Resolution supporting the implementation of the 22 Fillmore Transit Priority Project; and urging the United States Department of Transportation to approve the 2015 TIGER VII Grant Application submitted by the San Francisco Municipal Transportation Agency.

WHEREAS, The SFMTA's $20,000,000 TIGER VII granting application request will support the 22 Fillmore Transit Priority Project which will lead the transformation of 16th Street between Church Street and Third Street through implementation of transit network enhancements that will connect and transform the communities along the corridor by improving transit reliability, travel time, safety, and accessibility for all users of the corridor regardless of mode of travel; and

WHEREAS, San Francisco's 16th Street is the major east-west transportation corridor connecting the City's Eastern Neighborhoods to the rest of the city; and

WHEREAS, On an average weekday in the 22 Fillmore Transit Priority Project area, the 22 Fillmore transit route serves over 8,000 customers; and

WHEREAS, Over 43,000 people (51% minority, 25% low-income) currently live within a quarter-mile of the project area, with more housing built every day; and

WHEREAS, Approximately 2,800 businesses employing over 23,000 individuals also call the area home; and

WHEREAS, Vehicle congestion and transit delay is anticipated to grow substantially in conjunction with new development along the corridor, especially at its eastern end in Mission Bay; and
WHEREAS, The 22 Fillmore Transit Priority Project will create better connections
between regional transit hubs and adjacent residential areas on the west to burgeoning
biotech jobs, a new sports arena, and retail markets as well as entertainment destinations in
San Francisco's Mission Bay to the east; and

WHEREAS, By linking four neighborhoods via multimodal TIGER investments, the San
Francisco Municipal Transportation Agency (SFMTA) will offer vastly improved ladders of
opportunity by enabling workers to make faster multimodal connections to jobs, schools, and
healthcare services in an area undergoing tremendous growth and redevelopment; and

WHEREAS, In an effort to serve the current and projected needs for this growing
economic landscape, the Transit Effectiveness Project (TEP) identified “Rapid Corridor”
treatments along 16th Street to make it safer to walk and bike, increase the reliability of
service, and enhance the customer experience on and off the bus; and

WHEREAS, The western portion of the project area has been identified as a high-injury
corridor; and

WHEREAS, SFMTA is coordinating with the City Planning Department to develop
streetscape design enhancements along the 22 Fillmore Transit Priority corridor that will
improve pedestrian safety and enhance the identity and livability of the neighborhoods served
including widening sidewalks and opening crosswalks to increase the visibility of people
walking in this corridor; and

WHEREAS, Key features include implementing transit-only lanes; installing new traffic,
pedestrian and transit signal infrastructure; upgrading and extending the trolley coach
overhead wire system, including crossing the Caltrain/California High-Speed Rail alignment;
widening sidewalks through the construction of transit and pedestrian bulbs; and upgrading
bicycle infrastructure; and
WHEREAS, New overhead wire infrastructure not only provides a shorter, more direct transit route, it would also allow for zero-emission trolley coaches to serve a larger area supporting the goal of California State Assembly Bill 32 that requires the state to reduce greenhouse gas emissions to 1990 levels by 2020; and

WHEREAS, The 22 Fillmore Transit Priority Project combines local and regional planning efforts, including the Plan Bay Area Priority Development Areas, the Mission Bay Participation Agreement, SF Planning’s Eastern Neighborhoods Transportation Implementation Planning Study (ENTRIPS), the Muni Forward program, the SFMTA Bicycle Strategy, and the citywide Vision Zero initiative; and

WHEREAS, The proposed project is the outcome of collaboration between the SFMTA, the San Francisco Planning Department, Caltrain, regional employers and the local community that recognizes the synergy between the SFMTA’s TEP and SF Planning’s ENTRIPS; and

WHEREAS, If left with the current connection choices, the ability of the 16th Street transit corridor to effectively support the disconnected and growing employment and residential populations of San Francisco in this part of the city is compromised; and

WHEREAS, The implementation of the 22 Fillmore Transit Priority Project elements outlined in the SFMTA’s $20,000,000 TIGER VII grant application will improve the safety, economic competitiveness, state of good repair, livability, and environmental sustainability of the corridor; now, therefore, be it

RESOLVED, That the Mayor and the San Francisco Board of Supervisors supports the implementation of the 22 Fillmore Transit Priority Project; and, be it

FURTHER RESOLVED, That the Mayor and the Board urge the United States Department of Transportation to approve the 2015 TIGER VII grant application submitted by the SFMTA requesting $20,000,000 to support an estimated total project cost of $67,000,000.
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May 05, 2015 Board of Supervisors - AMENDED
Ayes: 11 - Avalos, Breed, Campos, Christensen, Cohen, Farrell, Kim, Mar, Tang, Wiener and Yee

May 05, 2015 Board of Supervisors - CONTINUED AS AMENDED
Ayes: 11 - Avalos, Breed, Campos, Christensen, Cohen, Farrell, Kim, Mar, Tang, Wiener and Yee

May 12, 2015 Board of Supervisors - ADOPTED
Ayes: 11 - Avalos, Breed, Campos, Christensen, Cohen, Farrell, Kim, Mar, Tang, Wiener and Yee

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I hereby certify that the foregoing Resolution was ADOPTED on 5/12/2015 by the Board of Supervisors of the City and County of San Francisco.

Angela Calvillo
Clerk of the Board