Resolution supporting Senate Bill 915 and Senate Bill 916, approving the Water Transit Authority’s Implementation and Operations Plan and, supporting allocation of new bridge toll revenue for the Port of San Francisco’s downtown ferry facilities, and adopting a position supporting proposed amendments to Senate Bill 916 for the City and County of San Francisco.

WHEREAS, The San Francisco Bay Area Water Transit Authority ("WTA"), a regional transit agency created by the California Legislature, completed its ten year plan for developing a system of ferry routes, terminals and landslide connections through enhancements to existing ferry services and addition of new routes; and

WHEREAS, As required by its enabling legislation, the WTA submitted its Implementation and Operations Plan (IOP) to the California Legislature on December 12, 2002; and

WHEREAS, The WTA’s plan recommends developing a regional ferry transportation network that provides cost-effective and environmentally responsible transit options between San Francisco and other locations within the Bay Area; and

WHEREAS, The WTA is recommending the development of seven to eight new ferry routes around the Bay and an expansion of existing ferry routes connecting to San Francisco; and

WHEREAS, The WTA has conducted a program environmental review based on extensive technical studies to evaluate impacts of the proposed system expansion to air, water and natural resources; and

WHEREAS, Senate Bill 915 mandates that the WTA’s vessels be ten times cleaner than today’s fleet, having 85% lower emissions than the Environmental Protective Agency’s 2007 guidelines for diesel engines; and,
WHEREAS, Senate Bill 915 also requires the WTA to dedicate at least one new vessel
to test the use of biodiesel fuel (B20); and,

WHEREAS, The Port of San Francisco has just completed Phase I of its ferry terminal
improvements adjacent to the newly renovated Ferry Building with $16 million in State and
Federal grants; and,

WHEREAS, The WTA’s proposed regional ferry expansion compels the need for the
Port of San Francisco to find funding to implement the second phase of its Downtown Ferry
Terminal improvements; and,

WHEREAS, Improvements to the Port of San Francisco’s ferry facilities supports the
City’s economic development objectives by providing convenient transit connections for its
employers and residents; and

WHEREAS, Expanded ferry service will support the Port’s maritime mission and will
provide visitors and customers to San Francisco’s waterfront business and recreational areas;
and,

WHEREAS, Senate Bill 916, proposes a one-dollar increase to tolls to State owned
bridges to fund transit enhancement projects and recommends a $20 million allocation for
expansion of the Port of San Francisco’s Downtown Ferry Terminal; and,

WHEREAS, The toll expenditure plan set forth in Senate Bill 916 for transit projects,
including Transbay Terminal and MUNI, will be approved by the voters in March 2004 after
approval by the Legislature; now, therefore, be it

RESOLVED, That the City and County of San Francisco supports: Senate Bill 915,
approving the Water Transit Authority’s Implementation and Operations Plan; and be it

FURTHER RESOLVED, That the City and County of San Francisco supports the
allocation of funding in Senate Bill 916 for improvements to the Port of San Francisco’s
Downtown Ferry facilities to accommodate the region's expanded system and for the long-
term enhancement of San Francisco's Central Waterfront; and be it

FURTHER RESOLVED, That the City and County of San Francisco adopts a position
supporting proposed amendments to Senate Bill 916 which would (1) establish a congestion
pricing program on the Bay Bridge that would provide at least 50% additional operating
revenues for MUNI, (2) in order to clarify that this is a single project, remove language setting
priority for use of the toll funds for individual components of the Caltrain Downtown
Extension/Transbay Terminal Project, (3) remove language that sets conditions on the
existing $3 million dollars operating subsidy for the Transbay Terminal, (4) designate the Port
of San Francisco as the project sponsor for expanded ferry berthing capacity in San
Francisco, and (5) increase the annual allocation to MUNI for operating support from $2.5
million to $5 million dollars.
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February 11, 2003 Board of Supervisors — REFERRED: Land Use Committee

July 15, 2003 Board of Supervisors — AMENDED

Ayes: 11 - Ammiano, Daly, Dufty, Gonzalez, Hall, Ma, Maxwell, McGoldrick, Newsom, Peskin, Sandoval
I hereby certify that the foregoing Resolution was AMENDED on July 15, 2003 by the Board of Supervisors of the City and County of San Francisco.

Gloria L. Young
Clerk of the Board

Date Approved

Mayor Willie L. Brown Jr.