Motion affirming the determination by the Planning Department that the proposed San Francisco Municipal Transportation Agency Page Street Bikeway Improvements Pilot Project is categorically exempt from further environmental review.

WHEREAS, On October 31, 2019, the Planning Department issued a California Environmental Quality Act ("CEQA") Categorical Exemption Determination for the proposed San Francisco Municipal Transportation Agency Page Street Bikeway Improvements Pilot Project ("Project") under CEQA, the CEQA Guidelines, and Administrative Code, Chapter 31; and

WHEREAS, The Project would involve a 12-month pilot to study the effects of several traffic circulation changes to the area bound by Fell Street to the north; Market, Gough, and Otis Streets to the south; Fillmore Street to the West; and Gough Street to the East. Construction associated with the project would primarily include re-striping travel lanes and the addition of signage; and

WHEREAS, The Planning Department, pursuant to Title 14 of the CEQA Guidelines (California Code of Regulations, Title 14, Division 6, Chapter 3, Sections 15300-15333), issued a categorical exemption for the Project on October 31, 2019, finding that the Project is exempt from CEQA under Section 15306 of the CEQA Guidelines, or a Class 6 categorical exemption; and

WHEREAS, A Class 6 Categorical Exemption applies to Information Collection, consisting of "basic data collection, research, experimental management, and resource
evaluation activities which do not result in a serious or major disturbance to an environmental
resource consists of basic data collection;" and

WHEREAS, The Guidelines state that these projects “may be strictly for information
gathering purposes, or as part of a study leading to an action which a public agency has not
yet approved, adopted, or funded;” and

WHEREAS, On November 19, 2019, the San Francisco Municipal Transportation
Agency held a public hearing and approved Resolution No. 191119-142 for the Project; and

WHEREAS, On December 19, 2019, Mary Miles, on behalf of the Coalition for
Adequate Review (“Appellant”) filed an appeal with the Office of the Clerk of the Board of
Supervisors of the categorical exemption determination for the Page Street Bikeway
Improvements Pilot Project; and

WHEREAS, By memorandum to the Clerk of the Board dated December 23, 2019, the
Planning Department’s Deputy Environmental Review Officer determined that the appeal was
timely filed; and

WHEREAS, On February 4, 2020, this Board held a duly noticed public hearing to
consider the appeal of the exemption determination filed by Appellant; and

WHEREAS, In reviewing the appeal of the exemption determination, this Board
reviewed and considered the exemption determination, the appeal letter, the responses to the
appeal documents that the Planning Department and the San Francisco Municipal
Transportation Agency prepared, the other written records before the Board of Supervisors
and all of the public testimony made in support of and opposed to the exemption
determination appeal; and

WHEREAS, Following the conclusion of the public hearing, the Board of Supervisors
affirmed the exemption determination for the Project based on the written record before the
Board of Supervisors as well as all of the testimony at the public hearing in support of and opposed to the appeal; and

WHEREAS, The written record and oral testimony in support of and opposed to the appeal and deliberation of the oral and written testimony at the public hearing before the Board of Supervisors by all parties and the public in support of and opposed to the appeal of the exemption determination is in the Clerk of the Board of Supervisors File No. 191309 and is incorporated in this motion as though set forth in its entirety; now, therefore, be it

MOVED, That the Board of Supervisors hereby adopts as its own and incorporates by reference in this motion, as though fully set forth, the October 31, 2019, exemption determination; and, be it

FURTHER MOVED, That the Board of Supervisors finds that based on the whole record before it there are no substantial project changes, no substantial changes in project circumstances, and no new information of substantial importance that would change the conclusions set forth in the exemption determination by the Planning Department that the Project is exempt from environmental review; and, be it

FURTHER MOVED, That after carefully considering the appeal of the exemption determination, including the written information submitted to the Board of Supervisors and the public testimony presented to the Board of Supervisors at the hearing on the exemption determination, this Board concludes that the Project qualifies for an exemption determination under CEQA.
Motion affrming the determination by the Planning Department that the proposed San Francisco Municipal Transportation Agency Page Street Bikeway Improvements Pilot Project is categorically exempt from further environmental review.

January 28, 2020 Board of Supervisors - CONTINUED
Ayes: 10 - Fewer, Haney, Mar, Peskin, Preston, Ronen, Safai, Stefani, Walton and Yee
Absent: 1 - Mandelman

February 04, 2020 Board of Supervisors - APPROVED
Ayes: 11 - Fewer, Haney, Mandelman, Mar, Peskin, Preston, Ronen, Safai, Stefani, Walton and Yee

I hereby certify that the foregoing Motion was APPROVED on 2/4/2020 by the Board of Supervisors of the City and County of San Francisco.

Angela Calvillo
Clerk of the Board