

**RESOLUTION NO. 153-2003**

*Adopted September 18, 2003*

**CERTIFYING A FINAL ENVIRONMENTAL IMPACT REPORT  
FOR THE PROPOSED MID-MARKET REDEVELOPMENT PLAN,  
FOR A REDEVELOPMENT PROJECT AREA GENERALLY  
LOCATED FROM FIFTH TO TENTH STREET,  
ALONG THE MARKET AND MISSION STREETS CORRIDOR,  
ENCOMPASSING 14 ASSESSOR'S BLOCKS, IN PORTION OR  
ENTIRETY, AS FOLLOWS: 341, 342, 350, AND 355 (NORTH OF  
MARKET STREET), 3507, 3508, 3509, 3701, 3702, 3703, 3704, 3725,  
3727, AND 3728 (SOUTH OF MARKET STREET);  
MID-MARKET REDEVELOPMENT SURVEY AREA**

**BASIS FOR RESOLUTION**

1. The City and County of San Francisco, acting through the Planning Department (hereinafter "Department") and the San Francisco Redevelopment Agency (hereinafter "Redevelopment Agency" or "SFRA"), acting as co-Lead Agencies, fulfilled all procedural requirements of the California Environmental Quality Act (Cal. Pub. Res. Code Section 21000 *et seq.*, hereinafter "CEQA"), the State CEQA Guidelines (Cal. Admin. Code Title 14, Section 15000 *et seq.*, hereinafter "CEQA Guidelines"), and Chapter 31 of the San Francisco Administrative Code (hereinafter "Chapter 31").
2. The Department and the Redevelopment Agency determined that an Environmental Impact Report (hereinafter "EIR") was required for the proposed project and provided public notice of that determination by publication in a newspaper of general circulation on August 21, 2001 (under prior Case No. 1996.545E).
3. On September 27, 2002, the Draft EIR for the Mid-Market Redevelopment Plan was mailed or otherwise delivered to a list of persons requesting it, to those noted on the distribution list in the Draft EIR, to adjacent property owners, and to government agencies, the latter both directly and through the State Clearinghouse.
4. Notice of Completion was filed with the State Secretary of Resources via the State Clearinghouse on September 28, 2002. Public notice of the availability of the Draft EIR and the Draft EIR public review period was provided as follows:
  - A. On September 28, 2002, notice was published in a newspaper of general circulation of the availability of the Draft EIR for public review and comment and of the date and time of the Redevelopment Agency Commission's public hearing on the Draft EIR.

- B. Notices of availability of the Draft EIR and of the date and time of the public hearing were posted near the project site by Redevelopment Agency staff on October 2-3, 2002; October 17-18, 2002; and on December 6, 2002.
  - C. Notice was also mailed to persons requesting such notice listed on lists maintained by the Redevelopment Agency and City Planning Department.
5. The Redevelopment Agency Commission held a duly advertised public hearing on said Draft EIR on October 29, 2002, at which public comment was received on the Draft EIR.
  6. The period for receipt of public comments on the Draft EIR ended on December 17, 2002.
  7. The Redevelopment Agency prepared responses to comments on environmental issues received at the public hearing and in writing during the 80-day public review period for the Draft EIR, prepared revisions to the text of the Draft EIR in response to comments received or based on additional information that became available during the public review period, and corrected errors in the Draft EIR. This material is contained in a "Draft EIR Comments and Responses" document, published on September 5, 2003, and distributed to all parties who commented on the Draft EIR, with additional copies available upon request at Department offices.
  8. The Agency staff in conjunction with the Planning Department recommends certification of the EIR, consisting of the Draft EIR and the comments and responses to the Draft EIR ("Comments and Responses").
  9. The Agency's public records pertaining to the proposed Final EIR are available for public review at the Redevelopment Agency, 770 Golden Gate Avenue, and are part of the record before the Redevelopment Agency Commission.
  10. On September 18, 2003, jointly with the Planning Commission, the Redevelopment Agency Commission reviewed and considered the Final EIR and hereby does find that the contents of said report and the procedures through which the Final Environmental Impact Report was prepared, publicized and reviewed comply with the provisions of CEQA, the CEQA Guidelines, and Chapter 31 of the San Francisco Administrative Code.
  11. The Final EIR indicates that the proposed Mid-Market Redevelopment Plan, if adopted, will have the following potentially significant environmental effects:
    - A. Will have a project-specific impact on Historic Resources, in that Development Opportunity Sites 1, 2, and 4 include structures that appear to be potential historic architectural resources. Unless further review were to find

that the structure(s) did not meet the criteria for eligibility as an historic resource, demolition of any of these structures will be a significant impact of implementation of the Mid-Market Redevelopment Plan.

- B. Will have a project-specific effect on Transit, in that with increased transit trips generated by implementation of the Mid-Market Redevelopment Plan, ridership on the Mission Corridor of the MUNI Southeast Screenline would increase from about 88 percent to 102 percent of capacity. Ridership on All Other Lines in the Southeast Screenline would increase from about 91 percent of capacity to about 106 percent of capacity. Overall, the Southeast Screenline would be at about 101 percent of capacity. This would be a significant environmental effect of the Mid-Market Redevelopment Plan on transit capacity at these screenlines.
- C. Will have a significant cumulative effect on Traffic. Cumulative effects are more speculative than project-specific effects, because analysis of the former depends on a prediction of future environmental changes beyond the development assumed with implementation of the proposed Mid-Market Redevelopment Plan. However the proposed Mid-Market Redevelopment Plan would make a considerable contribution to cumulative traffic increases at the Fifth/Mission and Sixth/Brannan intersections. The intersections would operate at LOS E under projected 2020 cumulative conditions, even with traffic mitigation measures that could be implemented by the City and County of San Francisco.
- D. Will have a cumulative significant cumulative effect on Transit, in that cumulatively by 2020, while overall peak-hour MUNI ridership would be less than projected capacity at screenlines, at the All Other Lines corridor in the Southeast Screenline, MUNI would operate at 108 percent of capacity. Future transit improvements or transit plans may address these MUNI capacity constraints, but the extent of such plans is not known at this time; therefore, this could be a significant cumulative impact on transit capacity. Project-related transit trips would be about 12 percent of total future trips on these lines. The Mid-Market Redevelopment Plan would thus have a considerable contribution to a significant cumulative effect on transit capacity.

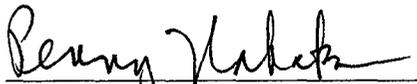
## RESOLUTION

**ACCORDINGLY, IT IS RESOLVED** by the Redevelopment Agency of the City and County of San Francisco as follows:

1. Based on its review of the Draft EIR and the Responses and Comments (the "Final EIR") and the public comments submitted, finds that:

- A. The Comments and Responses document contains no significant revisions to the Draft EIR, therefore no additional public review or public hearing is required;
  - B. That the Final EIR was completed in compliance with CEQA and the CEQA Guidelines; and
  - C. The Final EIR reflects the independent judgment and analysis of the Redevelopment Agency of the City and County of San Francisco, and is adequate, accurate and objective.
2. Based on the foregoing findings, certifies the Final EIR identified as case file No. 2002.0805E: Mid-Market Redevelopment Plan, as having been completed in accordance with CEQA and the State CEQA Guidelines.
  3. Also determines that this resolution shall take effect concurrently with the Planning Commission's adoption of a parallel resolution certifying the Final EIR.

**APPROVED AS TO FORM:**

  
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