



# SAN FRANCISCO PLANNING DEPARTMENT

## General Plan Referral

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DPW Quint Street Bridge Replacement

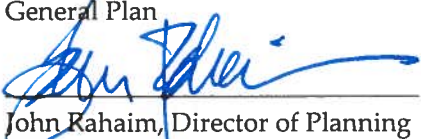
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*Recommendation:* Finding the project, on balance, is **in conformity** with the General Plan.

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### PROJECT DESCRIPTION

On May 13, 2013, the Planning Department (herein “the Department”) received a request from the San Francisco Department of Public Works to investigate the vacation of a portion of Quint Street between Newcomb Avenue and Jerold Avenue, McKinnon Avenue southeast of Quint Street and Newcomb Avenue southeast of Quint Street.

The project proposes to replace the Quint Street Bridge with fill supported retaining walls. Quint Street would be closed to through traffic under the railroad tracks, but the street will remain open and accessible on both sides of the bridge.

To accommodate the Quint Street Bridge Replacement, three street vacations are needed. Portions of Quint Street, McKinnon Avenue and Newcomb Avenue are posed to be vacated. Currently McKinnon and Newcomb are paper streets at the intersection of the rail crossing. Quint is an operational street that would be vacated for the rail crossing. The vacation of portions of these three streets would accommodate the Rail Corridor Upgrade, a project of the Joint Powers Board. The street vacations are planned in conjunction with the City and County of San Francisco’s Quint-Jerrold Connector Road Project.

## ENVIRONMENTAL REVIEW

On January 11, 2011, the Peninsula Corridor Joint Powers Board determined that the project is Categorically Exempt from Environmental Review as a Categorical Exemption Class 2 as defined by CEQA, per CEQA Guidelines Section 15302: Replacement or Reconstruction and Pursuant to Public Resources Code Section 21080.13: Act not applicable to railroad grade separation projects.

## GENERAL PLAN COMPLIANCE AND BASIS FOR RECOMMENDATION

As described below, the Project is consistent with the Eight Priority Policies of Planning Code Section 101.1 and is, on balance, **in-conformity** with the following Objectives and Policies of the General Plan:

**Note:** General Plan Objectives and Policies are in **bold font**; General Plan text is in regular font. Staff comments are in *italic font*.

### Community Safety Element

#### OBJECTIVE 1

#### **REDUCE STRUCTURAL AND NONSTRUCTURAL HAZARDS TO LIFE SAFETY AND MINIMIZE PROPERTY DAMAGE RESULTING FROM FUTURE DISASTERS.**

*The project includes the replacement of the Quint Street Bridge which has structural deficiencies.*

#### POLICY 1.6

#### **Consider site soils conditions when reviewing projects in areas subject to liquefaction or slope instability.**

*The project includes soil improvements to address seismic vulnerabilities.*

#### POLICY 1.18

#### **Identify and replace vulnerable infrastructure and critical service lifelines in high-risk areas.**

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### Bayview Hunters Point Area Plan

#### OBJECTIVE 4

#### **DEVELOP AND MAINTAIN A SYSTEM FOR THE EASY MOVEMENT OF PEOPLE AND GOODS, TAKING INTO ACCOUNT ANTICIPATED NEEDS OF BOTH LOCAL AND THROUGH TRAFFIC.**

*The proposed Quint-Jerrold Connector Road would link Quint Street to Jerrold Avenue via a new road along the west side of the Caltrain tracks.*

#### POLICY 4.2

#### **Develop the necessary improvements in public transit to move people efficiently and comfortably between different neighborhoods of Bayview Hunters Point, to and from Candlestick Park Point, and to and from Downtown and other parts of the region.**

*The proposed project would accommodate a new Caltrain station at Oakdale Avenue and provide access to other nearby land uses.*

### Eight Priority Policies Findings

The subject project is found to be consistent with the Eight Priority Policies of Planning Code Section 101.1 in that:

1. That existing neighborhood-serving retail uses be preserved and enhanced and future opportunities for resident employment in and ownership of such businesses enhanced.  
*The project would not have an adverse effect on existing neighborhood-serving retail uses or opportunities for employment in or ownership of such businesses.*
2. That existing housing and neighborhood character be conserved and protected in order to preserve the cultural and economic diversity of our neighborhood.  
*The project would not have an adverse effect on existing housing or neighborhood character.*
3. That the City's supply of affordable housing be preserved and enhanced.  
*The project would have no adverse effect on the City's supply of affordable housing. When the project is built it will increase the supply of affordable housing.*
4. That commuter traffic not impede MUNI transit service or overburden our streets or neighborhood parking.  
*The project would not result in commuter traffic impeding MUNI's transit service, overburdening the streets or altering current neighborhood parking.*
5. That a diverse economic base be maintained by protecting our industrial and service sectors from displacement due to commercial office development, and that future opportunities for residential employment and ownership in these sectors be enhanced.  
*The project would not have an adverse effect on the existing economic base in this area.*
6. That the City achieve the greatest possible preparedness to protect against injury and loss of life in an earthquake.  
*The project would not affect the City's preparedness to protect against injury and loss of life in an earthquake. The replacement of the Quint Street Bridge will enhance earthquake preparedness.*
7. That landmarks and historic buildings be preserved.  
*The project would not have an adverse effect on landmarks or historic buildings.*
8. That our parks and open space and their access to sunlight and vistas be protected from development.  
*The proposed project would not have an adverse effect on City parks or open spaces, or their access to sunlight and vistas.*

**RECOMMENDATION: Finding the Project, on balance, in-conformity with the General Plan**

cc: Javier Rivera, Department of Public Works

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