department on April 1, 2015, pursuant to Section 4.105 of the Charter, and Section 2A.53 of the Administrative Code.

PROJECT DESCRIPTION

The proposed project is the creation of an ADA compliant handicapped drop-off zone at the front entry of the school as part of the Presidio Middle School's (430 30th Avenue) general modernization. The drop off zone is proposed along 30th Avenue approximately 10 feet north from entryway stairs. The drop-off zone will reduce the sidewalk by approximately five feet, from 15 feet to 10 feet. The total length of the drop-off zone is approximately 50.8 feet, 34 feet of which would be bulbed-in. This will result in the loss of three on-street parking spots.

ENVIRONMENTAL REVIEW

On April 9, 2015 the Environmental Planning division of the Department determined that this project is cleared under Better Streets Plan Project MND, adopted 9/15/2010, Case No. 2007.1238E.

GENERAL PLAN COMPLIANCE AND BASIS FOR RECOMMENDATION

The Project is consistent with the Eight Priority Policies of Planning Code Section 101.1 as described in the body of this letter and is, on balance, **in-conformity** with the following Objectives and Policies of the General Plan:

TRANSPORTATION ELEMENT

Policy 1.2

Ensure the safety and comfort of pedestrians throughout the city.

The proposed project increases accessible access to the adjacent Presidio Middle School. The project narrows the sidewalk to 10 feet, but does not compromise safety or access.

Policy 18.1

Design streets for a level of traffic that serves, but will not cause a detrimental impact on adjacent land uses, nor eliminate the efficient and safe movement of transit vehicles and bicycles.

The proposed project designs 30TH Avenue to serve the adjacent land use (a middle school) while maintaining safe movement for other modes of transportation.

Policy 33.2

Protect residential neighborhoods from the parking impacts of nearby traffic generators.

The proposed project would protect residential neighborhood from potential parking impacts related to this school by provided a dedicated ADA accessible zone for drop-off and pick-up of students, faculty, and staff.

COMMUNITY FACILITIES ELEMENT**Policy 3.4**

Locate neighborhood centers so they are easily accessible and near the natural center of activity.

The proposed project would facilitate access to the middle school, a community facility.

PROPOSITION M FINDINGS – PLANNING CODE SECTION 101.1

Planning Code Section 101.1 establishes Eight Priority Policies and requires review of discretionary approvals and permits for consistency with said policies. The proposed project, the renovation and expansion of the South End Rowing Club, is found to be consistent with the Eight Priority Policies as set forth in Planning Code Section 101.1 for the following reasons:

1. That existing neighborhood-serving retail uses be preserved and enhanced and future opportunities for resident employment in and ownership of such businesses enhanced.

The proposed project would have no adverse effect on neighborhood serving-retail uses or opportunities for employment in or ownership of such businesses.

2. That existing housing and neighborhood character be conserved and protected in order to preserve the cultural and economic diversity of our neighborhoods.

The proposed project would have no adverse effect on the City's housing stock or on neighborhood character.

3. That the City's supply of affordable housing be preserved and enhanced.

The proposed project would have no adverse effect on the City's supply of affordable housing.

4. That commuter traffic not impede MUNI transit service or overburden our streets or neighborhood parking.

The proposed project would not result in commuter traffic impeding MUNI's transit service or overburdening the streets or neighborhood parking.

5. That a diverse economic base be maintained by protecting our industrial and service sectors from displacement due to commercial office development, and that future opportunities for residential employment and ownership in these sectors be enhanced.

The Project would not adversely affect the existing economic base in this area, displace industrial or service uses, or impede future opportunities for residential employment and ownership in these sectors.

6. That the City achieve the greatest possible preparedness to protect against injury and loss of life in an earthquake.

The proposed project would have no adverse effect on the City's earthquake preparedness.

7. That landmarks and historic buildings be preserved.

The proposed project would have no adverse effect on the City's historic buildings.

8. That our parks and open space and their access to sunlight and vistas be protected from development.

The proposed project would have no adverse effect on the City's sunlight access in parks and open space or on vistas.

RECOMMENDATION:	Finding the Project, on balance, in-conformity with the General Plan
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