

1 [Support of Peak-Hour Taxi Permits]

2  
3  
4  
5  
6  
7  
8  
9  
10  
11  
12  
13  
14  
15  
16  
17  
18  
19  
20  
21  
22  
23  
24  
25

**Resolution in support of peak-hour taxi permits, and world-class taxi service in San Francisco.**

WHEREAS, Taxis are a critical part of San Francisco’s transportation system, providing a key complement to our system of public transportation and allowing people to live in San Francisco without owning a car; and

WHEREAS, Taxis are a critical part of San Francisco’s economic infrastructure, allowing people to use them to shop, allowing people who work here to get around, and making it easier for visitors to move around the city and to patronize our businesses; and

WHEREAS, Taxis provide important transportation opportunities for senior and disabled persons, who may be unable to rely on public transportation for a variety of reasons; and

WHEREAS, San Francisco currently has insufficient taxi service to meet passenger demand, particularly during peak demand periods, which reduces the ability of residents and visitors to travel around the city and makes it more likely that some residents will continue to own their own cars; and

WHEREAS, Greater availability of taxis will create even more demand, as people learn that they can depend on taxis as a reliable mode of transportation, thus causing more people to live or work in San Francisco without a car; and

WHEREAS, A highly functioning taxi system, with adequate supply of taxi services, is an important aspect of any world-class city; and

1           WHEREAS, The San Francisco Municipal Transportation agency (“SFMTA”) is  
2 considering a proposal to issue additional taxi permits to be used for a limited number of  
3 hours per week, specifically during periods of peak demand when current taxi service is most  
4 inadequate; and

5           WHEREAS, The SFMTA’s proposal moves San Francisco in the right direction of  
6 providing adequate taxi service consistent with San Francisco’s status as a transit-first and  
7 world-class city; now, therefore, be it

8           RESOLVED, That the San Francisco Board of Supervisors affirms its support for  
9 increased and improved taxi service in San Francisco as a critical part of San Francisco’s  
10 status as a transit-first and world-class city; and, be it

11           FURTHER RESOLVED, That the San Francisco Board of Supervisors supports the  
12 SFMTA’s proposal to issue peak-period taxi permits and encourages the SFMTA to move  
13 expeditiously to adopt the proposal and to issue sufficient permits to improve taxi service.  
14

15  
16  
17  
18  
19  
20  
21  
22  
23  
24  
25