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DPW Order No: 181381

RECOMMENDATION OF APPROVAL FOR A MAJOR (STREET) ENCROACHMENT PERMIT FOR MUNICIPAL TRANSPORTATION AGENCY (MTA) TO INSTALL AND MAINTAIN UP TO THIRTY (30) OF A TOTAL OF SEVENTY (70) SFMTA OPERATOR CONVENIENCE FACILITIES/RESTROOMS WITHIN THE PUBLIC RIGHT-OF-WAY AT VARIOUS LOCATIONS.

APPLICANT: San Francisco Municipal Transportation Agency
One South Van Ness Ave, 7th Floor
San Francisco, CA 94103
Attention: Drew Howard

PROPERTY IDENTIFICATION: Various locations

DESCRIPTION OF REQUEST: Major (Street) Encroachment Permit

BACKGROUND:

SFMTA filed an application with the Department of Public Works (DPW) for a Major (Street) Encroachment Permit to install and maintain up to a total of seventy (70) SFMTA operator convenience facilities/restrooms at various locations throughout the City. These facilities are prefabricated units and are proposed to be located within the public rights-of-way at the terminals of SFMTA/MUNI transit lines. The restroom facilities would solely be for use by MUNI operators and would not be available for use by the general public.

The Planning Department by letter dated October 19, 2012 determined that thirty (30) of the proposed restroom locations are in conformity with the General Plan. SFMTA requested DPW to proceed with the approval of the thirty (30) restroom locations.

The Transportation Advisory Staff Committee (TASC) at its meeting of December 20, 2012 recommended approval of thirty (30) of the proposed restroom locations.

The San Francisco Arts Commission approved Phase 1 of the design of the prefabricated restrooms for the thirty (30) proposed restroom locations on July 16, 2012 by RESOLUTION NO. 0910-12-227



DPW scheduled a public hearing for May 22, 2013 and posted the public hearing notice in the San Francisco Official Newspaper, San Francisco Chronicle on May 10, 2013 to notify property owners of the hearing to consider the proposed Major (Street) Encroachment Permit for the thirty (30) proposed restroom locations.

Hearing Officer, Gabriella Judd Cirelli, conducted the hearing and heard testimony presented by DPW Staff.

Mr. Drew Howard, the Project Manager, represented SFMTA and presented testimony that these locations are a part of ongoing program to provide facilities at terminals where operators take their breaks. Mr. Drew Howard stated that although this ongoing program requires a total of 30 at this time, a lesser number may actually be installed.

No objections were received to DPW of SFMTA with regard to the newspaper posting, and no additional testimony was presented in support or in opposition to the permit application during the hearing

The Hearing Officer made her decision after hearing the above testimony, and reviewing the application, reports, plans and other documents contained in the Department of Public Works files.

RECOMMENDATION: APPROVAL of the request for the Major (Street) Encroachment Permit.

FINDING 1. The proposed restroom locations, based on review of the submitted plans, are in compliance with San Francisco Building Code (SFBC), 2010 ADA Standards for Accessible Design and Title II of the ADA, otherwise known as 28 CFR Part 35 “Nondiscrimination on the Basis of Disability in State and Local Government Services,

FINDING 2. The subject encroachment is desirable and convenient to the MUNI operators.

FINDING 3. The proposed restrooms encroachment design satisfies all technical requirements as they relate to City Standards and the Public Works Code.

FINDING 4. The Arts Commission recommended approval of Phase 1 for the design of the thirty (30) prefabricated restrooms. The Civic Design Committee also stated that for all the additional locations, SFMTA would need to come back with site specific design information to be able to get Phase 2

FINDING 5 The proposed restrooms are on balance, in-conformity with the General Plan provided sufficient space for pedestrian movement.

FINDING 6 The proposed thirty (30) restroom locations are recommended for approval by TASC and are in conformity with the General Plan.



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