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**SAN FRANCISCO
MUNICIPAL TRANSPORTATION AGENCY**

DIVISION: Sustainable Streets

BRIEF DESCRIPTION:

Approving oversize vehicle parking modifications on Felton Street, Bowdoin Street, Woolsey Street, and University Street on the perimeter of the University Mound Reservoir.

SUMMARY:

- The SFMTA Board of Directors has the authority to adopt parking and traffic regulations.
- Portola community members and Supervisor Ronen have requested relief from long-term parking around the University Reservoir by oversize vehicles of all types.
- Use of the oversize vehicle parking restriction is recommended in this instance under the policy guidance, given the significant concentration of oversize vehicles parking overnight on the reservoir perimeter and the residential character of those streets.
- Department of Homelessness and Supportive Housing teams have conducted outreach and engagement efforts to serve people residing in vehicles on the streets proposed for parking changes during the months of November and December 2018.
- The proposed action is the Approval Action as defined by S.F. Administrative Code Chapter 31.
- This is a Final SFMTA Decision as defined by [Ordinance 127-18](#). Final SFMTA Decisions can be reviewed by the Board of Supervisors. Information about the review process can be found at: https://sfbos.org/sites/default/files/SFMTA_Action_Review_Info_Sheet.pdf

ENCLOSURES:

1. SFMTAB Resolution

APPROVALS:

DATE

DIRECTOR  _____

January 30, 2019

SECRETARY  _____

January 30, 2019

ASSIGNED SFMTAB CALENDAR DATE: February 5, 2019

PURPOSE

Approving oversize vehicle parking modifications on Felton Street, Bowdoin Street, Woolsey Street, and University Street on the perimeter of the University Mound Reservoir.

STRATEGIC PLAN GOALS AND TRANSIT FIRST POLICY PRINCIPLES

Goal 2: Make transit and other sustainable modes of transportation the most attractive and preferred means of travel

Objective 2.3: Manage congestion and parking demand to support the Transit First Policy.

This action supports the following SFMTA Transit First Policy Principles:

1. To ensure quality of life and economic health in San Francisco, the primary objective of the transportation system must be the safe and efficient movement of people and goods.
2. Decisions regarding the use of limited public street and sidewalk space shall encourage the use of public rights of way by pedestrians, bicyclists, and public transit, and shall strive to reduce traffic and improve public health and safety.

DESCRIPTION

Portola residents and Supervisor Ronen have requested relief from long-term parking on neighborhood streets by oversize vehicles of all types, including recreational vehicles, buses, vans, box trucks, shuttle vans, and food trucks. SFMTA staff have observed as many as two dozen oversize vehicles parked on the streets encircling the University Mound Reservoir (Felton, Bowdoin, Woolsey, and University streets). Enforcement of existing parking regulations, limited to the 72-hour rule and once-a-week street cleaning, has not addressed the concentration of oversize vehicles parked on these streets.

Parking time limits and/or overnight No Parking restrictions were suggested by SFMTA staff, but the community did not find these measures palatable since time limits would be a significant inconvenience, and an overnight No Parking restriction applicable to all vehicles on one side of these streets would reduce the parking supply for all users. As a result, residents have requested the SFMTA to approve oversize vehicle parking restrictions on Felton Street, Bowdoin Street, Woolsey Street, and University Street on the perimeter of the University Mound Reservoir. Use of the oversize vehicle restriction is recommended in this instance under the policy guidance adopted by the SFMTA Board, given the significant concentration of oversize vehicles parking overnight on the reservoir perimeter and the residential character of those streets.

- A. **OVERSIZE VEHICLE RESTRICTION (NO PARKING, MIDNIGHT TO 6 AM, DAILY FOR VEHICLES MORE THAN SEVEN FEET TALL OR 22 FEET LONG) – Felton Street, both sides, between University Street and Bowdoin Street; Bowdoin Street, both sides, between Felton Street and Burrows Street; Bowdoin Street, both sides, between Bacon Street and Woolsey Street; Woolsey Street, both sides, between Bowdoin Street and University Street; and University Street, both sides, between Woolsey Street and Felton Street.**

STAKEHOLDER ENGAGEMENT

Extensive written correspondence and public comment was received from residents of the University Mound Reservoir area requesting that the SFMTA establish and enforce parking restrictions for oversized vehicles on the streets immediately surrounding the reservoir. Community meetings were convened by Supervisor Ronen at the Palega Recreation Center on October 9, 2018 and December 10, 2018. Each meeting was attended by over 100 members of the public, as well as representatives of the SFMTA, the Department of Homelessness and Supportive Housing, the SF Police Department, and SF Public Works, and each meeting received extensive media coverage.

This will be the first public hearing for the proposed parking modifications. These parking modifications were not considered at a City Traffic Engineer public hearing at the request of Supervisor Ronen in order to consolidate constituent testimony on the proposal to a single hearing. Notices for this meeting were posted starting on January 21st on the streets proposed for these parking restrictions in accordance with SFMTA noticing requirements. Further public announcements were made via Supervisor Ronen's office and media outlets.

Department of Homelessness and Supportive Housing outreach teams have conducted outreach and engagement efforts to people residing in vehicles on the streets proposed for parking requirements during the months of November and December 2018. Occupants of three vehicles, including two families with children, were provided with services.

