

LEGISLATIVE DIGEST

(Duplicated in Committee – April 27, 2026)

[Transportation, Administrative Code - Temporary Street Use Permits and Closures]

Ordinance amending Division I of the Transportation Code to authorize the Director of Transportation to approve temporary street use permits under certain circumstances; amending the Administrative Code to authorize the Director of Transportation to approve certain street closures proposed by Community Benefits Districts under the Downtown Entertainment Event Activation Program; and affirming the Planning Department’s determination under the California Environmental Quality Act.

Existing Law

The Interdepartmental Staff Committee on Traffic and Transportation, commonly known as ISCOTT, reviews and approves applications for temporary use or occupancy of public streets, street fairs, including major events, on public streets. Transportation Code, Division I, Article 6 governs the review and approval of temporary use or occupancy of public streets permits by ISCOTT. ISCOTT currently has representatives from each of the following City agencies: the Municipal Transportation Agency, Planning, Public Works, Police, Fire, Public Health, and the Entertainment Commission. The Director of Transportation serves as Chair of ISCOTT.

Currently, Section 6.6 of the Transportation Code authorizes the Director of Transportation to approve applications for street fairs without referring the application to ISCOTT when the Director of Transportation determines that the proposed street fair will be contained within one block in such a manner that no intersections will be closed, and that the proposed street fair will not require the rerouting of Municipal Railway vehicles.

Administrative Code Chapter 94D creates the Greater Downtown Community Benefit District Master Permitting for Entertainment Activation Program, under which the Department of Public Works may issue streamlined permits to allow activations that incorporate Entertainment Zones in Downtown Activation Locations. Section 94D.2 requires Community Benefit District (CBD) permittees to receive authorization from ISCOTT or the Municipal Transportation Agency Board of Directors for proposed street closures.

Amendments to Current Law

This ordinance would amend Transportation Code, Division I, Article 6 to authorize the Director of Transportation to approve applications for the temporary use or occupancy of a public street under Section 6.2, or the temporary use of streets for street fairs under Section 6.6, including for events that qualify as major events as defined in Section 6.3, if upon review of the application the Director determines that the proposed use (1) Will be contained within 3

blocks; (2) Will not close any intersections; (3) Will not require the rerouting of any SFMTA revenue vehicles; and (4) Is necessary for the safety and protection of persons who will use that portion of the street during the temporary street closure.

This ordinance would also amend Administrative Code Section 94D.2 to clarify that in addition to authorization from ISCOTT or the Municipal Transportation Agency Board of Directors for proposed street closures, Community Benefit District permittees may also receive authorization from the Director of Transportation for street closures that qualify for Director of Transportation approval under Transportation Code, Division I, Article 6.

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