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Ordinance amending Ordinance No. 1061 entitled "Regulating the Width of Sidewalks" by adding thereto Section 1590 to change the official sidewalk width of Mason Street starting at the southwest corner of the intersection of Mason Street and Washington Street and continuing south 29.52 feet; making environmental findings and findings pursuant to the General Plan and Planning Code Section 101.1; requiring relocation, modification, or both of facilities affected by the sidewalk width change.

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Board amendment additions are <u>double underlined</u>.

Board amendment deletions are <u>strikethrough normal</u>.

Be it ordained by the People of the City and County of San Francisco:

[Changing the Official Sidewalk Width - Portion of Mason Street]

Section 1. The Board of Supervisors adopts as its own and incorporates by reference herein as though fully set forth the Planning Department findings in its letter dated June 23, 2011. Said letter stated the actions contemplated herein are consistent with the General Plan and in conformance with the Eight Priority Policies of Planning Code Section 101.1. A copy of said letter is in the Clerk of the Board of Supervisors File No. \_\_\_\_\_\_\_.

Section 2. In the abovementioned letter, the Planning Department also determined that the actions contemplated in this Ordinance are in compliance with the California Environmental Quality Act (California Public Resources Code Sections 21000 et seq.). Said determination is incorporated herein by reference.

Section 3. In accordance with the Department of Public Works' Order No. 179,498, a copy of which is in the Clerk of the Board of Supervisors File No. 111285 and incorporated herein by reference, Board of Supervisors Ordinance No.1061, entitled "Regulating the Width of Sidewalks," a copy of which is in the Clerk of the Board of

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Supervisors Book of General Ordinances, in effect May 11, 1910, is hereby amended by adding thereto a new section to read as follows:

Section 1590. The official sidewalk width of Mason Street starting at the south west corner of the intersection Mason Street and Washington Street and continuing South for 29.52 feet shall be as shown on Department of Public Works drawing Q-20-696, of which is in the Clerk of the Board of Supervisors File No. 111285

Section 4. The City and County of San Francisco, as is necessary as a result of this Ordinance, shall make arrangements with public utility companies and City Departments for the relocation, and/or modification of any affected public facilities. Any necessary relocation, modification, or both of such facilities shall be at the cost of the owner of the utility.

APPROVED AS TO FORM:

DENNIS J. HERRERA, City Attorney

John D. Malamut / Deputy City Attorney

RECOMMENDED:

DEPARTMENT OF PUBLIC WORKS

MAN

Mohammed Nuru

Interim Director of Public Works

# LEGISLATIVE DIGEST

[Changing the Official Sidewalk Width - Portion of Mason Street]

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### **Existing Law**

Board of Supervisors' Ordinance No. 1061 established the official sidewalk widths throughout San Francisco.

### Amendments to Current Law

This legislation would amend Ordinance No. 1061 to change the official sidewalk width on south side of Harrison Street between Fremont and Beale Streets. The Ordinance would make environmental findings and findings of conformity with the General Plan and Planning Code Section 101.1. This legislation also requires that any necessary relocation, modification, or both of utility facilities shall be at the cost of the owner of the utility.



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# Department of Public Works BUREAU OF STREET-USE & MAPPING

875 Stevenson Street, Room 410, S.F., CA 94103

Bruce R. Storrs, City and County Surveyor

DPW Order No: 179,498
CITY AND COUNTY OF SAN FRANCISCO
DEPARTMENT OF PUBLIC WORKS

FRANSMITTING TO THE BOARD OF SUPERVISORS LEGISLATION CHANGING THE OFFICIAL SIDEWALK WIDTH ON THI WEST SIDE OF MASON STREET SOUTH OF WASHINGTON STREET, AS SHOWN ON DEPARTMENT OF PUBLIC WORKS DRAWING Q-20-696.

The Department of Public Works has received a request from the Bureau of Engineering, Streets & Highways Section to change the official sidewalk width on the West side of Mason St. as shown on Department of Public Works drawing Q-20-696.

The proposed change is to improve the sidewalk along Mason St. for the Chinese Recreation Center located at Washington St. and Mason St.

On June 23, 2011, the Department of City Planning provided the Department of Public Works with a letter stating that it found the hange of official sidewalk width to be in conformity with the General Plan.

The following have been approved by the Department of Public Works, including it City Engineer, and are hereby transmitted to the 3 and of Supervisors:

- 1. Three (3) copies of the Ordinance changing the official sidewalk width on the West side of Mason St. south of Washington St. as shown on Department of Public Works drawing Q-20-696.
- 2. Three (3) sets of said drawing comprising 1 sheet.
- 3. One (1) copy of the Planning Department's letter dated June 23, 2011, finding that the proposed change of official sidewalk width is in conformity with the General Plan and consistent with the Eight Priority Policies of Section 101.1 of the Planning Code.

t is recommended that the Board of Supervisors adopt this legislation.

