



SFMTA

Overnight restriction for Recreational Large Vehicles

SFMTA Board Directors Meeting

September 17, 2024

Large vehicles on City Streets

Large vehicles on city streets jeopardize traffic safety, curb access, circulation and operations. These conflicts have been observed and reported for years by residents, businesses, enforcement, officials, and other institutions.

311 Complaints	Year to Date	Total
2024	1,491	
2023	1,318	1,968
2022	1,403	2,051

2012

- Board of Supervisors approves 7.2.54

SEC. 7.2.54. LARGE VEHICLE PARKING RESTRICTIONS.

To Park a vehicle over 22 feet in length or over 7 feet in height, or camp trailers, fifth-wheel travel trailers, house cars, trailer coaches, mobile homes, recreational vehicles, or semi-trailers as defined by the California Vehicle Code and Health and Safety Code, between the hours of 12 a.m. and 6 a.m. when Municipal Transportation Agency signs are posted giving notice.

Implementing 7.2.54

2013

- Spring—SFMTA Board approves first round of restriction
- Fall—evaluation report finds restriction is effective in clearing oversize vehicles, but displaces vehicles to other locations in the city and displaces people living in vehicles

2014

- SFMTA Board adopts moratorium on restriction after second round of postings due to the “push around” effect inherent in the restriction

2018

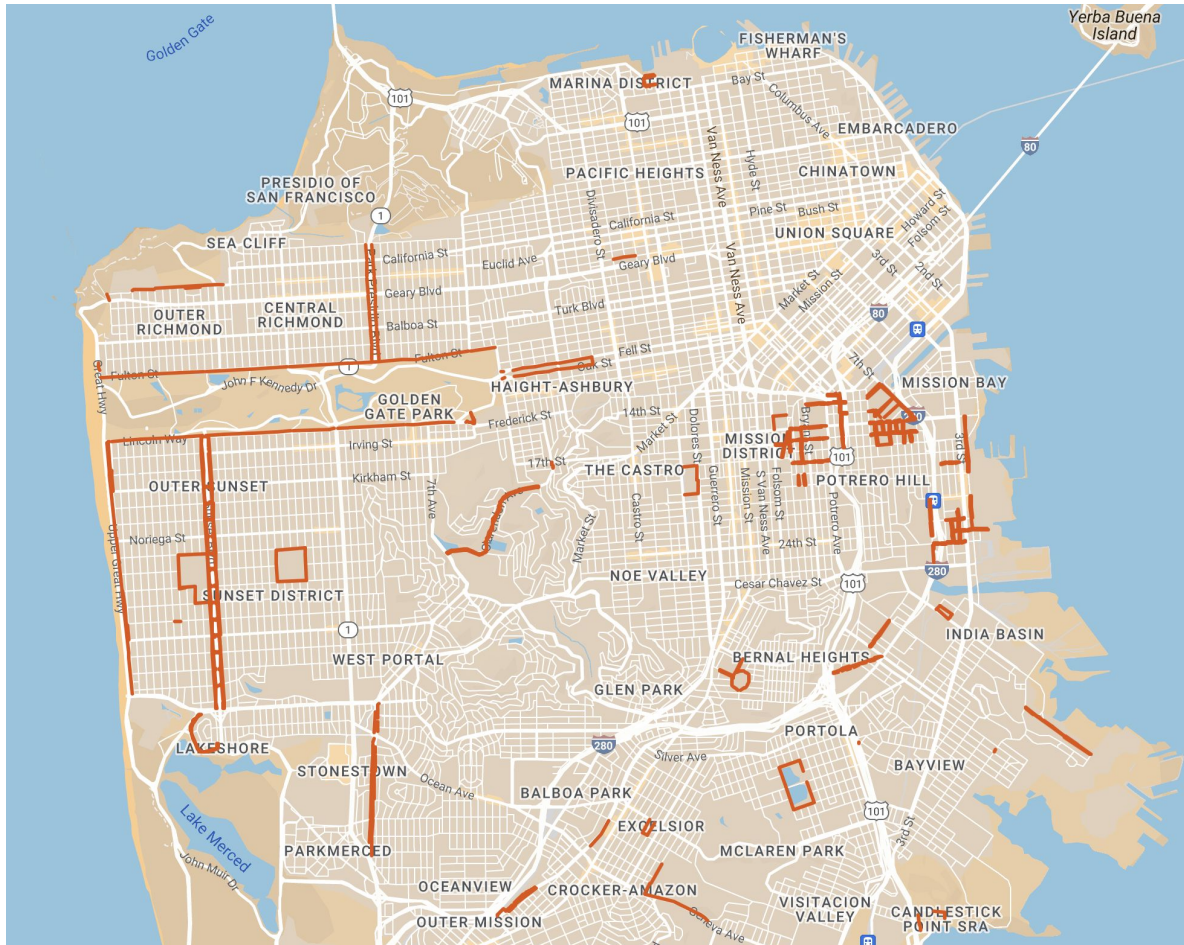
- SFMTA Board of Directors directs staff to develop guidelines for the use of the restriction
- SFMTA Board adopts guidelines and approves restrictions on De Wolf Street

2019

- SFMTA Board approves posting of restriction on the perimeter of the University Mound Reservoir perimeter

