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Completed by:  Alisa Miller  Date  May 31, 2013
Ordinance amending the Administrative Code to establish a Street Design Review Committee.

NOTE: Additions are single-underline italics Times New Roman; deletions are strike-through italics Times New Roman. Board amendment additions are double-underlined; Board amendment deletions are strikethrough normal.

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

Section 1. The San Francisco Administrative Code is hereby amended by adding Section 98.2, to read as follows:

SEC. 98.2. STREET DESIGN REVIEW COMMITTEE.

(a) There shall be a Street Design Review Committee ("the Committee") to advise the Mayor on the design of proposed improvements to the public right of way, and to facilitate the resolution at a high administrative level of policy conflicts and project-specific conflicts in the design and engineering phase of an individual project.

(b) The Committee shall consist of the following officials, or their designees:

(1) The Mayor, who shall act as chair;

(2) The Director of Public Works;

(3) The Director of Transportation for the Municipal Transportation Agency ("the MTA");

(4) The Director of Planning;

(5) The General Manager of the Public Utilities Commission;

(6) The Director of the Department of Economic and Workforce Development; and

(7) The San Francisco Fire Marshal.
(c) The Committee shall review any proposed improvement to the public right of way submitted by a Committee member, including projects that are under the jurisdiction of the MTA, where the Committee member concludes that the proposed improvement, or a department’s interpretation of or proposed modifications to the proposed improvement, may conflict with one or more of the policies referenced in subsection (d). The Committee shall provide its assessment to the Mayor, with a copy to the department proposing the improvement.

(d) In conducting its review, the Committee shall examine whether proposed improvements are consistent with the City’s Better Streets Plan, Transit First Policy, Complete Streets Policy, the Mayor’s Pedestrian Strategy, the MTA Bicycle Strategy, and other relevant policy documents relating to the design of public streets, as applicable. The Committee may recommend changes to departmental standards and procedures necessary or appropriate to make those standards and procedures better conform to the City policies identified above.

(e) To the extent feasible, the Committee shall review projects submitted under subsection (c) at the 30 percent and final design stages, and prior to any final board or commission approvals, for compliance with the policies referenced in subsection (d). The Committee, in its discretion, may review proposed improvements at other design stages.

(f) All City departments shall cooperate with the Committee in its operations.

(g) The Committee shall submit a report on its activities to the Board of Supervisors twice a year. Such report shall include, at minimum, a list of projects reviewed, any conflicts between competing policies identified during the review process, and how the conflicts were resolved.

(h) Nothing in this Section shall be construed to limit or interfere with any power or duty conferred on any officer or department under the Charter, the Municipal Code, or State law. Nothing in this Section shall be construed to require the Municipal Transportation Agency to spend money from the Municipal Transportation Fund not budgeted for that purpose by the Agency.
Section 2. Effective Date. This ordinance shall become effective 30 days from the date of passage.

Section 3. This section is uncodified. In enacting this Ordinance, the Board intends to amend only those words, phrases, paragraphs, subsections, sections, articles, numbers, punctuation, charts, diagrams, or any other constituent part of the Administrative Code that are explicitly shown in this legislation as additions, deletions, Board amendment additions, and Board amendment deletions in accordance with the "Note" that appears under the official title of the legislation.

APPROVED AS TO FORM:
DENNIS J. HERRERA, City Attorney

By: 
THOMAS J. OWEN
Deputy City Attorney
[Administrative Code – Establishing a Street Design Review Committee]

Ordinance amending the Administrative Code to establish a Street Design Review Committee.

Existing Law

Several City departments share responsibility for the design and engineering of improvements to the public right of way.

Amendments to Current Law

The proposal is an ordinance that would amend the Administrative Code to create a Street Design Review Committee. The Committee would review proposed street improvement projects for consistency with the City’s Better Streets Plan, Transit First Policy, and other relevant policies, where a Committee member identified a possible conflict between the project or proposed modifications to the project and one or more of the policies.

The Committee would include: the Mayor, who would act as chair; the Director of Public Works; the Director of Transportation for the Municipal Transportation Agency; the Director of Planning; the General Manager of the Public Utilities Commission; the Director of the Department of Economic and Workforce Development; and, the City Fire Marshal.

In addition to advising the Mayor and affected departments on individual street improvement projects, the Committee would also report to the Board of Supervisors periodically on the Committee’s activities.

Although one purpose of the Committee would be to encourage resolution of design issues and policy conflicts at the department head level, the Committee’s role would be advisory only. The Committee could not limit or interfere with a power or duty conferred on any officer or department under the Charter, the Municipal Code, or State law.
April 23, 2013

Supervisor Wiener
City Hall
1 Dr. Carlton B. Goodlett Place
San Francisco, CA 94102-4689

Dear Supervisor Wiener,

The San Francisco Pedestrian Safety Advisory Committee endorses and strongly supports Supervisor Wiener’s new legislative package.