**RECOMMENDED:** 

Bruce R. Storrs, PLS City and County Surveyor, DPW

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APPROVED

Interim Director of Public Works

Fuad S. Sweiss, PE, PLS City Engineer and Deputy of Engineering

APPROVED: August 25, 2011

MOHAMMED NURU, INTERIM DIRECTOR

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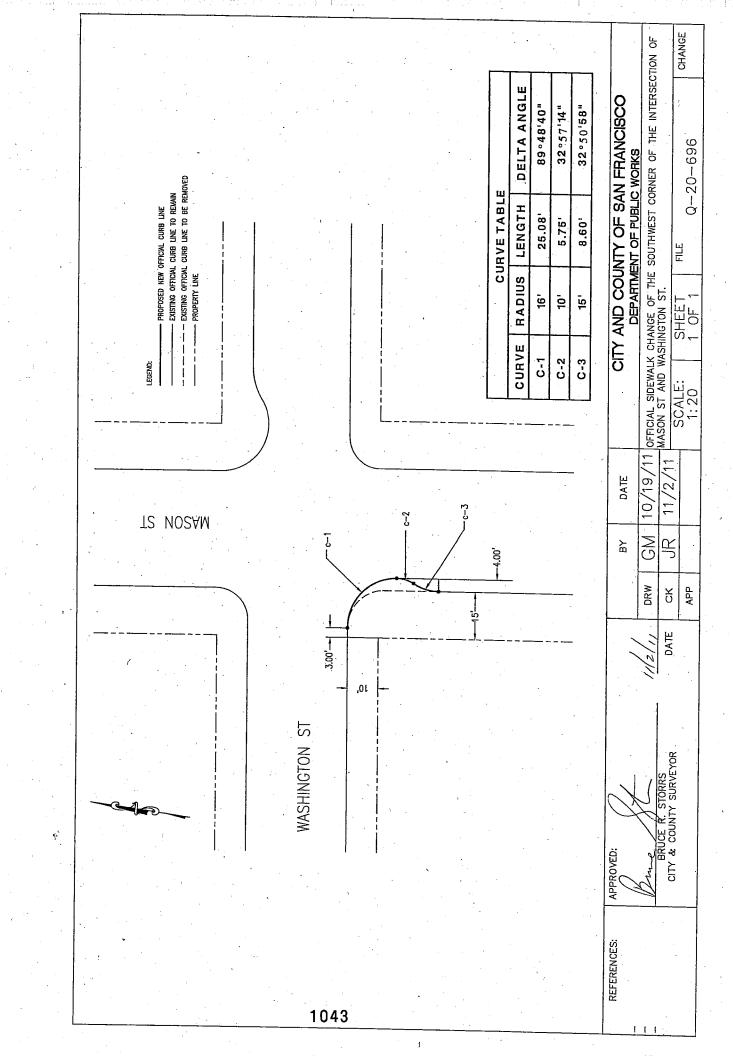
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Signed by Nuru, Mohammed View details on Wednesday, September 07, 2011 12:18 PM (Pacific Standard Time)

11/14/2011

X Fuad Sweiss, City Engineer

Signed by Sweiss, Fuad View details on Monday, November 14, 2011 5:15 PM (Pacific Standard Time)



# **General Plan Referral**

1650 Mission St. Suite 400 San Francisco, CA 94103-2479

Date:

June 23, 2011

Reception:

Case No.

Case No. 2004.0245R, NOTE TO FILE

415.558.6378

Establish Sidewalk Corner Bulb on Mason at Washington Street Associated with the adjacent Chinese Recreation Center Project

415.558.6409

[Note: The Chinese Recreation Center Project was reviewed in Case 2004.025R and Planning

2009.1041E.

Information: 415.558.6377

Block/Lot No.:

0213/001

Project Sponsor:

Mary Hobson

San Francisco Recreation and Park Department

30 Van Ness Avenue, 5th Floor

San Francisco, CA 94102

Applicant:

Same as Above

Staff Contact:

Stephen Shotland - (415) 558-6308

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Recommendation:

Note to file 2004.0245R, finding construction of a corner

sidewalk bulb on Mason Street at Washington Street, on balance,

in conformity with the General Plan.

Recommended

By:

im, Director of Planning

#### PROJECT DESCRIPTION

The project is limited to constructing a corner sidewalk bulb on Mason Street at Washington Street (the southwest corner of the Mason Street/Washington Street intersection, in the City's Chinatown The demolition of the existing Chinese Recreation Center and construction of a new Recreation Facility was reviewed in Case 2004.0703R and Case 2009.1041E. Plans showing the existing condition and proposed sidewalk bulb are provided in Attachment 1a. and 1b.

