Resolution retroactively authorizing the Recreation and Park Department to accept an in-kind grant of up to $900,000 from the Trust for Public Land for project management, planning and design services, and community engagement for the Buchanan Mall 5 block project, including a Let’sPlaySF! play area renovation project for the project term of February 21, 2019, through December 31, 2021.

WHEREAS, The City, through Recreation and Park Department (“RPD”), operates and maintains Buchanan Street Mall (“the Property”), a five block pedestrian mall between Eddy Street and Grove Street; and

WHEREAS, The Buchanan Mall includes five consecutive blocks of green space, three playgrounds, a half basketball court, and asphalt paths; and

WHEREAS, The Trust for Public Land (“TPL”) is a national non-profit organization that has successfully worked in partnership with San Francisco and other communities in the Bay Area for 40 years to create parks and to support healthy, livable communities; and

WHEREAS, TPL has worked with RPD, Citizen Film, Green Streets, The Exploratorium, and the community to develop the Buchanan Mall vision statement and to implement a temporary activation project; and

WHEREAS, This resolution concerns the next phases of work on the Property, known as the Buchanan Mall 5 block concept plan (“the Project”); and

WHEREAS, TPL will grant RPD up to approximately $900,000 in in-kind project management, community outreach, planning, and design services for the Project (the “Grant”); and
WHEREAS, TPL is working towards raising the funds for the Grant and is committed to work towards closing the funding gap; TPL has raised $207,000 to cover the cost of consultants and TPL staff time to develop a concept design for all five blocks of Buchanan Mall; and

WHEREAS, TPL is also working towards raising an additional $560,000 for construction documents and construction oversight, for RPD to allocate to a single block or equivalent area pursuant to the approved concept design; and

WHEREAS, RPD is partnering with the San Francisco Parks Alliance on an initiative, known as Let'sPlaySF!, to renovate thirteen playgrounds across the City including one of the playgrounds at the Property; the playground between Golden Gate Avenue and Turk Street is considered the Let’sPlaySF! Play Area; and

WHEREAS, On February 21, 2019, the Recreation and Park Commission approved, by Resolution No. 1902-004, the Grant Agreement between the City and TPL for acceptance and performance of the in-kind services covered by the Grant Agreement; and

WHEREAS, RPD proposes to maximize use of available grant funds on program expenditures by not including indirect costs in the grant budget; now, therefore, be it

RESOLVED, That the Board of Supervisors retroactively approves the Grant and authorizes the Recreation and Park Department General Manager to accept and expend the Grant, and to perform all acts required of the City there under; and, be it

FURTHER RESOLVED, That the Board of Supervisors hereby waives inclusion of indirect costs in the grant budget; and, be it

FURTHER RESOLVED, That the Board of Supervisors authorizes the Recreation and Park General Manager to enter into any modifications to the Grant that the Recreation and Park General Manager determines, in consultation with the City Attorney, are in the best interests of the City and do not materially increase the obligations or liabilities of the City, are
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July 17, 2019 Budget and Finance Sub-Committee - RECOMMENDED

July 23, 2019 Board of Supervisors - ADOPTED
Ayes: 10 - Brown, Fewer, Mandelman, Mar, Peskin, Ronen, Safai, Stefani, Walton and Yee
Absent: 1 - Haney

File No. 190713

I hereby certify that the foregoing Resolution was ADOPTED on 7/23/2019 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 8.2.19