



LARGE VEHICLE LEGISLATION

Budget and Finance Committee
July 9, 2025

Why we are here today

- The 2024 San Francisco Point-in-Time (PIT) Count estimated that 1,444 households are living in vehicles in San Francisco, representing a 37% increase from the 2022 PIT Count.
- As of May 2025, the Healthy Streets Operations Center (HSOC) identified 501 large vehicles across San Francisco, of which 437 are being used for habitation.
- Large Vehicles impact curb access, traffic and circulation, and often present public health and safety hazards.
- In October 2024, the MTA Board approved amendments to enforce overnight parking from 12 a.m. to 6 a.m. on any street Citywide using posted signage and that enforcement would not commence until an offer of shelter had been made to occupants of the large vehicle. The policy was overturned by BOS on December 10, 2024.
- Mayor Lurie established a Large Vehicle Taskforce to review these challenges and develop better solutions, including identifying code amendments to comprehensively address these impacts.
- This legislation seeks to offer families, children, neighborhoods, and small businesses better options.
 - Division II Transportation code amendments were approved by the MTA Board on June 17, 2025.
 - Division I Transportation Code, Administrative Code, Park Code and Port Code amendments will be presented for this Committee's consideration.

Goals of the Large Vehicle Taskforce

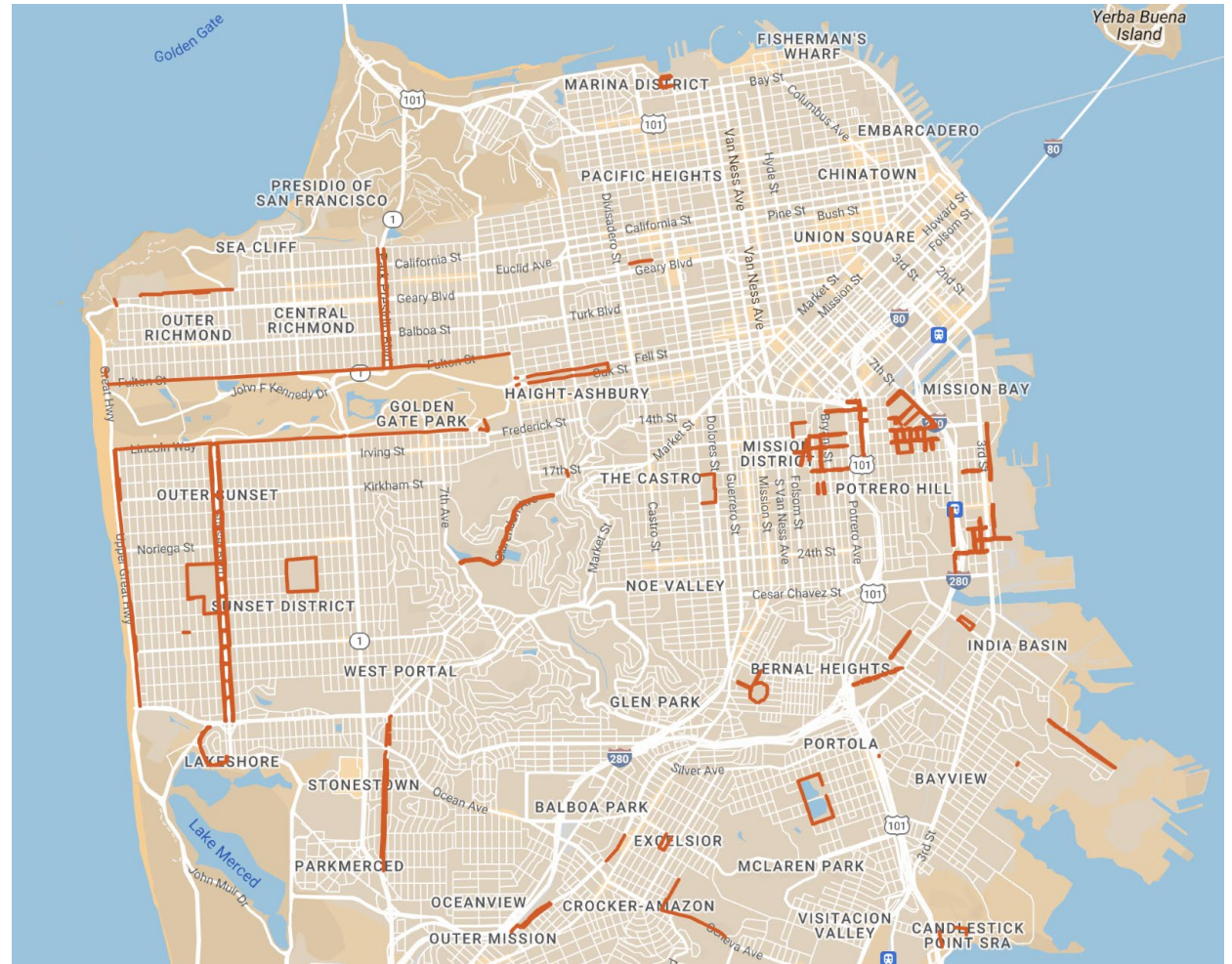
- **Implement innovative and humane approaches that reduce vehicular homelessness** by addressing the immediate safety and stability needs as well as creating pathways to permanent housing for people living in vehicles, who represent our most vulnerable residents
- **Restore public spaces, public safety, public health and neighborhood livability** by effectively enforcing and managing oversized vehicle parking
- **Maximize efficiency through data-driven approaches and coordinated interdepartmental efforts** across agencies

