

LEGISLATIVE DIGEST

[Joe DiMaggio Playground Master Plan – Street Vacation Order for Mason Street]

Ordinance ordering the vacation of the one block portion of Mason Street between Lombard Street and Columbus Avenue for purposes of the North Beach Public Library and Joe DiMaggio Playground Master Plan, subject to certain conditions; accepting Department of Public Works Order No. 179,289; approving an interdepartmental transfer of the area to be vacated from the Department of Public Works to the Recreation and Park Department at the time the vacation is final and effective; making environmental findings and findings of consistency with the City's General Plan and Planning Code Section 101.1; and authorizing official acts in connection with this Ordinance.

Existing Law

California Streets and Highways Code Sections 8300 et seq. and Public Works Code Section 787(a) govern the process for the vacation of streets.

Amendments to Current Law

This legislation would vacate a one block portion of Mason Street between Lombard Street and Columbus Avenue for purposes of the Joe DiMaggio Playground/ North Beach Public Library Master Plan, subject to certain conditions, and approve an interdepartmental transfer of the underlying property from the jurisdiction of the Department of Public Works (DPW) to the Recreation and Park Department. The conditions include delaying the occurrence of the street vacation until building permits have been issued for the North Beach Library and reserving rights, as needed, for Pacific Gas & Electric and Public Utilities Commission underground facilities. Mason Street will remain a dedicated public street until the conditions precedent to the street vacation occur. The interdepartmental transfer would be simultaneous with the effectiveness of the street vacation. The Ordinance would adopt the determination of the DPW Director along with maps showing the area to be vacated and authorize related official acts. This legislation also would make certain findings related to the legislation, including findings concerning the street vacation, environmental findings, and findings that the legislation is consistent with the General Plan and the priority policy of the Planning Code Section 101.1.

Background

This Ordinance will facilitate expansion of the Joe DiMaggio Playground and construction of the new North Beach Library in accordance with the Joe DiMaggio Playground/North Beach Public Library Master Plan.