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August 20, 2020

To:

Rich Hillis Planning Director

From:

Angela Calvillo Clerk of the Board of Supervisors

Subject: Appeal of California Environmental Quality Act (CEQA) Determination of Categorical Exemption from Environmental Review - SFMTA - Panhandle Social Distancing and Safety Project

As you know, in response to the challenges posed during this health emergency, we have been working diligently the last several months to stabilize the remote meeting system and establish processes to execute efficient, complex hearings at the Board of Supervisors. Now that we have reached confidence in the remote meeting system, we are resuming scheduling of the appeal queue. In order to alleviate deadline concerns due to the sizable queue, Mayor London N. Breed issued the Twenty-Second Supplement to the Declaration of the Emergency that provides the Board until September 30, 2020, to schedule all of the initial hearings for pending appeals. Upon receipt of your determination, we will move forward accordingly and schedule a hearing within the timeframe if it is deemed to have been filed timely.

An appeal of the CEQA Determination of Statutory Exemption from Environmental Review for the proposed San Francisco Municipal Transportation Panhandle Social Distancing and Safety Project aka D5 Safe and Slow Streets Project, was filed with the Office of the Clerk of the Board on August 14, 2020, by Mary Miles on behalf of Coalition for Adequate Review.

Pursuant to Administrative Code, Chapter 31.16, I am forwarding this appeal, with attached documents, to the Planning Department to determine if the appeal has been filed in a timely manner.

If you have any questions, please feel free to contact Legislative Clerks Lisa Lew at (415) 554-7718, Jocelyn Wong at (415) 554-7702 or Brent Jalipa at (415) 554-7712.

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