LEGISLATIVE DIGEST

[General Plan Amendment - Transit Center District Plan]

Ordinance: 1) amending the San Francisco General Plan by adding the Transit Center District Sub-Area Plan to the Downtown Plan and making various amendments to the Downtown Plan, Urban Design Element, Commerce and Industry Element, Recreation and Open Space Element, and Transportation Element as part of the establishment of the Transit Center District Plan; and 2) making environmental findings and findings of consistency with the General Plan as proposed for amendment and Planning Code Section 101.1.

Existing Law

The City's General Plan is the blueprint for planning within the City and the Planning Code. It includes various Elements, such as Urban Design, Commerce and Industry, Recreation and Open Space, and Transportation. It also includes a Land Use Index. Within each Element there are objectives and policies. The General Plan also includes neighborhood plans for specific areas of the City, such as the Downtown Plan, and sub-area plans within those neighborhood plans.

Amendments to Current Law

The Ordinance would adopt the Transit Center District Plan, a sub-area plan with the Downtown Plan, and establish various objectives and policies for this area. The Plan is centered on the new Transbay Transit Center, and is bounded generally by Market, Steuart, and Folsom Streets, and a line east of Third Street. The legislation would make conforming changes to the General Plan and the Downtown Plan to implement this sub-area plan. The proposed changes would include amendments to the General Plan's Urban Design Element, Commerce and Industry Element, Recreation and Open Space Element, Transportation Element, and the Land Use Index. This Ordinance would make environmental findings and findings of consistency with General Plan, as proposed for amendment, and the priority policies of Planning Code Section 101.1

Background Information

This Ordinance is part of companion legislation concerning the Transit Center District Plan, a sub-area plan of the Downtown Plan which is neighborhood area plan in the City's General Plan.

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