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NOTICE OF EXEMPTION

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Final Approval Date: April 22, 2022
Case No.: 2021-010884ENV
Project Title: South Van Ness Quickbuild Project
Zoning: Not applicable
Height/Bulk: Not applicable
Block/Lot: Not applicable, site is within the public right-of-way
Street Segments: South Van Ness Avenue, between 14th Street and Cesar Chavez Street
Lead Agency: San Francisco Planning Department
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Pursuant to the California Environmental Quality Act (CEQA), the Guidelines of the Secretary for Resources, and San Francisco requirements, this Notice of Exemption is transmitted to you for filing. At the end of the posting period, please return this Notice to the Staff Contact with a notation of the period it was posted.

Attached fee: \$75 filing fee

Project Description

The San Francisco Municipal Transportation Agency (SFMTA) proposes to implement transportation safety improvements on South Van Ness Avenue, between 14th Street and Cesar Chavez Street, as part of the South Van Ness Avenue Quickbuild Project (project).

The project would create safer conditions for pedestrians by improving pedestrian visibility and decreasing traffic speed along the project corridor. The project includes a lane reduction that would convert South Van Ness Avenue from four travel lanes (two lanes in each direction) to three travel lanes consisting of one travel lane northbound, one travel lane southbound, and a two-way left-turn lane in the middle transitioning to left

turn pockets at intersections. There would also be signal timing offset adjustments (changes to the progression of signals along the corridor) to discourage speeding to improve pedestrian safety. Additional pedestrian improvements include early walk signals for pedestrians for all crossings to provide more time within each cycle for pedestrians to cross the street.

Determination

The City and County of San Francisco decided to carry out or approve the project on November 10, 2021 when the San Francisco Municipal Transportation Agency administratively approved the project. On March 23, 2022, the Planning Department posted the decision to approve the project on the Planning Department website. The project was officially approved on April 22, 2022 when no appeal of the statutory exemption was filed during the 30-day appeal period. A copy of the documents may be examined at the Planning Department, 49 South Van Ness Avenue, Suite 1400, San Francisco, CA, 94103 under file no. 2021-010884ENV.

1. An Exemption from Environmental Review has been prepared pursuant to the provisions of CEQA under:

- Ministerial (Sec. 21080(b)(1); 15268)
- Declared Emergency (Sec. 21080(b)(3); 15269(a))
- Emergency Project (Sec. 21080(b)(4); 15269(b)(c))
- Categorical Exemption. State type and section number: _____
- Statutory Exemption. State code number: Public Resources Code section 21080.25
- Community Plan Exemption (Sec. 21083.3; 15183)

2. This project in its approved form has been determined to be exempt from environmental review because it meets the criteria for a statutory exemption under Public Resources Code section 21080.25.

Rich Hillis
Planning Director

Debra Dwyer for _____
By Lisa Gibson
Environmental Review Officer

December 15, 2022
Date

cc: Melinda Hue, San Francisco Municipal Transportation Agency