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4 **prepared by the Rails-to-Trails Conservancy, Madrina Group, San Francisco Bicycle**
5 **Coalition and the Department of Parking and Traffic and urging stakeholding agencies**
6 **to work cooperatively in bringing the Concept Plan to fruition,**

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8 WHEREAS, The Board of Supervisors passed resolution # 474-01 in May, 2001, in
9 support of the Mission Creek Bikeway, which outlined the justification and need for bikeway
10 and pedestrian improvements along the abandoned Mission Creek railroad corridor; and,

11 WHEREAS, The Metropolitan Transportation Commission funded a planning and
12 feasibility study of the project in 2001, which was completed in June 2002 after considerable
13 input from community members, public agency representatives and project neighbors, by the
14 Rails to Trails Conservancy, the Madrina Group, and the San Francisco Bicycle Coalition in
15 association with the San Francisco Department of Parking and Traffic; and,

16 WHEREAS, the Bikeway will provide a safe route connecting the Mission District to
17 Mission Bay and the South of Market neighborhoods, also helping to relieve congestion and to
18 make the eastern waterfront more accessible to the residential neighborhoods of the west;
19 and,

20 WHEREAS, the Bikeway offers an opportunity to revive and celebrate the natural
21 history of the Mission Creek and to educate the public about the natural drainage hidden
22 beneath the City streets and to promote the environmental stewardship of the San Francisco
23 Bay and Estuary; and,

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1 WHEREAS, the Bikeway offers an opportunity to salvage an important transportation
2 asset, first used as a navigable waterway since the earliest settlements of the Spanish
3 Mission and then as a railroad corridor; and,

4 WHEREAS, the Mission Creek corridor should be preserved, enhanced and updated to
5 meet changing transportation needs of the residents of San Francisco; and,

6 WHEREAS, the Northeast Mission/ South of Market area is a park-poor area that
7 would benefit from the proposed addition of new trees, greenery and landscaping along the
8 Bikeway; and,

9 WHEREAS, a Concept Plan has been developed for the project, which has
10 demonstrated the project to be feasible, but a number of design alternatives remain under
11 consideration with regards to possible land acquisition and traffic intersection modifications;
12 and,

13 WHEREAS, the preparation of meaningful cost estimates by the Department of Parking
14 and Traffic depends on the further resolution and/or refinement of design alternatives; and,

15 WHEREAS, many different City departments will need to be involved in the final design
16 and implementation of the Concept Plan, and no single City department is prepared to
17 coordinate all the different entities involved; and,

18 WHEREAS, the San Francisco Transportation Agency is best equipped and qualified to
19 take the lead role in the next phase of design, implementation and coordination of the
20 transportation project; and,

21 WHEREAS, implementation of components of the MCB could be incorporated at
22 minimal cost into existing City projects such as DPW's railroad track removal and street
23 reconstruction program, if direction was given to them to do so; now, therefore, be it

24 RESOLVED that the Board of Supervisors of the City and County of San Francisco
25 endorses the Concept Plan for the Mission Creek Bikeway as proposed; and, be it

1 FURTHER RESOLVED, directs the San Francisco Transportation Authority to make
2 the Mission Creek Bikeway an official project of the Transportation Authority, and to be the
3 lead agency to coordinate future planning and implementation of the project; and, be it

4 FURTHER RESOLVED, That the Board of Supervisors urges the Transportation
5 Authority and other appropriate City agencies such as the Department of Public Works,
6 Municipal Railway, Department of Parking & Traffic, City Planning and others to explore and
7 pursue opportunities for land trades and street vacations that could be used to expand the
8 public right-of-way along the corridor; and, be it

9 FURTHER RESOLVED, That the Board of Supervisors urges the San Francisco
10 Transportation Authority to work with other City agencies and project partners to help secure
11 outside funding for the project, as well help to incorporate project components into existing
12 City programs.



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June 24, 2002 Board of Supervisors — ADOPTED

Ayes: 6 - Ammiano, Daly, Gonzalez, Hall, Maxwell, Yee

Absent: 5 - Leno, McGoldrick, Newsom, Peskin, Sandoval

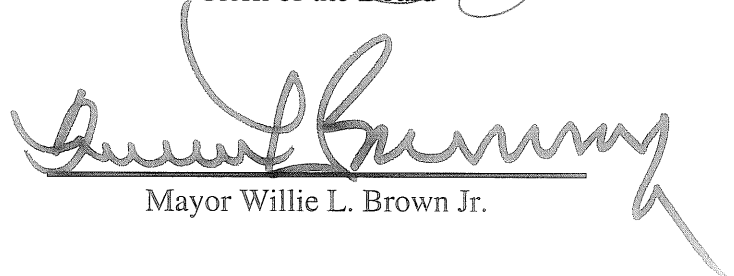
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I hereby certify that the foregoing Resolution was ADOPTED on June 24, 2002 by the Board of Supervisors of the City and County of San Francisco.


Gloria L. Young
Clerk of the Board

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Date Approved


Mayor Willie L. Brown Jr.