

1 [Affirm certification of the final environmental impact report for the Transbay Terminal.]

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3 **Motion affirming the Planning Commission certification of the final environmental**  
4 **impact report for the Transbay Terminal/Caltrain Downtown Extension/Redevelopment**  
5 **Project.**  
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7 WHEREAS, The Transbay Joint Powers Authority is the project sponsor for the  
8 reconstruction of the Transbay Terminal, which is located at 425 Mission Street; Caltrain  
9 Downtown Extension; and various related actions (the "Transbay Terminal Component"). The  
10 project also includes the Transbay Redevelopment Plan, which is jointly sponsored by the City  
11 and County of San Francisco and the San Francisco Redevelopment Agency. (The Transbay  
12 Terminal Component and the Transbay Redevelopment Plan shall be collectively referred to  
13 herein as the "Project".); and

14 WHEREAS, Upon initiation of the environmental review for the Project, the San  
15 Francisco Planning Department (the "Department") determined that an environmental impact  
16 report ("EIR") was required, created City Planning File No. 2000.048E, and provided public  
17 notice of that determination by publication in a newspaper of general circulation on March 17,  
18 2001. The EIR has three co-lead agencies: the City and County of San Francisco, the San  
19 Francisco Redevelopment Agency, and the Peninsula Corridor Joint Powers Board ("JPB");  
20 and

21 WHEREAS, Because the Transbay Terminal Component will obtain funding from the  
22 Federal Transit Administration (the "FTA"), and due to the potential environmental impacts of  
23 the Transbay Terminal Component, the FTA determined that a federal environmental impact  
24 statement ("EIS") was required. On March 28, 2001, the FTA published in the federal register  
25 a notice of intent to prepare an EIS; and

1 WHEREAS, The three co-lead agencies and the FTA agreed to combine the federal  
2 and State environmental review documents into a single joint EIS/EIR; and

3 WHEREAS, On October 5, 2002, the Department published a draft EIS/EIR and  
4 provided notice of the availability of the document for public review and comment. A copy of  
5 said document is on file with the Clerk of the Board of Supervisors in File No. 040616 and is  
6 incorporated herein by reference; and

7 WHEREAS, On November 26, 2002, the Planning Commission (the "Commission")  
8 held a duly noticed public hearing on the draft EIS/EIR. The Redevelopment Agency, on  
9 November 11, 2002, and the JPB staff, on November 13, 2002, each held an additional duly  
10 noticed public hearing on the draft EIS/EIR; and

11 WHEREAS, On December 20, 2002, the 77-day public comment period on the draft  
12 EIS/EIR ended; and

13 WHEREAS, On March 28, 2003, in Resolution No. 03-001, the Transbay Joint Powers  
14 Authority, following FTA guidelines and regulations, adopted the locally preferred alternative  
15 for inclusion in the Final EIS/EIR. The locally preferred alternative consists of the "West  
16 Ramp" Transbay Terminal, "Second Street-to-Main Street" track alignment, "Tunneling", and  
17 "Full Build" program for the Transbay Redevelopment Plan. A copy of said document is on file  
18 with the Clerk of the Board of Supervisors in File No. 040616 and is incorporated herein by  
19 reference; and

20 WHEREAS, On March 24, 2004, the Department published a "Draft Summary of  
21 Comments and Responses" on the draft EIS/EIR (Volume II). On this same date, the  
22 Department also published revisions to the draft EIS/EIR (Volume I) that included refinements  
23 to the Project analyzed and staff-initiated text changes to take into account concerns that  
24 commentors had raised. Both Volumes I and II were distributed to the Commission and other  
25 co-lead agencies and to all parties who commented on the draft EIS/EIR. Copies of said

1 on file with the Clerk of the Board in File No. 040616 and is incorporated herein by reference;  
2 and

3 WHEREAS, By separate letters to the Clerk of the Board of Supervisors dated May 10,  
4 2004, Oliver L. Holmes, on behalf of unidentified individuals and entities that will be impacted  
5 by the Transbay Terminal project, and Timothy A. Tosta, on behalf of Myers Natoma Venture  
6 and Myers Development Company, filed timely appeals of the Final EIR certification to the  
7 Board of Supervisors. On May 12, 2004, Joseph J. Brecher, on behalf of various Stillman  
8 Street and Clocktower Loft residents and businesses, also filed a timely appeal of the Final  
9 EIR certification; and

10 WHEREAS, On ~~June 8, 2004~~ June 15, 2004, this Board held a duly notice public  
11 hearing to consider the appeal of the Final EIR certification; and

12 WHEREAS, This Board has reviewed and considered the Final EIS/EIR and heard  
13 testimony and received public comment regarding the adequacy of this document; and

14 WHEREAS, The Final EIS/EIR files and all correspondence and other documents have  
15 been made available for review by this Board and the public. These files are available for  
16 public review by appointment at the Planning Department offices at 1660 Mission Street and  
17 are made part of the record before this Board by reference herein; and

18 WHEREAS, Since the Planning Commission action on the Final EIR, there is no new  
19 information of significance that would require a substantial revision to the Final EIR and  
20 necessitate recirculation of said document pursuant to CEQA Guidelines section 15088.5;  
21 now, therefore, be it

22 MOVED, That based on substantial evidence in light of the whole record, this Board of  
23 Supervisors finds that: 1) the Final EIR reflects its independent judgment and analysis and is  
24 adequate, accurate, and objective; 2) the Final EIR is sufficient as an informational document  
25 and its conclusions are correct; and 3) the findings contained in the Planning Commission

1 certification are correct; and this Board hereby affirms the decision of the Planning  
2 Commission in its Motion No. 16773 to certify the Final EIR in compliance with CEQA, the  
3 CEQA Guidelines, and Chapter 31.



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## Tails Motion

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Motion affirming the Planning Commission certification of the final environmental impact report for the Transbay Terminal/Caltrain Downtown Extension/Redevelopment Project.

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June 8, 2004 Board of Supervisors — CONTINUED

Ayes: 10 - Alioto-Pier, Ammiano, Daly, Dufty, Gonzalez, Ma, Maxwell,  
McGoldrick, Peskin, Sandoval  
Excused: 1 - Hall

June 15, 2004 Board of Supervisors — AMENDED

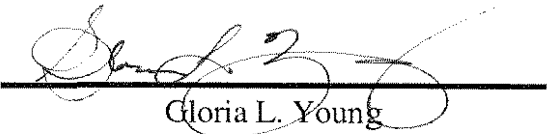
Ayes: 11 - Alioto-Pier, Ammiano, Daly, Dufty, Gonzalez, Hall, Ma, Maxwell,  
McGoldrick, Peskin, Sandoval

June 15, 2004 Board of Supervisors — APPROVED

Ayes: 11 - Alioto-Pier, Ammiano, Daly, Dufty, Gonzalez, Hall, Ma, Maxwell,  
McGoldrick, Peskin, Sandoval

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I hereby certify that the foregoing Motion  
was APPROVED on June 15, 2004 by the  
Board of Supervisors of the City and County  
of San Francisco.

  
Gloria L. Young  
Clerk of the Board