



SFMTA

Overnight restriction for Recreational Large Vehicles Appeal Hearing

SF Board of Supervisors

December 10, 2024

Why Are We Here Today?

Review SFMTA Board decision from October 1, 2024 regarding amendments to the existing overnight restriction of oversize vehicles, Section 7.2.54:

- Authorize the Director of Transportation to issue criteria and guidelines to determine where to post signs to enact the restriction.
- Authorize the Director of Transportation to approve implementation of the Recreational Large Vehicle parking restriction from 12am-6am after issuing written findings
- Make the violation towable.

Key procedural features of approved legislation:

- If vehicle is occupied, an offer of shelter must be made prior to enforcement
- 18-month pilot

Purpose of code amendments

The city needs additional tools to help people who are unhoused.

- When people live on the sidewalk or in vehicles on city streets, there are health and safety impacts for everyone.
- City employees are out on the street every day working with individuals and families experiencing homelessness.
- Homeless outreach teams offer resources, including shelter, housing, financial assistance.

Tool is to be used as a last resort, to encourage people to get the help they need.

Large Vehicles on City Streets

Large vehicles on city streets jeopardize street safety, curb access, circulation and operations.

Challenges have been observed and reported for years by residents, businesses, enforcement, officials and other institutions.

311 Complaints	Year to Date*	Total for Year
2024	1,920	
2023	1,849	1,968
2022	1,960	2,051

* Date through November 2024

History of Restriction

Vehicular habitation is illegal in San Francisco.

Police Code, Section 97; established 1971.

2012: Board of Supervisors approves Section 7.2.54

- Overnight restriction for large vehicle parking

2013

- SFMTA Board of Directors approved first locations for OV parking restrictions.
- Staff published report: *Oversize Vehicle Parking Restriction Pilot – Evaluation and Recommendations*

2014

- SFMTA Board approved a second location for parking restrictions, then directed the agency to pause on additional restrictions because of concerns.

