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Re: Streamlined Approval Process for Certain Official Sidewalk Width Changes -
Bulb-outs and Sidewalk Widening Less than One Linear Block

Case No. Case No. 2015-001787GPR
Official Sidewalk Change 1400 16th Street – along De Haro Street between 15th
and 16th Streets, AB 3938, Lot 001

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The Department of Public Works (DPW) has established a streamlined process for approval of certain official sidewalk width changes that are supported by the City's General Plan, Better Streets Plan, and approved neighborhood streetscape plans. The proposed project has been forwarded to the Planning Department for review and comment as part of this streamlined process.

The proposed project involves adding a 10-foot sidewalk where none currently exists along the eastern side of De Haro Street, fronting 1400 16th Street (AB 3938, Lot 001); 15-foot bulb-outs are proposed at either end of the block, at 15th and 16th Streets.

According to the DPW, the current sidewalk width at this location is legislated at 15 feet; however, a sidewalk is currently nonexistent. Therefore, the applicant is asking for the official legislated sidewalk width to be changed to 10 feet and allowed to be developed as such. The 10-foot sidewalk width will allow for all current 90 degree perpendicular parking to remain on De Haro Street and allow for safe and usable pedestrian access.

The Planning Department finds that the proposed sidewalk width changes are supported by the Better Streets Plan which was found to be consistent with the General Plan and the Priority Policies of Planning Code Section 101.1 (b) in Planning Commission Resolution No. 18212 and Board of Supervisors Ordinance 310-10; and incorporates those findings herein by reference. Please refer to the Design Guidelines of the Better Streets Plan, located at <http://www.sfbetterstreets.org/design-guidelines>, for direction on design, furniture placement, and materials selection within the proposed sidewalk change.

The Environmental Planning Division of the Planning Department determined that the proposed project is cleared under the Better Streets Plan Project Mitigated Negative Declaration, adopted September 15, 2010, Case No. 2007.1238E.

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