

LEGISLATIVE DIGEST

[Transportation Code - Lombard Street Reservation and Pricing Pilot Program]

Ordinance amending Division I of the Transportation Code to adopt rules and regulations for vehicular access and congestion management for Lombard Street between Leavenworth and Hyde Streets including a reservation and pricing pilot program and associated fee; and affirming the Planning Department's determination under the California Environmental Quality Act.

Existing Law

State law currently does not authorize the City to operate a reservation and pricing program for Lombard Street between Leavenworth and Hyde Streets.

Amendments to Current Law

This ordinance would amend the Transportation Code to adopt rules and regulations for vehicular access and congestion management for Lombard Street between Leavenworth and Hyde Streets including a reservation and pricing pilot program and associated fee. The San Francisco County Transportation Authority would be designated as the Program Administrator for the pilot program. The powers and duties of the Program Administrator include, but are not limited to: (1) administering and implementing the pilot program; (2) collecting and using revenues generated from the program to build, operate, maintain, finance, and administer the program; and (3) regular monitoring and reporting to the Board of Supervisors, if requested, and the State Legislature as required by state law. The ordinance requires that the SFMTA approve the designation of the Program Administrator prior to implementation, and that the Program Administrator consult with the SFMTA in developing the pilot program. The pilot program must prioritize the congestion reduction objectives and goals listed in the ordinance, and include a process for public involvement and consultation. The ordinance expires by operation of law on April 1, 2027, and provides for an effective date 30 days after enactment, or January 1, 2020, whichever is later.

Background Information

AB 1605, sponsored by Assembly members Ting and Bloom, was approved by the State Legislature and, if signed by Governor Newsom, goes into effect on January 1, 2020. The state legislation authorizes the San Francisco Board of Supervisors, by ordinance, to conduct a reservation and pricing pilot program for vehicles that use Lombard Street between Leavenworth and Hyde Streets. Before the Board of Supervisors can adopt such an

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ordinance, certain findings and at least two public outreach meetings or hearings must be held.

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