Resolution authorizing the Director of the Real Estate Department to negotiate with the California Department of Transportation (Caltrans) for the purpose executing purchase and sale or lease agreements to provide homeless services on Caltrans property to protect the health safety and welfare of people experiencing homelessness.

WHEREAS, Cities across California are experiencing outbreaks of Hepatitis A among people experiencing homelessness, especially among people living in encampments; and

WHEREAS, The Hepatitis outbreak has, thus far been concentrated in San Diego, Los Angeles, and Santa Cruz, as of November 10, 2017, there were 649 reported cases of Hepatitis A in California, 417 hospitalizations and 21 deaths; and

WHEREAS, According to the January 2017 Homeless Point in Time and the Homeless Youth Count and Survey, 7,499 people are currently experiencing homelessness in San Francisco, 58% of whom were unsheltered, and 18% of whom are under the age of 25 years, and 32% of whom are over the age of 51 years with deteriorating physical and mental health; and

WHEREAS, To date 311 has received over 40,000 calls from residents with concerns about street encampments and additional 36,000 calls from residents with concerns related to homelessness. Between 2016 and 2017, 311 encampment reports increased by 49% and reports of concerns related to homelessness increased by 19%; and

WHEREAS, A proliferation of trash, graffiti, used hypodermic needles and other sources of blight continues to collect under and along the perimeters of San Francisco freeways; and
WHEREAS, In Fiscal year 2016-2017 Public Works removed 698 tons of garbage, picked up 121,600 hypodermic needles, and responded to over 15,000 requests for sidewalk steam cleaning due to feces and urine all in the public right of way; and

WHEREAS, Trends for this data have significantly increased in the current fiscal year; and

WHEREAS, Caltrans plays an important role in helping to responsibly and compassionately find a resolution to the street homelessness to ensure the safe usage of their properties; and

WHEREAS, Caltrans controls a number of leasable sites and land for purchase under freeways and adjacent to freeways that could be accessed by the City for the use as temporary shelters or navigation centers that collectively have the potential to remove hundreds of people off the streets and into shelter and eventually to supportive housing; and

WHEREAS, The City has long been interested in the acquisition of or lease of Caltrans Property for public use and use as temporary shelters; and

WHEREAS, The City looks forward to partnering with Caltrans on an expedited process that will allow the City to access properties under or adjacent to San Francisco freeways; now, therefore, be it

RESOLVED, The Board of Supervisors approves and authorizes the Director of Department of Real Estate to enter into direct negotiations with Caltrans officials for the purpose of determining acquisition or lease terms of properties controlled by Caltrans underneath or adjacent to San Francisco Freeways; and, be it

FURTHER RESOLVED, That the Director of the Real Estate Department shall provide a copy of the contract to the Clerk of the Board for ultimate consideration and ratification by the Board of Supervisors.
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February 01, 2018 Budget and Finance Committee - RECOMMENDED AS COMMITTEE REPORT

February 06, 2018 Board of Supervisors - ADOPTED
   Ayes: 11 - Breed, Cohen, Fewer, Kim, Peskin, Ronen, Safai, Sheehy, Stefani, Tang and Yee

I hereby certify that the foregoing Resolution was ADOPTED on 2/6/2018 by the Board of Supervisors of the City and County of San Francisco.

[Signature]
Angela Calvillo
Clerk of the Board

[Signature]
Mark E. Farrell
Mayor

Date Approved: 2/16/18