#### SITE DESCRIPTION AND PRESENT USE

The project is limited to official change to official width of the Mason Street sidewalk at Washington Street to establish a sidewalk bulb. The Washington Street sidewalk is 10'-5" wide; Mason Street sidewalk is 15' wide at this location.

# GENERAL PLAN REFERRAL OFFICIAL SIDEWALK CHANGE - SIDEWALK CORNER BULB ON MASON STREET AT WASHINGTON STREET

## CASE NO. 2004.0245R NOTE TO FILE

#### **ENVIRONMENTAL REVIEW**

On 5/19/2011, the Environmental Planning section of the San Francisco Planning Department determined that the Project (sidewalk corner bulb) would be categorically exempt from Environmental Review under Section 15301 of CEQA Guidelines - as a Class – Existing Facilities Categorical Exemption.

## GENERAL PLAN COMPLIANCE AND BASIS FOR RECOMMENDATION

The Project is consistent with the Eight Priority Policies of Planning Code Section 101.1 as described in the body of this letter 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.

Comment: The project limited to establishing a corner sidewalk bulb on Mason Street at Washington Street, fronting reconstructed Chinese Recreation Center on the adjacent parcel. The sidewalk bulb is proposed in order to accommodate construction of ADA accessible sidewalk ramps at the intersection to improve access to the new public facility (reviewed separately).

#### TRANSPORTATION ELEMENT

#### **OBJECTIVE 23**

IMPROVE THE CITY'S PEDESTRIAN CIRCULATION SYSTEM TO PROVIDE FOR EFFICIENT, PLEASANT, AND SAFE MOVEMENT.

#### POLICY 23.1

Provide sufficient pedestrian movement space with a minimum of pedestrian congestion in accordance with a pedestrian street classification system.

Sidewalks should be sufficiently wide to comfortably carry existing and expected levels of pedestrians, and to provide for necessary pedestrian amenities and buffering from adjacent roadways. The need for these elements varies by the street context – sidewalk width should be based on the overall context and role of the street.

#### POLICY 23.2

Widen sidewalks where intensive commercial, recreational, or institutional activity is present, sidewalks are congested, where sidewalks are less than adequately wide to provide appropriate pedestrian amenities, or where residential densities are high.

Wider sidewalks provide more pedestrian space and also permit more pedestrian amenities. In high-density residential and recreational areas, sidewalks are often utilized as open space, and should be designed and built to accommodate such a use....

Comment: The proposed sidewalk bulb on Mason Street at Washington Street would provide additional space for pedestrian queuing and provide space to accommodate ADA curb access ramps. Chinatown is arguably the City's densest neighborhood. In addition, the proposed sidewalk corner bulb is adjacent to Chinese Recreation Center,

# GENERAL PLAN REFERRAL OFFICIAL SIDEWALK CHANGE - SIDEWALK CORNER BULB ON MASON STREET AT WASHINGTON STREET

which attracts large numbers of neighborhood residents partaking in recreational activities and programs offered at the Recreation Center. Establishing a sidewalk bulb at this location is consistent with these policies

#### **OBJECTIVE 26**

CONSIDER THE SIDEWALK AREA AS AN IMPORTANT ELEMENT IN THE CITYWIDE OPEN SPACE SYSTEM.

#### POLICY 26.3

Encourage pedestrian serving uses on the sidewalk.

#### CHINATOWN AREA PLAN

#### **POLICY 4.4**

Expand open space opportunities.

Comment: Chinatown is one of the City's densest neighborhoods, and is also one with limited open space resources. The proposed sidewalk bulb would improve access to the adjacent recreation facility. While it would improve access to all, the wider sidewalk also accommodate ADA curb access ramps

#### PLANNING CODE SECTION 101.1 EIGHT PRIORITY POLICY FINDINGS

Planning Code Section 101.1 establishes Eight Priority Policies and requires review of discretionary approvals and permits for consistency with said policies. The Project is found to be consistent with the Eight Priority Policies as set forth in Planning Code Section 101.1 for the following reasons:

- 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 have no adverse effect on 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 have no adverse effect on the City's housing stock or on neighborhood character. The existing housing and neighborhood character will be not be negatively affected
- 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.
- 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.

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- 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 affect 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 adversely affect achieving the greatest possible preparedness against injury and loss of life in an earthquake...

- 7. That landmarks and historic buildings be preserved. The project does not involve any historic buildings.
- 8. That our parks and open space and their access to sunlight and vistas be protected from development.

  The project would have no adverse effect on parks and open space or their access to sunlight and vista.

#### **RECOMMENDATION:**

Finding the Project, on balance, in-conformity with the General Plan.

#### Attachment:

- 1a. Existing Sidewalk Condition
- Proposed Sidewalk Bulb

