



# SAN FRANCISCO PLANNING DEPARTMENT

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## Notice of Exemption

*Approval Date:* November 19, 2013  
*Case No.:* **2013.1461E**  
*Project Title:* **SFMTA Pilot Project – Folsom Street from 4<sup>th</sup> Street to 11<sup>th</sup> Street**  
*Zoning:* Various Zoning Districts  
Various Height and Bulk Districts  
*Block/Lot:* Various  
*Project Sponsor:* Michael Sallaberry, San Francisco Municipal Transportation Agency (MTA)  
*Lot Size:* Not Applicable  
*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:* \$53 filing fee

### PROJECT DESCRIPTION:

The project proposed by the San Francisco Municipal Transportation Agency (SFMTA) is a pilot project to collect data on the effects of removing a lane along Folsom Street between 4<sup>th</sup> and 11<sup>th</sup> Streets in San Francisco's South of Market (SoMa) neighborhood. This section of Folsom Street includes four travel lanes and a bicycle lane in the eastbound direction. The pilot project would include removal of the right travel lane and reconfiguration of a bicycle lane buffered from traffic and parking, with right-turn pockets at certain intersections. Lane removal and bicycle lane reconfiguration would be performed using thermoplastic lane markings, with green paint at intersections to demarcate the bicycle lane and distinguish it from right-turn pockets. Small areas of the curb would be painted red around crosswalks at the intersections within the pilot project area to improve pedestrian safety. The project would be installed by the end of November 2013 and would remain in place for approximately 18 months, through May

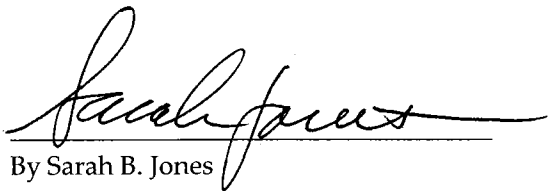
2015. The thermoplastic lane markings and pavement/curb paint would be removed by grinding at the end of the pilot project period.

**DETERMINATION:**

The City and County of San Francisco Municipal Transportation Agency Board decided to carry out or approve the project on November 19, 2013. A copy of the document(s) may be examined at 1650 Mission Street, Suite 400, San Francisco, CA, 94103 in file no. 2013.1461E.

- 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: Class 6, Section 15306
  - Statutory Exemption. State code number: \_\_\_\_\_
  - Community Plan Exemption (Sec. 21083.3; 15183)
- 2. This project in its approved form has been determined to be exempt from environmental review because, as an activity undertaken for the purpose of basic data collection that does not result in a serious or major disturbance to an environmental resource, it is categorically exempt under CEQA Guidelines Section 15306, and it will not have a significant effect on the environment.

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Planning Director

  
By Sarah B. Jones

Environmental Review Officer

December 19, 2013  
Date

cc: Michael Sallaberry, SFMTA  
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