Resolution authorizing the San Francisco Public Utilities Commission (SFPUC) to accept and expend a grant in the amount of $1,000,000 from the Metropolitan Transportation Commission, with funds from the Federal Highway Administration and reviewed by the California Department of Transportation for design and construction of the Southern Skyline Boulevard Ridge Trail Extension Project which would extend the Bay Area Ridge Trail south from State Route 92 to the Golden Gate National Recreation Area’s Phleger Estate and improve educational and recreational access, parking, and restroom facilities on peninsula watershed land owned and maintained by the SFPUC in San Mateo County, for a term period of January 2023, through August 2025.

WHEREAS, The San Francisco Public Utilities Commission (SFPUC) owns and manages peninsula watershed land in San Mateo County; and

WHEREAS, In 1987, the Bay Area Ridge Trail Council started the Bay Area Ridge Trail to create an approximately 550-mile long continuous trail for hikers, mountain bicyclists, and equestrians along the ridgelines overlooking San Francisco Bay; currently, 400 miles of the Bay Area Ridge Trail have been constructed; the proposed Southern Skyline Boulevard Ridge Trail Extension (SSBRTE) would complete a new segment of the Bay Area Ridge Trail; and

WHEREAS, On December 18, 2002, by Resolution No. 02-0265, the SFPUC adopted the Peninsula Watershed Management Plan, and adopted a trail proposal that provided multi-use access (hikers, bicyclists, and equestrians) for the Fifield/Cahill Ridge Trail, and directed SFPUC staff to seek additional funding opportunities from sources such as grants, contributions or cooperative funding agreements with governmental agencies, institutions or other entities interested in jointly funding this project; and
WHEREAS, In August 2003, the SFPUC opened the ten-mile Fifield-Cahill Ridge Trail (FCRT), which extends from the Golden Gate National Recreation Area (GGNRA) Sweeney Ridge south to State Route (S.R.) 92; and

WHEREAS, The proposed Southern Skyline Boulevard Ridge Trail Extension (SSBRTE) Project would construct the proposed six-mile SSBRTE, creating sixteen-miles in total of Bay Area Ridge Trail on the peninsula watershed and connected to GGNRA lands on both ends of the alignment; and

WHEREAS, The SSBRTE project consists of two new discrete trail sections: the Universal Access Loop Trail and the Southern Skyline Boulevard Ridge Trail; the Universal Access Loop Trail would be a half-mile long interpretive and fully accessible trail segment, located north of S.R. 92, connected to the existing FCRT, and designed to fully comply with all applicable standards; the Southern Skyline Boulevard Ridge Trail would be a six-mile long multi-use (pedestrians, bicycles, equestrian usage) trail, located south of S.R. 92, running parallel to Skyline Boulevard; and

WHEREAS, The Southern Skyline Boulevard Ridge Trail would be located on Skyline Ridge, on the east side of Highway 35 within the hydrological watershed of the Upper Crystal Springs Reservoir, and would be a portion of the Bay Area Ridge Trail; and

WHEREAS, This project would enhance public access to SFPUC watershed lands, provide education and recreational opportunities for Bay Area residents while protecting natural resources and water quality; and

WHEREAS, The SFPUC applied for and has been awarded a grant from the Metropolitan Transportation Commission, using funding from the Federal Highway Administration (FHWA), and reviewed by the California Department of Transportation (Caltrans) in the amount of $1,000,000 for the construction of the SSBRTE project; and
WHEREAS, The grant funds require a 3:1 minimum match of funds from the receiving agency; the required matching funds of $3,000,000 have already been met through SFPUC Water Enterprise Capital Improvement Project (CIP) budget; and

WHEREAS, The FHWA and SFPUC matching funds will be used for construction of the six-mile long multi-modal segment of the Bay Area Ridge Trail south of S.R. 92 and west of the Crystal Springs Reservoir in San Mateo County; and

WHEREAS, This grant does not include an Annual Salary Ordinance Amendment; and

WHEREAS, In compliance with the California Environmental Quality Act (CEQA), an environmental impact report (EIR) was written for this project, and the notice of determination is on file with the Clerk of the Board in File No. 220270; in compliance with the National Environmental Policy Act, environmental compliance documents are being prepared and will be provided to the Clerk for inclusion to the file when completed; and

WHEREAS, The SFPUC proposes to maximize use of available grant funds on program expenditures by not including indirect costs in the grant budget; and

WHEREAS, The federal grant is being administered by Caltrans, and therefore, requires the use of Disadvantaged Business Enterprise (DBE) requirements; and

WHEREAS, On April 22, 2014, the SFPUC, by Resolution No. 19-0050, recommended that the Board of Supervisors accept this grant; now, therefore, be it

RESOLVED, That the Board of Supervisors authorizes the SFPUC to accept and expend grant funding in the amount of $1,000,000 to extend the Bay Area Ridge Trail south from S.R. 92 to the GGNRA’s Phleger Estate and improve the existing Fifield-Cahill ridge trail to enhance educational and recreational access, parking, and restroom facilities; and

RESOLVED, That the Board of Supervisors hereby waives inclusion of indirect costs in the grant budget; and
RESOLVED, That the General Manager of the SFPUC is hereby authorized to execute, deliver, and perform, in the name of the City and County of San Francisco, all applications, contracts, agreements, amendments and payment requests necessary to secure the grant funds and implement and carry out the purposes specified in the applicable grant application; and, be it

FURTHER RESOLVED, That the Board of Supervisors ratifies any administrative action taken to date with respect to these grants and grant funds.
Recommended:

/s/
DENNIS J. HERRERA
General Manager of the SFPUC

Approved:

/s/
BEN ROSENFIELD
Controller

Approved:

/s/
LONDON N. BREED
Mayor
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May 04, 2022 Budget and Finance Committee - AMENDED, AN AMENDMENT OF THE WHOLE BEARING NEW TITLE

May 04, 2022 Budget and Finance Committee - RECOMMENDED AS AMENDED

May 10, 2022 Board of Supervisors - ADOPTED

Ayes: 11 - Chan, Dorsey, Mandelman, Mar, Melgar, Peskin, Preston, Ronen, Safai, Stefani and Walton

I hereby certify that the foregoing Resolution was ADOPTED on 5/10/2022 by the Board of Supervisors of the City and County of San Francisco.

Angela Calvillo
Clerk of the Board

London N. Breed
Mayor

Date Approved 5/20/22