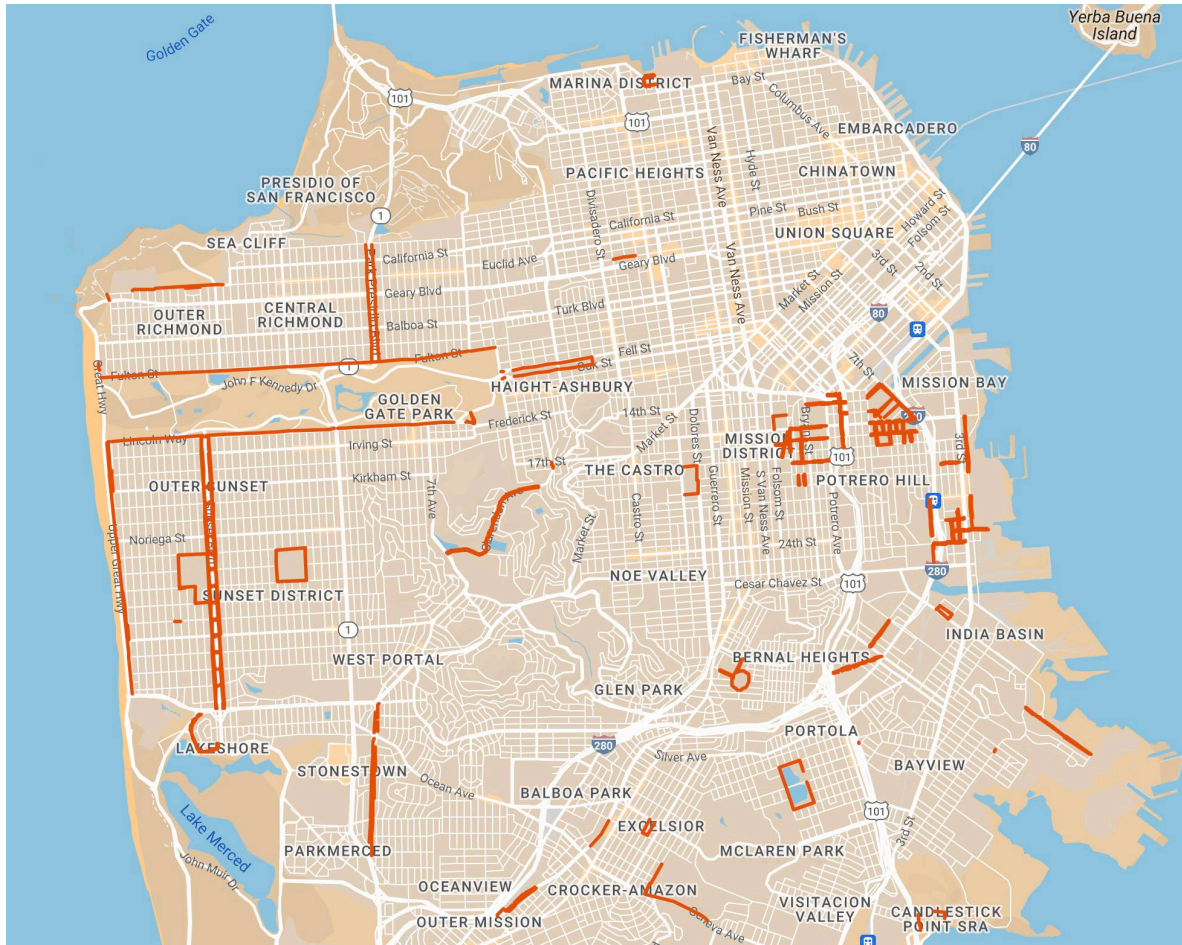
2018–2019

- SFMTA Board approved guidelines for advancing requests
- Approved implementation of restriction on De Wolf Street in D11 and on the perimeter of the University Mound Reservoir in D9.

2020

- Pandemic began.

Large Vehicle Overnight Parking Restrictions in San Francisco

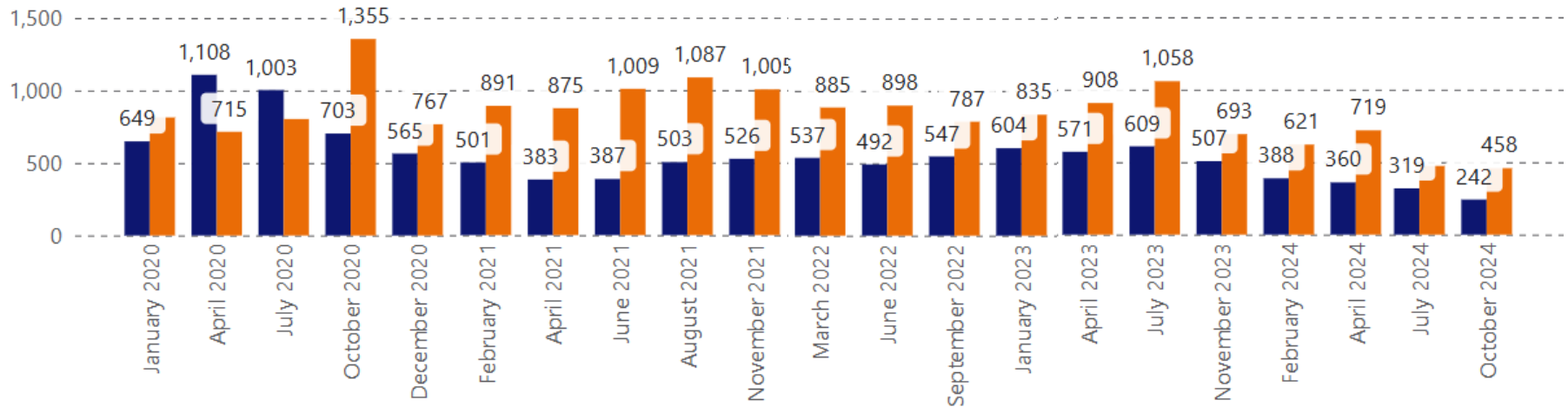


Continued Challenges

Impacts of large recreational vehicles continue to be a challenge. City streets don't offer facilities for managing trash and human waste that are generated by long-term vehicular habitation.

