

LEGISLATIVE DIGEST

[Changing the Official Sidewalk Widths - Portions of Post Street, Geary Boulevard, Geary Street, Cedar Street, Franklin Street, and Van Ness Avenue - California Pacific Medical Center: Cathedral Hill Campus]

Ordinance: 1) amending Ordinance No. 1061 entitled “Regulating the Width of Sidewalks” by adding thereto Section 1596 to change the official sidewalk width of: a) the southerly side of Post Street starting at the southeast intersection with Franklin Street continuing east to the southwest intersection with Van Ness Avenue; b) the northerly side of Geary Boulevard starting at the northeast intersection with Franklin Street continuing east to the northwest intersection with Van Ness Avenue; c) the northerly side of Geary Street starting at the northeast intersection of Van Ness Avenue continuing east 325 feet; d) both sides of Cedar Street starting at the intersection with Van Ness Avenue continuing east to the intersection with Polk Street; e) the westerly side of Van Ness Avenue starting at the intersection with Geary Boulevard continuing north to the intersection with Post Street; and f) the easterly side of Van Ness Avenue starting at the intersection with Geary Street continuing north to the intersection with Cedar Street; 2) making environmental findings and findings pursuant to the General Plan and Planning Code Section 101.1; and 3) requiring relocation, modification, or both of facilities affected by the sidewalk width change.

Existing Law

Board of Supervisors’ Ordinance No. 1061 established the official sidewalk widths for sidewalks throughout San Francisco.

Amendments to Current Law

This ordinance changes the official sidewalk width of certain sidewalks surrounding the CPMC’s proposed Cathedral Hill hospital and medical office building. The sidewalk widths to be changed are the south side of Post Street, between Franklin Street and Van Ness Avenue; the north side of Geary Boulevard, between Franklin Street and Van Ness Avenue; the north side of Geary Street, between Van Ness Avenue and just west of Polk Street; both sides of Cedar Street, between Van Ness Avenue and Polk Street; the west side of Van Ness Avenue, between Geary Boulevard and Post Street; and the east side of Van Ness Avenue between Geary Street and Cedar Street.

Background Information

This ordinance is part of a series of ordinances which would allow California Pacific Medical Center (“CPMC”) to construct the Cathedral Hill Campus, which is proposed as part of CPMC’s Long Range Development Plan. The Cathedral Hill Campus includes a new acute care hospital on the block bounded by Van Ness Avenue, Geary Boulevard, Franklin and Post

Streets, a new medical office building on the site bounded by Van Ness Avenue, Geary Street, Cedar Street and one property west of Polk Street, and a pedestrian tunnel under Van Ness Avenue to connect the two facilities.

Among other approvals, the Cathedral Hill Campus will also require ordinances to amend the San Francisco General Plan, Planning Code and Zoning Map. CPMC also seeks approval of a development agreement with the City primarily related to the construction of the new hospital and medical office building at the Cathedral Hill Campus, a new medical office building at the Davies Campus, and a new hospital and medical office building at the St. Luke's Campus.