[Supporting the Mission Creek Bikeway Project.]

Resolution supporting the Mission Creek Bikeway Project.

WHEREAS, The Transportation Element of the Master Plan for the City and County of San Francisco outlines objectives and policies to promote safe spaces for pedestrian and bicycle traffic, and to encourage the use of bicycles as a means of transportation; and

WHEREAS, One of the primary objectives of regional transportation planning efforts has been to provide alternatives to the automobile as a means of transportation into and around the commercial centers of San Francisco; and,

WHEREAS, The commercial and industrial districts of the South of Market and the Northeast Mission have experienced rapid land use changes in the last few years, which have increased both the daytime and residential populations of these areas; and,

WHEREAS, Existing land use controls and regulations have not provided a mechanism to adequately fund improvements to the transportation systems, to keep up with the pace of real estate development and increased population in these commercial areas; and,

WHEREAS, Existing transportation corridors are generally the most cost effective places to improve transportation networks, and research has shown that "rails to trails" projects provide economic benefits into the communities through which they pass; and,

WHEREAS, The Mission Creek corridor is a continuous swath of land consisting of some public streets (Division and Treat Streets) and an adjacent, abandoned railroad right-of-way, which links the Northeast Mission with South of Market, the Design Center, Pacific Bell Park and the Caltrain Station, and eventually to the new developments at Mission Bay, including the new UCSF campus; and,

WHEREAS, The Mission Creek right-of-way has been a premier transportation corridor since the earliest settlements of the Spanish Mission and throughout the development of San Francisco, and was preserved by the first railroad serving the new city of San Francisco in the 1860s, built alongside the once navigable waterway of Mission Creek; and,

WHEREAS, The Mission Creek corridor represents an important transportation asset of San Francisco which should be preserved, enhanced and updated to meet changing transportation needs of the residents of San Francisco; and,

WHEREAS, The San Francisco Bay Area Metropolitan Transportation Commission awarded a planning grant for the Mission Creek Bikeway Project to be completed in 2001 with matching funds from the Department of Parking and Traffic; and,

WHEREAS, Many agencies and departments of the City and County of San Francisco will need to participate in the planning and implementation of improvements to the corridor; now, therefore, be it

RESOLVED, That the San Francisco Board of Supervisors supports the Mission Creek Bikeway project and encourages the interdepartmental coordination needed to make the project a reality; and, be it

FURTHER RESOLVED, That the Board of Supervisors urges the Department of Parking and Traffic, Department of Public Works, City Planning, Municipal Railway and the Department of Real Estate to make this project a top priority, and to develop preliminary recommendations for improvements and possible land acquisition; and, be it

FURTHER RESOLVED, That the Board of Supervisors urges these City agencies to review opportunities for land trades and street vacations that could be used to expand the public right-of-way along the corridor; and, be it

FURTHER RESOLVED, That the Board of Supervisors encourages local property owners and residents to support the nonprofit organizations working on this project.



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Ayes: 10 - Ammiano, Daly, Gonzalez, Hall, Leno, Maxwell, Newsom, Peskin,

Sandoval, Yee

Absent: 1 - McGoldrick

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I hereby certify that the foregoing Resolution was ADOPTED on June 4, 2001 by the Board of Supervisors of the City and County of San Francisco.

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Date Approved

Mayor Willie L. Brown Jr.

Gloria L. Young Clerk of the Board