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Informational Hearing WalkFirst Project HEARING DATE JANUARY 12, 2012

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PURPOSE OF THIS HEARING

The Planning Commission will be provided with an informational update on the WalkFirst Project. The WalkFirst project is a multi-agency effort to improve pedestrian safety and walking conditions, encourage walking as a mode of transportation, and enhance pedestrian connections to key destinations.

The goals of the project are to: identify key walking streets in San Francisco; and to develop a criteria to prioritize pedestrian improvements. WalkFirst builds on the Better Streets Plan, a comprehensive set of pedestrian-oriented policies and design guidelines for San Francisco's public streets and sidewalks. In addition, the project has been in coordination with other efforts to improve the City's streets and transportation system, including the Mayor's Pedestrian Safety Directive.

Funding for WalkFirst was provided by a grant from the California Office of Traffic Safety, through the National Highway Traffic Safety Administration. This grant was funded for one year starting October 1, 2010 through September 30, 2011. Currently, the Department is exploring funding opportunities to complete additional phases of this project.

The full report and associated appendices are provided in the enclosed CD. The key work products of this project include:

- Criteria for prioritizing pedestrian improvements
- A citywide map of key pedestrian streets and areas

- Draft policies and investment strategies relating to walking and the pedestrian environment
- A preliminary project list of recommended safety pedestrian improvements
- Five Case studies and concept designs of pedestrian improvements at key locations

REQUIRED COMMISSION ACTION

None. Informational only

RECOMMENDATION: None Informational only

Attachments (on CD):
WalkFirst Final Report
WalkFrist Appendix