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WHEREAS, 19th Avenue is the busiest north-south thoroughfare in the western section of San Francisco, connecting the Golden Gate Bridge to points south of San Francisco and carrying an average of nearly 85,000 vehicles per day, including over 1,300 trucks per day; and

WHEREAS, 19th Avenue is a state route, and the City and County shares responsibility for its maintenance and operation with the California Department of Transportation (Caltrans); and

WHEREAS, Since the demolition of the portions of the Central Freeway north of Market Street, 19th Avenue has seen a dramatic rise in traffic volumes, to the detriment of safety and livability conditions for residents along the corridor; and

WHEREAS, 19th Avenue is also a key transfer point for people using transit, particularly at intersections with east-west streets served by Muni METRO lines; and

WHEREAS, 19th Avenue serves as the key access to many important activity centers like Golden Gate Park, San Francisco State University, the Stonestown Shopping Center, Stern Grove, the San Francisco Conservatory of Music, The University of San Francisco, the San Francisco Zoo and many others, generating a significant amount of pedestrian activity; and

WHEREAS, Over the past few years there has been an alarming increase in the number of incidents and accidents involving pedestrians and automobiles, resulting in a number of pedestrian deaths and injuries, and damage to private property; and

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WHEREAS, The San Francisco Board of Supervisors finds that it is of the utmost importance to expedite the implementation of safety improvements to 19th Avenue; and

WHEREAS, The City and County, working together with Caltrans and the San Francisco County Transportation Authority (Authority), have determined that the most expeditious way to implement improvements in the short term is to proceed with a first phase consisting of the installation of replacement signals and pedestrian countdown signals at 12 key intersections along 19th Avenue and Park Presidio; and

WHEREAS, The intersections involved in the first phase are located at Park Presidio and Geary Boulevard; and at along 19th Avenue at Holloway, Eucalyptus, Ocean, Vicente, Taraval, Quintara, Noriega, Judah, Irving and Lincoln Way; and

WHEREAS, The cost of the improvement project has been set at $4.25 million, to be shared equally by the City and County and Caltrans; and

WHEREAS, Due to the dire state of the State Highway Account, the State is not able to fund this project until 2008, and the Authority has agreed to advance the entire cost of the first phase in order to expedite the project; and

WHEREAS, Caltrans has agreed to contribute its share of the project cost during the second phase, which involves an additional 22 intersections along that corridor; and

WHEREAS, The second phase of the project will also include sidewalk bulb-outs and new curb ramps; and

WHEREAS, The combined cost of the two phases is anticipated to be $12 million; now therefore be it

RESOLVED, That the Board of Supervisors supports the expeditious implementation of the traffic and pedestrian safety improvements along the 19th Avenue corridor; and be it further

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Ayes: 11 - Alioto-Pier, Ammiano, Daly, Dufty, Elsbernd, Gonzalez, Ma, Maxwell, McGoldrick, Peskin, Sandoval

I hereby certify that the foregoing Resolution was ADOPTED on September 21, 2004 by the Board of Supervisors of the City and County of San Francisco.

Date Approved

Gloria L. Young
Clerk of the Board

Mayor Gavin Newsom