

LEGISLATIVE DIGEST

[Official Sidewalk Width Changes - Portions of Van Ness Avenue]

Ordinance amending Ordinance No. 1061 entitled “Regulating the Width of Sidewalks” to change the official sidewalk width of certain locations along Van Ness Avenue, between the intersection of South Van Ness Avenue and Mission Street on the south, to Van Ness Avenue and North Point Street on the north; adopting findings under the California Environmental Quality Act; and affirming the Planning Department’s determination of consistency with the General Plan, and the eight priority policies of Planning Code, Section 101.1.

Existing Law

Board of Supervisors’ Ordinance No. 1061 established the official sidewalk widths throughout San Francisco. Ordinance No. 1061 is uncodified, but can be located in the Clerk of the Board of Supervisors Book of General Ordinances, in effect May 11, 1910, which is on file with the Clerk of the Board of Supervisors.

Amendments to Current Law

This legislation would amend Ordinance No. 1061 to change the official sidewalk width at various locations along Van Ness Avenue between Mission Street and North Point Street. The Ordinance would adopt environmental findings under the California Environmental Quality Act and make findings of conformity with the General Plan and eight priority policies of Planning Code Section 101.1. The legislation would require the Municipal Transportation Agency, as is necessary as a result of the legislation, to make arrangements with public utility companies and City Departments for the relocation, and/or modification of any affected public facilities.

Background Information

The proposed sidewalk width changes will accommodate the Van Ness Corridor Transit Project, making Van Ness Avenue an integral part of the Municipal Transportation Agency’s bus “Rapid” transit network.

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