Number of tents/structures and vehicles

● Tents/Structures ● Vehicles



Source: Healthy Streets Operations Center (HSOC) <https://www.sf.gov/data/healthy-streets-data-and-information>

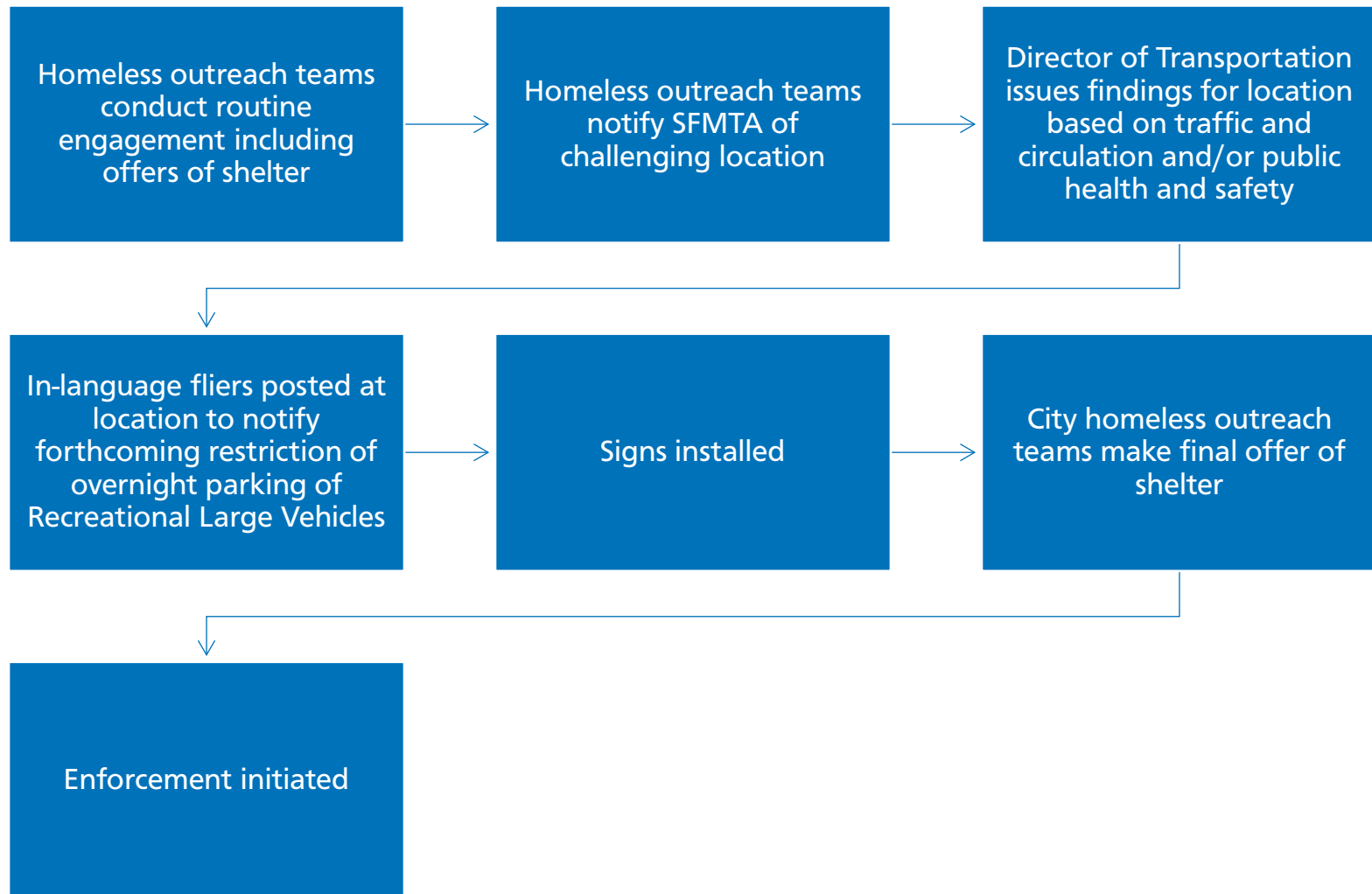
A Tool of Last Resort

- Conditions need to be assessed to determine traffic and circulation and/or health and safety issues
- Resources for outreach and engagement and shelter need to be available and offers of shelter must be made
- Resources for signs and enforcement need to be available

Application will likely be block by block and therefore would advance slowly.



Process and Implementation



Summary

- This is a tool to help people living in their vehicles and to address health and safety issues.
- This is a tool of last resort that would be used judiciously
- Staff will collect data and provide an evaluation in 18 months.

Request: San Francisco Board of Supervisors uphold the SFMTA Board of Directors approval from October 1, 2024 of RESOLUTION No. 241001-116

Thank you