ALTERNATIVES CONSIDERED

Parking time limits and/or overnight No Parking restrictions were recommended by SFMTA staff, but the community did not find these measures palatable, and requested the SFMTA to adopt oversize vehicle parking restrictions.

A larger area for establishment of the oversize vehicle restriction was suggested by some residents, who anticipate relocation of oversize vehicles from the proposed streets if restrictions are approved and posted around the reservoir. However, Department of Homelessness and Supportive Housing outreach has so far been limited to the four sides of the reservoir; further outreach should be conducted before proposing the oversize vehicle restriction on other blocks.

FUNDING IMPACT

There is no funding impact.

ENVIRONMENTAL REVIEW

The proposed traffic and parking modifications are subject to the California Environmental Quality Act (CEQA). CEQA provides a categorical exemption from environmental review for operation, repair, maintenance, or minor alteration of existing highways and streets, sidewalks, gutters, bicycle and pedestrian trails, and similar facilities as defined in Title 14 of the California Code of Regulations

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Section 15301. The SFMTA, under authority delegated by the San Francisco Planning Department, has determined that the proposed parking and traffic modifications (Case No 2019-000687ENV) are categorically exempt from CEQA pursuant to Title 14 of the California Code of Regulations Section 15301.

The proposed action is the Approval Action as defined by San Francisco Administrative Code Chapter 31. Copies of the CEQA determinations are on file with the Secretary to the SFMTA Board of Directors, and may be found in the records of the Planning Department at 1650 Mission Street in San Francisco, and are incorporated herein by reference.

OTHER APPROVALS RECEIVED OR STILL REQUIRED

Final SFMTA Decisions, whether made by the City Traffic Engineer or the SFMTA Board, can be reviewed by the Board of Supervisors pursuant to Ordinance 127-18. Information about the review process can be found at: https://sfbos.org/sites/default/files/SFMTA_Action_Review_Info_Sheet.pdf. The proposed parking restrictions are subject to Board of Supervisors review because the SFMTA is adopting a limitation on the time period for which a vehicle may be parked.

The City Attorney's Office has reviewed this calendar item.

RECOMMENDATION

SFMTA staff recommend that the SFMTA Board of Directors approve the parking modifications, on Felton Street, Bowdoin Street, Woolsey Street, and University Street on the perimeter of the University Mound Reservoir.

SAN FRANCISCO
MUNICIPAL TRANSPORTATION AGENCY
BOARD OF DIRECTORS

RESOLUTION No. _____

WHEREAS, The San Francisco Municipal Transportation Agency has received a request for parking modifications as follows:

- A. ESTABLISH – OVERSIZE VEHICLE RESTRICTION (NO PARKING, MIDNIGHT TO 6 AM, DAILY FOR VEHICLES MORE THAN SEVEN FEET TALL OR 22 FEET LONG) – Felton Street, both sides, between University Street and Bowdoin Street; Bowdoin Street, both sides, between Felton Street and Burrows Street; Bowdoin Street, both sides, between Bacon Street and Woolsey Street; Woolsey Street, both sides, between Bowdoin Street and University Street; and University Street, both sides, between Woolsey Street and Felton Street; and,

WHEREAS, Other parking management measures suggested by SFMTA staff were not found acceptable by members of the community, and use of the oversize vehicle parking restriction is recommended in this instance under the policy guidance adopted by the SFMTA Board, given the significant concentration of oversized vehicles parking overnight near the University Mound Reservoir and the residential character of those streets; and,

WHEREAS, Department of Homelessness and Supportive Housing teams have conducted outreach and engagement efforts to people residing in vehicles on the streets proposed for parking restrictions during the months of November and December 2018; and,

WHEREAS, The proposed parking modifications are subject to the California Environmental Quality Act (CEQA); CEQA provides a categorical exemption from environmental review for operation, repair, maintenance, or minor alteration of existing highways and streets, sidewalks, gutters, bicycle and pedestrian trails, and similar facilities as defined in Title 14 of the California Code of Regulations Section 15301; and,

WHEREAS, The SFMTA, under authority delegated by the San Francisco Planning Department, has determined that the proposed parking and traffic modifications are categorically exempt from CEQA pursuant to Title 14 of the California Code of Regulations Section 15301; and,

WHEREAS, The proposed action is the Approval Action as defined by San Francisco Administrative Code Chapter 31; and,

WHEREAS, Copies of the CEQA determinations are on file with the Secretary to the SFMTA Board of Directors, and may be found in the records of the Planning Department at 1650 Mission Street in San Francisco, and are incorporated herein by reference; and,

WHEREAS, This is the first public hearing for the proposed parking modifications since these parking modifications were not considered at a City Traffic Engineer public hearing at the request of Supervisor Ronen in order to consolidate constituent testimony on the proposal to a single hearing; and,

RESOLVED, That the San Francisco Municipal Transportation Agency Board of Directors approves the parking and traffic modifications, as set forth in Item A, on Felton Street, Bowdoin Street, Woolsey Street, and University Street on the perimeter of the University Mound Reservoir.

I certify that the foregoing resolution was adopted by the San Francisco Municipal Transportation Agency Board of Directors at its meeting of February 5, 2019.

Secretary to the Board of Directors
San Francisco Municipal Transportation Agency

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