

1 [Traffic Conditions on Telegraph Hill Boulevard.]

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3 **Resolution urging the Municipal Railway, Department of Parking and Traffic and**
4 **Recreation and Parks Department to implement a Public Transit and Traffic Facilitation**
5 **Pilot Program on Telegraph Hill Boulevard in the summer of 2005.**

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7 WHEREAS, Coit Tower and its surrounding Pioneer Park are internationally
8 recognized symbols of San Francisco, attracting visitors from throughout the world; and

9 WHEREAS, Telegraph Hill Boulevard to Coit Tower has evolved from a pre-automobile
10 trail, to a heavily traveled road that now serves more as a bottleneck than a facilitator of
11 circulation; and,

12 WHEREAS, during peak periods, traffic tie-ups frustrate impatient motorists who then
13 give up on inching to the top of the hill and make illegal U-turns on a blind curve of Telegraph
14 Hill Boulevard; and,

15 WHEREAS, Tight U-turns on Telegraph Hill Boulevard have resulted in collisions which
16 have damaged the original Public Works for the Arts rock wall along that right-of-way; and,

17 WHEREAS, Traffic gridlock, of over forty vehicles and a bus, leads to idling engines
18 and unnecessary air pollution, in a park intended for respite and healthiness; and,

19 WHEREAS, The 39 Muni bus line is an invaluable asset to residents and visitors to
20 Telegraph Hill, particularly senior citizens who depend on Muni to return home up the steep
21 hill; and,

22 WHEREAS, Frequent congestion on Telegraph Hill Boulevard results in long delays of
23 the 39 bus line; and,

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1 WHEREAS, Evidence suggest that during periods of peak congestion, up to eighty
2 percent of vehicles make U-turns and never reach Coit Tower, frustrating visitors and
3 decreasing patrons; and,

4 WHEREAS, For many years, neighborhood organizations and community committees
5 have partnered with City agencies to attempt a wide range of traffic controls and signage,
6 including weekend/evening road closures which have not proven successful; and,

7 WHEREAS, Neighborhood organizations and the community have partnered with City
8 agencies to build new pedestrian stairways and ADA access in and around Coit Tower and
9 Pioneer Park; and,

10 WHEREAS, City planners and residents desire that public transit be the key to rapid
11 traffic circulation around Coit Tower and have proposed a pilot program to limit public parking
12 at the top of the hill during peak periods, thus allowing quick passenger drop-offs and
13 enabling more reliable Muni 39 bus service; and,

14 WHEREAS, Community planners are coordinating with residents of Telegraph Hill to
15 maintain residential and disabled parking at the top of the hill; and,

16 WHEREAS, Emphasizing use of Muni bus service to Coit Tower would be consistent
17 with the City's Transit-First policies; now, therefore, be it

18 RESOLVED, That the Board of Supervisors of the City and County of San Francisco
19 does hereby urge the Municipal Railway, Department of Parking and Traffic and the
20 Recreation and Parks Department, in partnership with community planners, to implement a
21 Public Transit / Transit Facilitation Pilot Program on Telegraph Hill Boulevard in the summer
22 of 2005 to enhance public transportation and increase access to Coit Tower and Pioneer
23 Park.