Market & Octavia Community Advisory Committee Resolution

Urging the San Francisco Municipal Transportation Agency to Pedestrianize the 400 Block of Hayes Street

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WHEREAS, The Market & Octavia Area Plan, Objective 4.1 states "Provide safe, comfortable, and green public rights-of-way for pedestrian use and improve the public life of the neighborhood"; and

WHEREAS, The Market & Octavia Area Plan, Policy 4.1.1 states "In accordance with the city's Transit-First Policy, street rights-of-way should be allocated to make safe and attractive places for people and to prioritize reliable and effective transit service—even if it means reducing the street's car-carrying capacity"; and

WHEREAS, The Market & Octavia Area Plan, Policy 4.2.2 states "Improve the pedestrian character of Hayes Street, between Franklin and Laguna Streets, by creating an unobstructed, linear pedestrian thoroughfare linking commercial activities along Hayes Street to the new Octavia Boulevard";

WHEREAS, the Market & Octavia Community Advisory Committee, in Resolution 2020-07-20-01, resolved to "Converting up to three blocks of Hayes Street between Laguna and Franklin to city-approved outdoor seating and open spaces, as well as adjacent segments of Octavia and Laguna Streets";

WHEREAS, the weekend program running since 2020 has demonstrated the 400 block of Hayes can be successfully transformed into a vibrant space, with a majority of 400 block merchants giving written support, with none opposed, and over 2000 people signing a petition for permanent pedestrianization;

THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED THAT, the Market & Octavia Community Advisory Committee (MOCAC) urges the San Francisco Municipal Transportation Agency (SFMTA) to pedestrianize the 400 block of Hayes Street, transforming it into a vibrant, safe, and accessible public space that aligns with the vision and goals of the Market & Octavia Area Plan; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED THAT, the MOCAC urges SFMTA to implement temporary 24/7 pedestrianization measures as a pilot project, gathering data and community feedback to inform a permanent solution that enhances the livability and sustainability of the Market & Octavia area.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED THAT, the MOCAC recommends rerouting the 21 Hayes Outbound to Grove Street, between Franklin and Webster, Monday through Thursday, to match the current Friday through Sunday route.