

LEGISLATIVE DIGEST

[Summary Street Vacation - Francisco Street in Connection with Francisco Park Improvements - Interdepartmental Property Transfer]

Ordinance ordering the summary street vacation of the 900 block of Francisco Street, generally bounded by Assessor's Parcel Block No. 0046 to the north, Assessor's Parcel Block No. 0047 to the south, Larkin Street to the west, and Hyde Street to the east, as part of the development of Francisco Park, subject to certain terms and conditions, and approving a conditional interdepartmental transfer of the vacation area from Public Works to the Recreation and Park Department; affirming the Planning Department's determination under the California Environmental Quality Act; adopting findings that the actions contemplated in this Ordinance are consistent with the General Plan, and the eight priority policies of Planning Code, Section 101.1; and authorizing official acts in connection with this Ordinance, as defined herein.

Existing Law

The Vacation Area is a "paper" street consisting of the 900 block of Francisco Street, bounded by Assessor's Parcel Block No. 0046 to the north, Assessor's Parcel Block No. 0047 to the south, Larkin Street to the west, and Hyde Street to the east.

Amendments to Current Law

The vacation of the Vacation Area is conditioned on the successful transfer of the abutting parcels from the San Francisco Public Utilities Commission (SFPUC) to the Recreation and Park Department (RPD). If the abutting parcels transfer to RPD, the vacation will occur and the Vacation Area will no longer be a public street and will transfer to RPD. If the abutting parcels do not transfer to RPD, then the vacation and transfer will not occur.

Background Information

The Vacation Area is an undeveloped portion of Francisco Street within the Francisco Reservoir and Russian Hill Open Space Park. The SFPUC has conditionally transferred the parcels abutting the Vacation Area to RPD for development into a park, named Francisco Park, provided that RPD delivers certain payments to SFPUC as set forth in the August 1, 2014 Memorandum of Understanding (see File No. 140782). The final jurisdictional transfer is expected to occur by 2026. Vacating the Vacation Area and transferring it to RPD alongside the abutting parcels will allow RPD to assemble the complete Francisco Park and manage the entire property as a unified whole.