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This Notice is given to advise interested parties and public agencies that San Francisco Public Works and the California Department of Transportation (Caltrans) have completed a Draft Environmental Assessment (Draft EA) and Draft Section 4(f) Evaluation for the project described below and that this document is available for public review. San Francisco Public Works is the project sponsor and Caltrans is the lead agency under the National Environmental Policy Act (NEPA) (under assignment from the Federal Highway Administration). CEQA clearance occurred through a separate process with the San Francisco Planning Department as the CEQA lead agency. The project description, location, and the potential environmental effects are discussed below.

**PROJECT TITLE** Better Market Street  
**PROJECT APPLICANT** San Francisco Public Works

### **PROJECT DESCRIPTION**

The Better Market Street Project (project) proposes to make Market Street safer and more efficient for all modes of transportation by reducing conflicts between transit, paratransit, taxis, commercial vehicles, cyclists, and pedestrians. The project includes changes to and replacement/modification of the roadway configuration, traffic signals, surface transit, bicycle facilities, pedestrian facilities, commercial and passenger loading, vehicular parking, and utilities. . Ancillary purposes of the project are to replace infrastructure in the corridor that is reaching the end of its operational design life, and to improve the accessibility of the corridor and quality of its streetscape environment. One Build Alternative is under consideration, with one design option. The design option provides additional benefits for pedestrians, transit and bicycles for a segment of the project.

### **PROJECT LOCATION**

The project is located within the City and County of San Francisco. The project corridor consists primarily of the 2.2 miles of Market Street between Octavia Boulevard and Steuart Street, spanning the Downtown/Civic Center, South of Market, and Financial District neighborhoods. The project corridor also includes several segments/intersections off of Market Street. The design option includes the approximately 0.6-mile portion of Market Street between Octavia Boulevard and a point approximately 300 feet east of the intersection of 8<sup>th</sup>, Hayes and Market streets. The design option also includes a portion of 11th Street south of Market Street.

### **PROBABLE ENVIRONMENTAL EFFECTS**

The Draft EA found that construction and operation of the project would generally have minimal impacts on all environmental resources. The proposed work may have an effect on historic properties eligible for the National Register of Historic Places. Caltrans is evaluating alternatives to determine if the project can avoid adversely affecting the property or, if not, if adequate mitigation measures can be incorporated into the project plans.

**PROJECT-LEVEL CONFORMITY ANALYSIS**

Project-level conformity analysis shows that the project will conform to the State Implementation Plan, including localized impact analysis with interagency consultation for particulate matter (PM2.5) required by 40 CFR 93.116 and 93.123. This project is not considered a Project of Concern regarding particulate matter (PM2.5) as defined in 40 CFR 93.123(b)(1). A detailed PM2.5 hot-spot analysis was not completed because Clean Air Act and 40 CFR 93.116 requirements are met without an explicit hot-spot analysis. The project is included in a conforming Regional Transportation Plan (RTP) and Transportation Improvement Program (TIP). Comment is requested regarding the project-level conformity analysis.

**REVIEW PERIOD**

The Draft EA and Draft Section 4(f) Evaluation will be available for public comment for a 45-day review period consistent with the Council on Environmental Quality regulations that federal agencies involve environmental agencies, applicants, and the public in the EA process (40 CFR 1501.4[b]), as well as with the provisions of Section 4(f) requirements for coordination with officials with jurisdiction over Section 4(f) resources that may be affected by the project (23 CFR 774.5). The Draft EA and Draft Section 4(f) Evaluation are available at <http://www.bettermarketstreetsf.org/your-part-environmental-review.html>. The public comment period for the Draft EA and Draft Section 4(f) Evaluation will begin on May 29, 2020 and end on July 14, 2020. Comments may be submitted, in writing, by 5:00 PM on July 14, 2020 and addressed to:

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**PUBLIC HEARING**

San Francisco Public Works and Caltrans will hold a virtual public hearing to receive comments on the Draft EA and Draft Section 4(f) Evaluation on June 17, 2020, at 4:00 PM. The virtual public hearing will consist of a video and audio presentation explaining the project. Formal comments may be provided by mail or email as described in this notice and during the virtual public hearing.

The virtual public hearing can be accessed at the following link:

<http://www.bettermarketstreetsf.org/your-part-environmental-review.html>

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