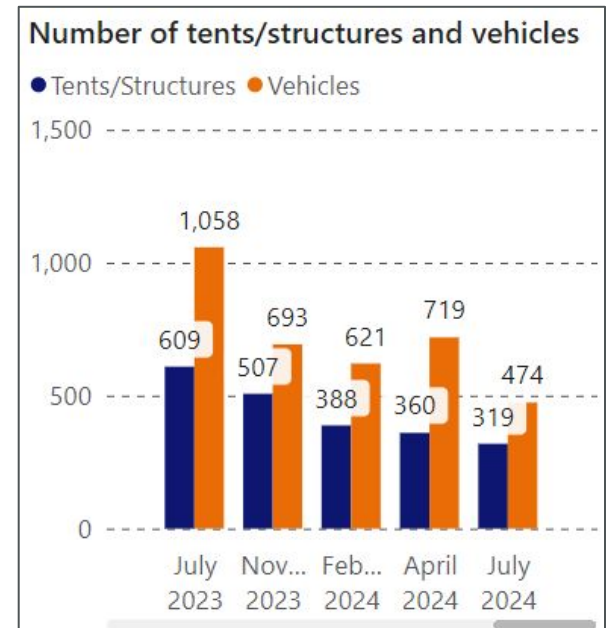
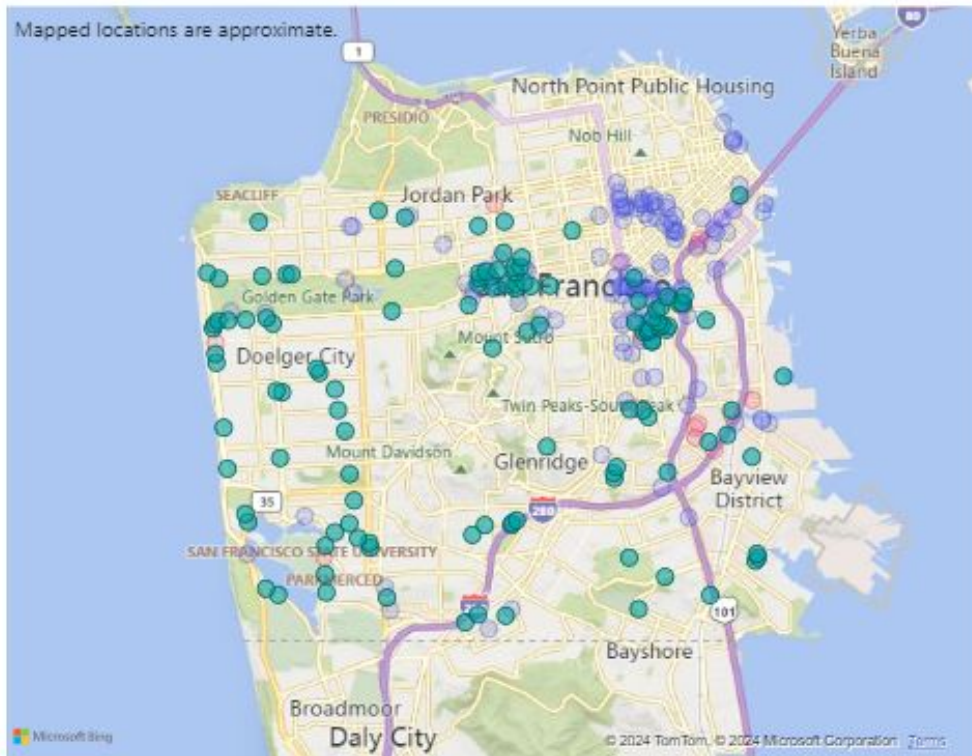


Large Vehicle Overnight Parking Restrictions in San Francisco



Continued Conflict

Progress but San Francisco continues to be challenged by the impacts of large vehicles; particularly recreational large vehicles being used for shelter because city streets don't offer facilities for managing trash and human waste that are generated by long term vehicular occupation



Total Vehicles
474
 Passenger Veh. 113 RVs/Campers/Vans 361

Mayor's Proposal

Balance the needs of those using vehicles for housing and the inherent conflicts of parking large vehicles on city streets which may pose public safety or health issues

Continue to engage people who are living in vehicles, continue to offer shelter and make violations to restrictions to overnight parking of Recreational Large Vehicles towable

Process and Implementation

Where to start: Data from Healthy Streets Operations Center and conflicts identified through 311 will be assessed to confirm need and prioritize implementation

Director of Transportation issues findings based on related to traffic and circulation and/or public health and safety

In-language fliers posted to notify forthcoming restriction of overnight parking of Recreational Large Vehicles

Signs installed

SFHOT completes outreach to offer shelter

Enforcement initiated

City Services

Engagement:

- Case management for employment, medical, and housing, among other assistance.
- Connect people with friends or family, provide transportation to relocate when those contacts are outside of San Francisco.
- Off-street safe parking

Minimize towing:

- Text Before Tow

Minimize financial burden:

- Subsidies for first-time-tow, people who qualify for low-income, and those who are experiencing homelessness

Safe parking provides stability and basic amenities while connecting people with care and housing opportunities.

- Balboa Upper Yard Vehicle Triage Center Pilot: City's first off-street safe parking site in 2019. (Status: closed for affordable housing redevelopment)
- Candlestick Point opened in 2021, currently supports 39 vehicles
- Coming early 2025: Jerrold Commons—safe parking and “tiny homes” in the Bayview

City Partnerships

- Department of Homelessness & Supportive Housing
- SFMTA Streets and Enforcement
- SF Police Department
- Mayor's Office
- Board of Supervisors

Funding Impact

SFMTA would incur a cost of approximately \$350,000 per year*

One installation of approximately 3,000 linear feet per month and two enforcement efforts per month:

- Planning
- Sign Installation
- Enforcement
- Tow subsidies and storage

*Costs to SFPD, HSOC, HSH and any other agency that may contribute to the implementation and enforcement of this restriction are not part of the estimate provided above.

Questions and Comments