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# STAFF REPORT

AGENDA ITEM NO: 6.b

MEETING DATE: July 9, 2020

**To: Traffic Safety and Parking Commission**

**Date: July 9, 2020**

**From: Andrew Wong, Senior Engineer – (650) 558-7230**

**Subject: Burlingame Avenue and Broadway Street Closure Pilot Program Updates**

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## **RECOMMENDATION**

Staff recommends the Traffic Safety and Parking Commission (TSPC) receive an update regarding the Burlingame Avenue and Broadway Street Closure Pilot Program.

## **BACKGROUND**

On June 9, 2020, the City Council held a special meeting to consider temporarily closing off Burlingame Avenue between El Camino Real and California Drive to facilitate safe outdoor dining and safe pedestrian activity. The City Council directed staff to implement the temporary closure for a period of one month before evaluating whether to extend it further. As part of the deliberations at the June 9, 2020 meeting, the City Council expressed an interest in creating parklets on side streets in the Downtown Burlingame Avenue area. Additionally, during the public hearing, the Broadway Business Improvement District (BID) President John Kevranian requested that the Council consider closing Broadway to facilitate outdoor dining similar to Burlingame Avenue.

On June 24, 2020, the Economic Development (ED) Subcommittee held a special meeting to discuss the parklets concept and options to allow additional outdoor dining along Broadway. Jenny Keleher, President of the Downtown Business Improvement District (DBID), Mr. Kevranian, and Georgette Naylor, President and CEO of the Burlingame/SFO Chamber of Commerce, and Ajay Walia, owner of Rasa, attended the ED Subcommittee meeting.

At the July 6, 2020 City Council meeting, the proposed parklets in the Downtown Burlingame Avenue Area and the closure of Broadway were discussed. From the feedback at that meeting, staff will present an update to the TSPC.

## **DISCUSSION**

Based on the input from the ED Subcommittee, DBID, BID, Burlingame Chamber of Commerce, businesses, and community members, changes to the existing roadway were introduced/proposed for the streets in Downtown Burlingame Avenue and Broadway. These changes include the previously approved closure of Burlingame Avenue, parklets on the

Downtown Burlingame Avenue side streets, and a closure of Broadway. The attached staff report (Item 9a from the July 6, 2020 City Council Meeting) provides the details on:

- 1) Burlingame Avenue street closure update;
- 2) Parklets on side streets in the Downtown Burlingame Avenue area; and
- 3) Broadway street closure.

The Traffic Safety and Parking Commission should receive the update and provide feedback. This item does not require any further action.

Exhibits:

- July 6, 2020 City Council Meeting Staff Report
- Presentation