Departments of the Large Vehicle Taskforce:

- San Francisco Municipal Transportation Agency
- Department of Homelessness & Supportive Housing
- Department of Emergency Management
- San Francisco Police Department
- San Francisco Sheriff's Office
- San Francisco Recreation and Parks
- San Francisco Public Utilities Commission
- The Port of San Francisco
- Department of Public Health
- City Administrator's Office
- Office of the Treasurer and Tax Collector

Existing parking restriction for large vehicles in San Francisco

Overnight restriction (between the hours of 12 a.m. and 6 a.m.) on specific blocks when Municipal Transportation Agency signs are posted giving notice, for large vehicles exceeding 22 feet long or 7 feet in height or camp trailers, fifth-wheel travel trailers, house cars, trailer coaches, mobile homes, recreational vehicles, or semi-trailers.



Locations where the large vehicle overnight parking restriction is currently posted, approximately 47 miles of street frontage

Our plan

Services	Enforcement
<ul style="list-style-type: none">• Expanded outreach capacity, with language skills and cultural competency• Offer of permanent housing or non-congregate interim• Large Vehicle Buyback program• Large Vehicle Refuge Permit Program – approved by MTA Board	<p>Citywide two-hour parking limit for large vehicles*, with exceptions:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none">• Commercial vehicle loading/unloading• Commercial vehicle parking in industrial zoned districts – changes to specified zoning districts approved by MTA Board• Display of active Large Vehicle Refuge Permit or Residential Parking Permit

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Services

- **Expanded Outreach:** The city will deploy new outreach and case management staff trained to work with people living in large vehicles, with language skills and cultural competency.
- **Expanded Offerings:** Residents living in large vehicles in San Francisco as of May 2025 will be assessed for eligibility for:
 - Offer of Non-Congregate Interim or Permanent Housing: The budget included new investments to expand options for households exiting their vehicles including new rapid rehousing subsidies and hotel vouchers for families and adults.
 - Problem Solving / Large Vehicle Buyback Program: The city will offer financial assistance to residents living in large vehicles as of May 2025 to relinquish their vehicles as part of the outreach program.
 - Large Vehicle Refuge Permit Program: The Large Vehicle Refuge Permit may be issued to residents living in vehicles as of May 2025 if the City is unable to provide an offer of non-congregate interim or permanent housing. The permit provides an exemption from the two-hour parking rule and requires residents to actively engage in services and adhere to a good neighbor policy.

Large Vehicle Refuge Permit Program approved by MTA Board

Issuance: Dept of Homelessness and Supportive Housing (“HSH”) to certify eligibility and commitments to receive Refuge Permit

- Present and occupying large vehicle on May 31, 2025
- Experiencing homelessness
- Agree to engage consistently with city departments for case management services
- Agree to accept appropriate offer of non-congregate interim or permanent housing
- Allow Public Works to clear debris
- Agree to Good Neighbor Policy
- Follow other parking regulations

Duration:

- Six-month term, or and shall expire when the City has made the Permittee an offer of non-congregate interim or permanent housing, whichever occurs first
- Shall be extended once for up to six months if the City has not made an offer of non-congregate interim or permanent housing
- May be extended further at the discretion of the Director of MTA in consultation with HSH

Revocation & Enforcement

- Refuge Permit may be revoked when permittee has refused an offer of non-congregate interim or permanent housing, or if permittee violates a condition of the permit
- With revocation, Large Vehicle is subject to citation & tow if parked for over two hours

Proposed amendments

Vehicle type	Current	Proposed code amendments
Large Vehicle	<u>Overnight restriction on specific blocks</u> designated by SFMTA Board	<u>Citywide two-hour parking limit</u> , with exceptions of commercial loading/unloading or display of active Large Vehicle Refuge Permit or Residential Parking Permit
Commercial Vehicle	One-hour parking limit and overnight prohibition for commercial vehicles <u>exceeding a certain weight</u> in specified zoning districts	<u>Two-hour</u> parking limit for commercial vehicles in residential zoned districts, <u>based on dimension</u> just like the Large Vehicle Parking Restriction*, rather than by weight

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