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Re: Allocation Request for Slow Streets - District 6 and District 7 Efforts

The SFMTA is requesting \$1,175,400 to upgrade temporary barricades to flexible delineator posts at intersections along 17 existing Slow Streets. Additionally, this request would fund delineator posts and signs at intersections along 14 new, approved Slow Streets. During the COVID era, the SFMTA initiated the Slow Streets Program to limit through traffic on residential streets, allowing them to be used more as shared spaces for people walking and biking while social distancing. This memo summarizes efforts in Districts 6 and 7 to implement Slow Streets and other on-going and emergency response efforts to improve walking and biking conditions for essential trips during Shelter-in-Place and into the future.

SFMTA staff performed substantial analysis for District 6 and District 7 Slow Streets and will continue to identify opportunities to expand the program as part of the SFMTA's overall COVID response. Slow Streets work well in residential areas with flat, two-lane streets and no signalized intersections, conditions not typical to District 6. While there is an absence of Slow Streets in District 6, the SFMTA continues to improve bicycle and pedestrian safety and access during the pandemic including:

- Implementation of the Tenderloin Emergency Streets Program with parking restrictions to facilitate social distancing and essential services, including the Jones Street physical distancing lane and Turk Street Play Street
- Committing to work with nine South of Market community organizations to expand Slow Streets in the SoMa neighborhood
- Partnering with Livable City on the Sunday Streets SoMa Pop-Up, closing Folsom Street between 6th and 8th streets every Sunday through mid-October
- Completing quick-build projects on Townsend Street, 7th Street and 3rd Street Lefty O'Doul Bridge

Specifically regarding Slow Streets, SFMTA staff reviewed many locations in Districts 6 and 7, working with San Francisco Fire Department, Transportation Authority Commissioners and local

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organizations. Additionally, SFMTA staff and partner agencies are working with commercial districts to implement Shared Spaces or street and parking lane closures to bring an increase in commercial activity. Below is an overview of the work performed to-date.

- District 6 COVID Response Efforts
 - Considered but not included:
 1. Folsom Street, eliminated due to multiple signalized intersections
 2. Harrison Street, eliminated due to one-way operations
 3. Terry Francois Boulevard, eliminated because it is Port jurisdiction
 - Tenderloin Emergency Streets program implemented various street and lane closures:
 1. Ellis Street (Jones Street to Leavenworth Street)
 2. Fulton Street (Larkin Street to Hyde Street)
 3. Golden Gate Avenue (Jones Street to Taylor Street)
 4. Jones Street (O'Farrell Street to Golden Gate Avenue)
 5. O'Farrell Street (Taylor Street to Mason Street)
 6. Taylor Street (O'Farrell Street to Ellis Street)
 - Shared Spaces - 74 approved and implemented

- District 7 COVID Response Efforts
 - Implemented:
 1. Kirkham (7th Avenue to Great Highway) implemented May 2020
 - Considered but not included:
 1. Baden Street, eliminated due to steep slope (16% grade)
 2. Capitol Avenue, eliminated due public opposition
 3. Holloway Avenue, eliminated due to use as an emergency priority corridor
 4. Urbano Avenue, eliminated due to public opposition
 - Future Phase
 1. Hearst Avenue (Ridgewood Avenue to Baden Street), publicly supported and ready for future approval
 - Shared Spaces - 21 approved and implemented

In addition to COVID-response efforts, the SFMTA has continued to implement quick-build projects throughout the pandemic, including completion of three project in District 6 since the beginning of shelter-in-place:

- Townsend Corridor Improvement Project (4th Street to 8th Street) including transit bulbs, protected bikeways with separate bicycle signals and area-specific parking and loading modifications



- 7th Street Safety Project (Townsend Street to Cleveland Street) with transition bulbs, protected bikeways with separate signals and area-specific parking and loading modifications
- 3rd Street Lefty O'Doul Bridge (Terry Francois Boulevard to the Bay Trail) added a two-way protected bikeway
- Finally, the SFMTA is committed to continuing working in all Districts to address needs for walking and biking safety and social distancing. We will continue to work with the Commissioners' offices to accommodate the public through the Slow Streets program and other SFMTA programs including Shared Spaces and quick-build safety projects to ensure that we address the unique challenges of each neighborhood.

Finally, the SFMTA is committed to continuing working in all Districts to address needs for walking and biking safety and social distancing. We have committed over \$1.5M to delivering additional quick-builds in District 6, including Embarcadero (Mission Street to Harrison Street), Howard Street (3rd Street to Embarcadero), Folsom Street (2nd Street to 5th Street), Leavenworth Street (McAllister Street to O'Farrell Street) and Golden Gate Avenue (Van Ness Avenue to Market Street). In addition, SFMTA staff stand ready to provide technical input and guidance for additional Play Streets and Shared Spaces throughout District 6 and District 7, building on the success of the Turk Street Play Street, Folsom Street Play Street, and pending Shared Spaces on Larkin Street and Golden Gate Avenue.

The SFMTA will continue to work with the Commissioners' offices to accommodate the public through the Slow Streets program and other SFMTA programs including Shared Spaces and quick-build safety projects to ensure that we address the unique challenges of each neighborhood.