Ordinance amending the Administrative Code to establish a Street Design Review Committee.

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Be it ordained by the People of the City and County of San Francisco:

Section 1. The San Francisco Administrative Code is hereby amended by adding Section 98.2, to read as follows:

SEC. 98.2. STREET DESIGN REVIEW COMMITTEE.

(a) There shall be a Street Design Review Committee (“the Committee”) to advise the Mayor on the design of proposed improvements to the public right of way, and to facilitate the resolution at a high administrative level of policy conflicts and project-specific conflicts in the design and engineering phase of an individual project.

(b) The Committee shall consist of the following officials, or their designees:

(1) The Mayor, who shall act as chair;

(2) The Director of Public Works;

(3) The Director of Transportation for the Municipal Transportation Agency (“the MTA”);

(4) The Director of Planning;

(5) The General Manager of the Public Utilities Commission;

(6) The Director of the Department of Economic and Workforce Development; and,

(7) The San Francisco Fire Marshal.
(c) The Committee shall review any proposed improvement to the public right of way submitted by a Committee member, including projects that are under the jurisdiction of the MTA. The Committee shall provide its assessment to the Mayor, with a copy to the department proposing the improvement.  

(d) In conducting its review, the Committee shall examine whether proposed improvements are consistent with the City’s Better Streets Plan, Transit First Policy, Complete Streets Policy, the Mayor’s Pedestrian Strategy, and other relevant policy documents relating to the design of public streets, as applicable. The Committee may recommend changes to departmental standards and procedures necessary or appropriate to make those standards and procedures better conform to the City policies identified above.  

(e) To the extent feasible, the Committee shall review proposed improvements at the 30 percent and final design stages, and prior to any final board or commission approvals. The Committee, in its discretion, may review proposed improvements at other design stages.  

(f) The chair shall set the places, dates, and times of meetings of the Committee. Except as specifically allowed under the Brown Act (Cal. Govt. Code §§ 54950 et seq.) and the Sunshine Ordinance (SF Admin. Code Ch. 67), all meetings of the Committee shall be open to the public.  

(g) All City departments shall cooperate with the Committee in its operations.  

(h) The Committee shall submit a report on its activities to the Board of Supervisors twice a year. Such report shall include, at minimum, a list of projects reviewed, any conflicts between competing policies identified during the review process, and how the policies were reconciled.  

(i) Nothing in this Section shall be construed to limit or interfere with any power or duty conferred on any officer or department under the Charter, the Municipal Code, or State law. Nothing in this Section shall be construed to require the Municipal Transportation Agency to spend money from the Municipal Transportation Fund not budgeted for that purpose by the Agency.
Section 2. Effective Date. This ordinance shall become effective 30 days from the
date of passage.

Section 3. This section is uncodified. In enacting this Ordinance, the Board intends to
amend only those words, phrases, paragraphs, subsections, sections, articles, numbers,
punctuation, charts, diagrams, or any other constituent part of the Administrative Code that
are explicitly shown in this legislation as additions, deletions, Board amendment additions,
and Board amendment deletions in accordance with the "Note" that appears under the official
title of the legislation.

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