PSAC supports Supervisor Wiener’s proposed resolution urging interagency cooperation, communication and collaboration between the Public Utilities Commission, Department of Public Works, Municipal Transportation Agency, and Planning (File 130255).

PSAC also supports the proposed ordinance amending the San Francisco Public Works Code regarding Public Improvements as Gifts (File 130251). In addition, PSAC supports the establishment of a Street Design Review Committee (File 130252) and ordinance amending the Fire Code (File 130253).

We appreciate Supervisor Wiener’s legislative assistant Mr. Andres Power presenting to our Committee on April 9th, and want to follow up on our request that a PSAC representative seat be established on the proposed Street Design Committee. PSAC completely agrees with Supervisor Wiener’s statements regarding fragmented responsibility and the need to streamline pedestrian safety efforts. PSAC commends Supervisor Wiener’s excellent leadership on this deadly serious issue. PSAC welcomes the opportunity to continue working with all members of the Board of Supervisors to make the streets of San Francisco safer. Thank you.

Sincerely,

Zack Marks
Chair of PSAC

cc: San Francisco Board of Supervisors
Edward Reiskin, Director of Transportation, SFMTA
Luis Montoya, Mari Hunter and Darcie Lim, SFMTA
Elizabeth Stampe, Executive Director, Walk SF
Christine Falvey and Gillian Gillett, Mayor’s Office
MEMORANDUM

TO: Jason Elliott, Mayor's Office
Mohammed Nuru, Director, Department of Public Works
Ed Reiskin, Executive Director, Municipal Transportation Agency
John Rahaim, Director, Planning Department
Harlan Kelly, Jr., General Manager, Public Utilities Commission
Todd Rufo, Director, Office of Economic and Workforce Development
Chief Joanne Hayes-White, Fire Department
Thomas Harvey, Fire Marshal, Fire Department

FROM: Alisa Miller, Clerk, Land Use and Economic Development Committee
Board of Supervisors

DATE: May 30, 2013

SUBJECT: SUBSTITUTE LEGISLATION INTRODUCED

The Board of Supervisors' Land Use and Economic Development Committee has received the following substitute legislation, introduced by Supervisor Wiener on May 21, 2013:

File No. 130252-2

Ordinance amending the Administrative Code to establish a Street Design Review Committee.

This matter will be heard at the Land Use and Economic Development Committee meeting on Monday, June 3, 2013 at 1:30 p.m.

This matter is being forwarded to your department for informational purposes. If you have any comments or reports to be included with the file, please forward them to me at the Board of Supervisors, City Hall, Room 244, 1 Dr. Carlton B. Goodlett Place, San Francisco, CA 94102.

cc: Frank Lee, Department of Public Works
Kate Breen, Municipal Transportation Agency
Janet Martinsen, Municipal Transportation Agency
Scott Sanchez, Planning Department
Sarah Jones, Planning Department
AnMarie Rodgers, Planning Department
Juliet Ellis, Public Utilities Commission
Kelly Alves, Fire Department
MEMORANDUM

TO: Jason Elliott, Mayor's Office
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    Todd Rufo, Director, Office of Economic and Workforce Development
    Chief Joanne Hayes-White, Fire Department
    Thomas Harvey, Fire Marshal, Fire Department

FROM: Alisa Miller, Clerk, Land Use and Economic Development Committee
      Board of Supervisors

DATE: March 20, 2013

SUBJECT: LEGISLATION INTRODUCED

The Board of Supervisors' Land Use and Economic Development Committee has received the following proposed legislation, introduced by Supervisor Wiener on March 12, 2013:

File No. 130252

Ordnance amending the Administrative Code, by adding Section 98.2, to establish a Street Design Review Committee.

This matter is being forwarded to your department for informational purposes. If you have any comments or reports to be included with the file, please forward them to me at the Board of Supervisors, City Hall, Room 244, 1 Dr. Carlton B. Goodlett Place, San Francisco, CA 94102.

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   Sarah Jones, Planning Department
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Introduction Form
By a Member of the Board of Supervisors or the Mayor

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☐ 6. Call File No. ________ from Committee.
☐ 7. Budget Analyst request (attach written motion).
☒ 8. Substitute Legislation File No. 130252
☐ 9. Request for Closed Session (attach written motion).
☐ 10. Board to Sit as A Committee of the Whole.
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Please check the appropriate boxes. The proposed legislation should be forwarded to the following:

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Sponsor(s):
Wiener and Yee

Subject:
Administrative Code - Street Design Review Committee

The text is listed below or attached:

Ordinance amending the Administrative Code to establish a Street Design Review Committee.

Signature of Sponsoring Supervisor: ______________

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Sponsor(s):
Supervisor Wiener; Supervisor Yee

Subject:
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[Signature]

Signature of Sponsoring Supervisor: Scott Wiener

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