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NOTICE OF PUBLIC HEARING

AND AVAILABILITY OF A DRAFT ENVIRONMENTAL IMPACT REPORT

Hearing Date: **April 4, 2019**
Time: **Not before 1:00 PM**

Location: **City Hall, 1 Dr. Carlton B. Goodlett Place, Room 400**
Case Type: **Environmental (Draft Environmental Impact Report)**
Hearing Body: **Planning Commission**

PROPERTY INFORMATION

Project Address: Market Street between Steuart Street and Octavia Boulevard. The project corridor includes portions of streets that intersect Market Street, four off-corridor intersections, and the entirety of Charles J. Brenham Place. The project corridor also includes the portion of Valencia Street between Market Street and McCoppin Street and the portion of McAllister Street between Market Street and Charles J Brenham Place.

Cross Street(s): Drumm Street, Davis Street, Front Street, Battery Street, Bush Street, Sansome Street, Sutter Street, Montgomery Street, Kearny Street, Geary Boulevard, O'Farrell Street, Grant Ave, Stockton Street, Ellis Street, Powell Street, Cyril Magnin Street, Mason Street, Turk Street, Taylor Street, Jones Street, McCallister Street, , Hyde Street, Grove Street, Hayes Street, Larkin Street, Polk Street, Fell Street, Van Ness Ave, Franklin Street, Page Street, Haight Street, Gough Street, Octavia Boulevard, Valencia Street, Steuart Street, Spear Street, Main Street, Beale Street, Fremont Street, 1st Street, 2nd Street, New Montgomery Street, 3rd Street, 4th Street, 5th Street, 6th Street, 7th Street, 8th Street, 9th Street, 10th Street, 11th Street, South Van Ness Avenue, 12th Street

Block /Lot No.: Various

Zoning District(s): Various

Plan Area: Market and Octavia, Central SoMa

APPLICATION INFORMATION

Case No.: 2014.0012E
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PROJECT DESCRIPTION

A draft environmental impact report (EIR) has been prepared by the San Francisco Planning Department in connection with this project.

The project sponsor, San Francisco Public Works (Public Works), in coordination with project partners (the Citywide Planning Division of the San Francisco Planning Department (planning department) and the San Francisco Municipal Transportation Agency (SFMTA)), proposes to implement the Better Market Street Project (proposed project or project). The proposed project would redesign and provide a program of transportation and streetscape improvements to a 2.2-mile-long corridor along Market Street through downtown San Francisco. The project corridor primarily encompasses Market Street between Steuart Street and Octavia Boulevard. The project corridor also includes portions of streets that intersect Market Street, four off-corridor intersections, and the entirety of Charles J. Brenham Place. The project corridor also includes the portion of Valencia Street

between Market Street and McCoppin Street and the portion of McAllister Street between Market Street and Charles J Brenham Place.

The project would introduce changes to the roadway configuration and private vehicle access, traffic signals, surface transit (including Muni-only lanes, stop spacing and service, stop locations, stop characteristics, and infrastructure), bicycle facilities, pedestrian facilities, streetscapes, commercial and passenger loading, vehicular parking, and utilities. The proposed project would implement a new bi-directional F Market & Wharves historic streetcar (F-Line) track loop (F-loop) on Charles J. Brenham Place and McAllister Street. New F-loop tracks would be constructed in the roadway to give F-Line surface-running streetcars additional opportunities to switch from running westbound (outbound) to running eastbound (inbound) using the new loop and vice versa. The project also would change traffic configurations on adjacent streets intersecting Market Street to both the north and south. In addition to the proposed project, the project sponsor is considering one project variant to the proposed project: the Western Variant. This variant would be located within a portion of the same corridor as the proposed project but would vary in terms of proposed improvements. The Western Variant would include the approximately 0.6 mile portion of Market Street between Octavia Boulevard and a point approximately 300 feet east of the Hayes and Market Street intersection. The Western Variant seeks further improvements over the proposed project to pedestrian and bicyclist safety, comfort, and mobility through additional reductions to conflicts between different modes of transportation.

The project corridor is entirely within public land, and the majority of the various proposed project elements would be implemented within the operational public right-of-way, which is largely under the jurisdiction of the project sponsor and SFMTA. The proposed project would not be located on or directly affect industrial parcels or other reported hazardous materials sites.

Implementation of the project and the project variants would require numerous state and local reviews, permits, and approvals, including the following: approval of sidewalk legislation, approval of construction-period encroachment permits, approval of changes to each bus route/streetcar line and stop location, among others listed in the Draft EIR project description.

DRAFT EIR: The Draft EIR finds that implementation of the proposed project would lead to significant unavoidable project-level and cumulative impacts related to cultural resources, transportation and circulation, and noise. The Draft EIR, including a detailed project description, is available for public review and comment on the Planning Department's website at <https://sf-planning.org/better-market-street-environmental-review-process>.

The purpose of the public hearing is for the Planning Commission and Department staff to receive comments on the adequacy of the EIR. The Planning Commission will not respond to any of the comments or take action on the project at this hearing. Call 415-558-6422 the week of the public hearing for a recorded message giving a more specific time for the hearing. Certification of the Final EIR will be considered at a later hearing. Contact the planner below if you wish to be on the mailing list for future notices.

In addition, the Historic Preservation Commission will hold a public hearing on Wednesday, March 20, 2019, in Room 400, City Hall, 1 Dr. Carlton B. Goodlett Place, beginning at 12:30 p.m. or later to provide its comments on the Draft EIR.

Public comments on the Draft EIR will be accepted from February 28, 2019 to 5:00 p.m. on April 15, 2019.

FOR MORE INFORMATION OR TO SUBMIT COMMENTS ON THE EIR, PLEASE CONTACT:

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GENERAL INFORMATION ABOUT PROCEDURES

Members of the public are not required to provide personal identifying information when they communicate with the Commission or the Department. All written or oral communications, including submitted personal contact information, may be made available to the public for inspection and copying upon request and may appear on the Department's website or in other public documents.

Only commenters on the Draft EIR will be permitted to file an appeal of the certification of the Final EIR to the Board of Supervisors.

CDs and paper copies of the Draft EIR are available at the Planning Information Center (PIC) counter on the first floor of 1660 Mission Street, San Francisco, and referenced materials are available for review by appointment (call the planner listed below). Written comments should be addressed to Chris Thomas, Environmental Planner, San Francisco Planning Department, 1650 Mission Street, Suite 400, San Francisco, CA 94103, or emailed to christopher.thomas@sfgov.org. Comments received at the public hearing and in writing will be responded to in a Draft EIR Responses to Comment (RTC) document.