



# SAN FRANCISCO PLANNING DEPARTMENT

**MEMO**

## Memo to the Planning Commission

**DATE:** April 19, 2018  
**TO:** Planning Commission  
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### BACKGROUND

To define the desired and achievable transportation future for San Francisco, the Planning Department, San Francisco County Transportation Authority (SFCTA), and San Francisco Municipal Transportation Agency (SFMTA) are collaborating on the San Francisco Long-Range Transportation Planning Program, also known as ConnectSF. Additional program partners include the Office of Economic and Workforce Development (OEWD) and the Mayor's Office.

The efforts of the ConnectSF program will achieve the following:

- Serve as San Francisco's long-range transportation planning program, integrating multiple priorities for all modes based on robust technical analysis and public engagement.
- Create a common vision for the future that will result in common goals and objectives that subsequent efforts work to achieve.
- Identify and prioritize long-term transit strategies and investments to support sustainable growth.
- Develop a revenue strategy for funding priorities.
- Establish a joint advocacy platform, including policy and project priorities.
- Guide San Francisco's inputs into the Regional Transportation Plan/Sustainable Communities Strategy update.
- Codify policies in the City's General Plan by producing a new Transportation Element.

The ConnectSF program is composed of distinct, sequential efforts, including:

- Subway Vision (completed 2016, to be updated every four years)
- 50-year Vision (the item before you)
- Transit Corridors Study (in scoping phase)
- Streets and Freeways Study (in scoping phase)
- San Francisco Transportation Plan (SFTP) 2050
- General Plan: Transportation Element

ConnectSF's 2065 Vision was collaboratively developed with the program's Futures Task Force, leadership from City agencies, and the public. Staff presented the draft Vision to the Planning Commission on March 1st, 2018. The focal question of the vision-building process was, "what is the future of San Francisco as a place to live, work, and play in the next 30 and 50 years?"

## **CHANGES FROM THE DRAFT TO FINAL VISION DOCUMENT**

The ConnectSF team made the draft Vision document available to the public in February and March 2018, which was presented to the Planning Commission in March. Staff incorporated comments and suggested edits if they were consistent with the overall character of the Vision and with the scale and scope of the Vision. Overall, the changes to the final document were not substantive. Readers will notice refinement of the text and updates to graphics. A table listing specific comments received and responses is available in Appendix E at [www.connectsf.org](http://www.connectsf.org).

Staff seek the Commission's endorsement of the final ConnectSF Vision as outlined in the attached Resolution XXXXX.

## **NEXT STEPS**

The entire Vision document and appendices can be found on the [www.connectsf.org](http://www.connectsf.org) website. The SFMTA Board and SFCTA Board are anticipated to take actions in support of the Vision document on April 17th and April 24th, respectively. Meanwhile, the ConnectSF project team is beginning work on Phase 2 of the program, analyzing current and future transportation needs that will inform the Transit Corridors Study and the Streets and Freeways Study. This phase will be informed by a 2050 Needs Assessment, which staff will present to the Commission in summer 2018

Staff anticipates the following timeline for the next phases of the ConnectSF program, which will include regular presentations to the Commission, SFMTA Board, and the SFCTA Board.

- Summer 2018                                      Commission presentation on 2050 Needs Assessment
- Spring 2018 – Summer 2019              Transit Corridors Study; Streets and Freeways Study
- Summer 2018 – Fall 2020                 San Francisco Countywide Transportation Plan (SFTP) 2050;
- Summer 2018 – Fall 2020                 General Plan: Transportation Element



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## Planning Commission Draft Resolution No. XXXXX

HEARING DATE: APRIL 19, 2018

*Project Name:* **ConnectSF Long-Range Transportation Plan**

*Case Number:* 2015-018094CWP

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*Recommendation:* **Endorsement of ConnectSF Vision**

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### RESOLUTION ENDORSING CONNECTSF'S 2065 VISION

**WHEREAS**, San Francisco has a strong transportation system that provides people with a variety of travel modes; and

**WHEREAS**, changes in the City's development and growth and emerging transportation technologies are reflected in people's travel patterns and preferences; and

**WHEREAS**, transportation and land use are integrated, interdependent components of urban planning; and

**WHEREAS**, City agencies involved in transportation planning have several transportation plans and projects at different stages of development; and

**WHEREAS**, the City would benefit from a holistic, concerted look at transportation improvements needed to meet projected future growth and development in San Francisco; and

**WHEREAS**, the ConnectSF program was created in 2016 to leverage and direct the efforts of City agencies involved in transportation and land use planning in San Francisco, including the San Francisco Planning Department, San Francisco Municipal Transportation Agency, San Francisco Countywide Transportation Authority, and Office of Economic and Workforce Development; and

**WHEREAS**, the ConnectSF program serves as the City's multi-agency, collaborative process to prepare a long-range transportation plan for San Francisco; and

**WHEREAS**, the goals of the ConnectSF program are as follows:

- Equity: San Francisco is an inclusive, diverse, and equitable city that offers high-quality, affordable access to desired goods, services, activities, and destinations;
- Economic vitality: To support a thriving economy, people and businesses easily access key destinations for jobs and commerce in established and growing neighborhoods both within San Francisco and the region;
- Environmental sustainability: The transportation and land use system support a healthy, resilient environment and sustainable choices for future generations.
- Safety and livability: People have attractive and safe travel options that improve public health, support livable neighborhoods, and address the needs of all users; and
- Accountability and engagement: San Francisco agencies, the broader community, and elected officials work together to understand the City’s transportation needs and deliver projects, programs, and services in a clear, concise, and timely fashion; and

**WHEREAS**, a Vision was scoped to serve as guideposts for integrated transportation and land use planning in the City; and

**WHEREAS**, the focal question of the vision-building process was, “what is the future of San Francisco as a place to live, work, and play in the next 30 and 50 years?”; and

**WHEREAS**, a Vision was prepared by a yearlong community outreach process that garnered ideas and feedback through online surveys, pop-up events, focus groups, in-person discussions with community-based organizations; and meetings with the ConnectSF Futures Task Force; and

**WHEREAS**, development of the Vision was informed by a scenario planning process, wherein participants evaluate a wide variety of potential futures; determine what the community wants the future to look like; understand the driving forces of change and collective choices needed to respond to these changes; and

**WHEREAS**, ConnectSF staff used input from the outreach activities to guide the development of the preferred Vision for the City and to develop the goals and objectives outlined in the Vision document that will inform the next phases of the ConnectSF program; and

**WHEREAS**, the Vision consists of a future San Francisco an equitable, growing City, with robust, affordable transportation options; more meaningful public engagement on infrastructure projects; and faster project delivery; and

**NOW, THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED**, that the Planning Commission endorses ConnectSF’s 2065 Vision which would provide a framework to build an equitable, efficient, and sustainable transportation in subsequent transportation plans and policies for San Francisco; and

**BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED**, that the Planning Commission directs Planning Department staff and supports the work of other City staff and community members to continue development of the ConnectSF program which includes preparation of the: 1) Transit Corridors Study; 2) Streets and

Freeways Study; 3) Countywide Transportation Plan; and 4) Update of the General Plan's Transportation Element.

I hereby certify that the foregoing Resolution was ADOPTED by the Planning Commission on April 19, 2018.

Jonas Ionin  
Commission Secretary

AYES: \_\_\_\_\_

NAYS: \_\_\_\_\_

ABSENT: \_\_\_\_\_

ADOPTED: April 19, 2018