

[Declaring Van Ness Avenue and Geary Boulevard Bus Rapid Transits as San Francisco's  
Top Federal Small Starts Funding Priority]

**Resolution declaring Van Ness Avenue Bus Rapid Transit and Geary Boulevard  
Bus Rapid Transit as San Francisco's top and sole priority for Federal  
Small Starts Funding**

WHEREAS, the Proposition K local transportation sales tax Expenditure Plan,  
approved by San Francisco voters in 2003, identifies Bus Rapid Transit (BRT) on Van  
Ness Avenue and Geary Boulevard as signature investments; and

WHEREAS, the 2004 San Francisco Countywide Transportation Plan identifies a  
network of BRT routes, including one on Van Ness Avenue and one on Geary  
Boulevard, as the preferred transportation investment alternative to meet long range  
transportation needs through 2030; and

WHEREAS, in 2001, the Metropolitan Transportation Commission, in adopting  
Resolution 3434, the Regional Transit Expansion Policy, identified \$600,000 for a study  
of BRT feasibility on Geary Boulevard; and

WHEREAS, with the support of each project's Citizens Advisory Committee, the  
San Francisco County Transportation Authority (Authority) Board and the San Francisco  
Municipal Transportation Agency (SFMTA) Board adopted the Van Ness Avenue BRT  
Feasibility Study and the Geary BRT Feasibility Study, in 2006 and 2007 respectively;  
and

1 WHEREAS, the Feasibility Studies found that BRT is feasible on Van Ness  
2 Avenue and Geary Boulevard and recommended proceeding with the next steps in  
3 environmental review and project development; and

4 WHEREAS, the Authority appropriated \$1,950,000 in Proposition K to support  
5 environmental studies and preliminary engineering of Van Ness Avenue BRT, in January  
6 2007; and

7 WHEREAS, the Authority applied for, and the Federal Transit Administration  
8 (FTA) granted entry into Project Development for the Van Ness Avenue BRT project in  
9 December 2007; and

10 WHEREAS, the FTA rated Van Ness Avenue BRT "high" for cost-effectiveness  
11 and "medium-high" overall as a Small Starts candidate project; making Van Ness BRT  
12 the highest ranked BRT project in the country for Small Starts funding; and

13 WHEREAS, the Authority appropriated \$2,308,000 in Prop K to support  
14 environmental studies and preliminary engineering of Geary Boulevard BRT in June  
15 2008, and intends to seek entry into Project Development for the Geary BRT project in  
16 August 2009; and

17 WHEREAS, the Authority and SFMTA have signed Memoranda Of Understanding  
18 (MOU) in August 2008, and October 2008, establishing the Van Ness Avenue BRT and  
19 Geary Boulevard BRT projects as shared agency priorities for near-term development;  
20 and

21 WHEREAS, On September 24, 2008, the Metropolitan Transportation Commission  
22 (MTC) added the Van Ness Bus Rapid Transit project to the Regional Transit Expansion  
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1 Policy (MTC Resolution 3434), which sets regional priorities for transportation funds, and  
2 named the project as one of two regional priorities for federal Small Starts Funds; and

3 WHEREAS, On April 22, 2009, the MTC Metropolitan Transportation Commission  
4 adopted Transportation 2035, the new Regional Transportation Plan for the Bay Area,  
5 which includes both the Van Ness and Geary Bus Rapid Transit projects in the financially  
6 constrained project list and positions both projects very favorably to receive state and  
7 federal funds; now, therefore, be it

8 RESOLVED, That the Authority hereby declares Van Ness Avenue BRT and  
9 Geary Boulevard BRT as San Francisco's top and ~~sole priorities~~ priority for Small Starts  
10 funding, and urges the Authority and the MTA to vigorously pursue Small Starts funding for  
11 final design and implementation of these projects, and to advocate for these projects at the  
12 regional, state, and federal levels.  
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### Resolution

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**Date Passed:**

Resolution declaring Van Ness Avenue Bus Rapid Transit and Geary Boulevard Bus Rapid Transit as San Francisco's top priority for Federal Small Starts Funding.

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May 5, 2009 Board of Supervisors — AMENDED, AN AMENDMENT OF THE WHOLE BEARING NEW TITLE

Ayes: 11 - Alioto-Pier, Avalos, Campos, Chiu, Chu, Daly, Dufty, Elsbernd, Mar, Maxwell, Mirkarimi

May 5, 2009 Board of Supervisors — CONTINUED AS AMENDED

Ayes: 11 - Alioto-Pier, Avalos, Campos, Chiu, Chu, Daly, Dufty, Elsbernd, Mar, Maxwell, Mirkarimi

May 12, 2009 Board of Supervisors — ADOPTED

Ayes: 11 - Alioto-Pier, Avalos, Campos, Chiu, Chu, Daly, Dufty, Elsbernd, Mar, Maxwell, Mirkarimi

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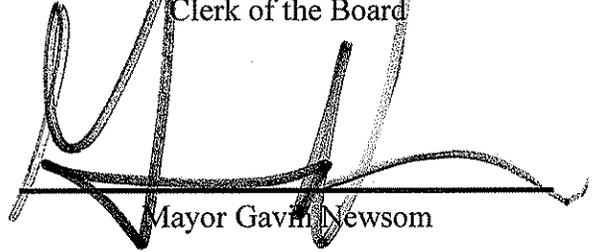
I hereby certify that the foregoing Resolution was ADOPTED on May 12, 2009 by the Board of Supervisors of the City and County of San Francisco.

5/21/09

Date Approved



Angela Calvillo  
Clerk of the Board



Mayor Gavin Newsom