

LEGISLATIVE DIGEST

[Summary Street Vacation - Portion of Airspace over Natoma Street between First and Second Streets]

Ordinance ordering the summary street vacation of a portion of the airspace above a segment of Natoma Street between First and Second Streets and adjacent to the Transbay Transit Center; quitclaiming the City's interest in the street vacation area to the Transbay Joint Powers Authority; affirming the Planning Department's determination under the California Environmental Quality Act; and making findings of consistency with the General Plan, and the eight priority policies of Planning Code, Section 101.1.

Existing Law

The area to be vacated includes the airspace above Natoma Street between First and Second Streets where a pedestrian bridge would connect the Transbay Parcel F development project to the Transbay Transit Center's rooftop park ("Vacation Area"). The Vacation Area is more particularly shown on Public Works SUR Map No. 206691, dated June 15, 2022.

Amendments to Current Law

By this ordinance, the Board of Supervisors would make findings and take actions required to vacate the Vacation Area, and quitclaim the City's interest in the vacation area to the Transbay Joint Powers Authority ("TJPA"), in order to provide for enhanced public access to the Transbay Transit Center's rooftop park from a new pedestrian bridge between Parcel F and the rooftop park. The vacation would be subject to the following conditions: (1) The Vacation Area shall not be conveyed to any party other than the TJPA or its successor; provided, however, that the TJPA may assign or convey an easement in the Vacation Area to the owner of Parcel F to construct a pedestrian bridge and create public access to the Rooftop Park; and (2) In accordance with California Streets and Highways Code Section 8341, the Vacation Area shall terminate, and, upon notice from the PW Director, the public right-of-way in the Vacation Area shall be restored, if the TJPA abandons the pedestrian bridge use of the Vacation Area, or if construction of no portion of the pedestrian bridge has been completed by December 31, 2031, which date may be extended by the PW Director's discretion.

Background Information

The vacation of the Vacation Area would facilitate construction of a pedestrian bridge connecting the Transbay Parcel F development to the Transbay Transit Center's rooftop park, also known as Salesforce Park.