

Market Octavia Citizen Advisory Committee Motion

Resolution Endorsing Funding for Page Street Neighborway

MOTION NO.: 2020-11-16-01.

ACTION:

This resolution conveys to the San Francisco County Transportation Authority (SFCTA) Board and the San Francisco Municipal Transportation Agency (SFMTA) Board of Directors that the Market & Octavia CAC endorses the proposal to use \$1 million from the “Central Freeway Parcel monies” to fund completion of the Page Street Neighborway project.

Whereas the Page Street Neighborway Project (<https://www.sfmta.com/projects/page-street-neighborway>) focuses on pedestrian safety, and is complementary to the on-going Page Bikeway Improvement Pilot, as well as SFMTA’s Page Slow Streets pandemic response; and

Whereas Page Street provides connectivity to the broader bicycle route network; and

Whereas the Market & Octavia CAC adopted resolutions endorsing the complementary Page Bikeway Pilot in January 2020 (Motion 2020-1-27-01) and has repeatedly endorsed the Page Street Neighborway Project through approval of resolutions supporting annual IPIC expenditure plans; and

Whereas Page Street bicycle and pedestrian improvements are specifically called-out in the Market and Octavia Plan of which this committee is a steward; and

Whereas the scope of the Page Street Neighborway Project includes 6 sidewalk extensions, 4 rain gardens, and a raised intersection at Page/Buchanan Streets; and

Whereas these elements are designed to slow traffic (including bikes) and create a more comfortable walking environment on Page and on the crossings at Webster, Buchanan, and Laguna Streets; and

Whereas the raised intersection provides safety improvements connecting John Muir Elementary School with Koshland Park; and

Whereas new pandemic-era problems on Buchanan/Page have emerged, with speeding and stop sign running by cars moving north and south on Buchanan; and

Whereas the design for the Page Neighborway is complete and the SFMTA is ready to advertise for bids as early as December 2020, and the estimated \$2.5 million construction phase could start as early as next spring (2021) if funding is secured quickly, and the construction duration is expected to take 10-18 months; and

Whereas the shutdown of SF public schools and other activities during the pandemic provides a window of opportunity to install the improvements before school possibly re-opens in Fall 2021; and

Whereas the SFMTA has identified \$1.5 million of the needed \$2.5 million to fully fund the project; and

Whereas in 2019, the SFCTA Board approved District 5 neighborhood program funds from the Proposition K local sales tax for SFCTA staff to evaluate the accessibility, safety, and circulation of Octavia Boulevard leading to the Central Freeway, and to prioritize recommended near- and medium-term improvements to be implemented with approximately \$7 million from the Market and Octavia special funds generated from land sales and rental of former Central Freeway parcels; and

Whereas recommendations from the SFCTA study are expected in Summer 2021; and

Whereas due to declining General Fund revenues, which were intended to fund, in part, the Page Street Neighborway Project, the SFMTA is now seeking \$1 million in former Central Freeway parcel funds for this project to help avoid delays to implementation; and

Whereas the Page Street Neighborway Project is consistent with the SFCTA's study goals which include but are not limited to improving safety for all road users, supporting and expanding bicycle and pedestrian use, and enhancing the accessibility of all modes of transportation.

THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED that the Market and Octavia CAC endorses the use of \$1 million from the estimated \$7 million in available revenues from former Central Freeway parcel monies and urges the SFCTA Board to approve use of these funds at their December 8 meeting.

MOTION: Olsen

SECOND: Henderson

AYES: All

NOES: None

RECUSAL: None

ABSENT: None