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Madame Clerk

The SFMTA would like to add the following notice of support to the record for File 170206 -Planning Code Amendments—Off-street Parking and Loading Requirements in advance of the resolution being voted on at the May 2 BOS meeting.

The proposed Planning Code amendments bring parking and loading policies in the Planning Code into alignment with each other and with other city policies. The SFMTA is supportive of these changes.

In particular, the SFMTA supports the proposed amendments to Section 303, Conditional Uses. The proposed amendments to this section calls on the Planning Commission to affirm required criteria are present before approval of non-accessory parking (parking garages), as well as for accessory parking that would exceed the amount principally permitted.

The proposed criteria support San Francisco's Transit First, Vision Zero, and Climate policies, such as demonstration that:

- Other solutions (access by other modes, more efficient management of existing parking) cannot satisfy or further reduce access demands for trips to the intended site.
- Access to the proposed parking does not have negative impacts on people walking, bicycling, on transit, or on area circulation.
- Operations will not incentivize driving and parking.
- Institutional users of proposed expanded public parking facilities have transportation demand management programs in place.

There is growing body of findings, including research conducted locally in San Francisco, that demonstrate the relationship between providing parking and the decision to drive. These amendments further ensure that San Francisco's policies related to provision of parking support the outcomes that our broader transportation, safety, and environmental policies call for.

The SFMTA is committed to continuing our support of and partnership with the Planning Department on parking and other issues of land use and transportation overlap.

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