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1 Preparation of Findings to Reverse the Exemption Determination - AT&T Network
2 "Lightspeed" Upgrade]

3 **Motion directing the Clerk of the Board to prepare findings reversing the exemption**
4 **determination by the Planning Department that the AT&T Network "Lightspeed"**
5 **Upgrade project is exempt from environmental review.**
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7 WHEREAS, the Planning Department has determined that the AT&T Network:
8 "Lightspeed" Upgrade project, Department of Public Works excavation permit, File No.
9 11EXC-1050, located on La Playa Street between Cabrillo and Fulton Streets, is exempt from
10 environmental review under the California Environmental Quality Act ("CEQA"), the CEQA
11 Guidelines, and San Francisco Administrative Code Chapter 31. The proposed work at this
12 and other locations involves placing additional fiber through AT&T's existing copper conduit
13 currently used for telephone lines, and, as described in the Certificate of Determination
14 Exemption from Environmental Review, the installation of metal, either tan or light green,
15 51.7-inches-wide by 26-inches-deep by 48-inches-high communications cabinets in the public
16 right-of-way to house the Lightspeed electronics. The Appellant provided a copy a Certificate
17 of Determination Exemption from Environmental Review, issued by the Planning Department
18 on February 22, 2010, finding the project exempt under Class 3 of the CEQA Guidelines (14
19 Cal. Code Reg. §15000 et seq.). By letter to the Clerk of the Board, Milo F. Hanke, on behalf
20 of the San Francisco Beautiful and the Planning Association for the Richmond, received by
21 the Clerk's Office on March 14, 2011, appealed the exemption determination; and
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23 WHEREAS, On April 26, 2011, this Board held a duly noticed public hearing to
24 consider the appeal of the exemption determination filed by Appellant, and following the public
25 hearing reversed the exemption determination; and

1 WHEREAS, In reviewing the appeal of the exemption determination, this Board
2 reviewed and considered the exemption determination, the appeal letters, the responses to
3 concerns document that the Planning Department prepared, the other written records before
4 the Board of Supervisors and all of the public testimony made in support of and opposed to
5 the exemption determination appeal. Following the conclusion of the public hearing, the
6 Board of Supervisors reversed the exemption determination for the Project based on the
7 written record before the Board of Supervisors as well as all of the testimony at the public
8 hearing in support of and opposed to the appeal. The written record and oral testimony in
9 support of and opposed to the appeal and deliberation of the oral and written testimony at the
10 public hearing before the Board of Supervisors by all parties and the public in support of and
11 opposed to the appeal of the exemption determination is in the Clerk of the Board of
12 Supervisors File No. 110344 and in the Planning Department files, which are available for
13 public review by appointment at the Planning Department offices at 1650 Mission Street, and
14 are incorporated in this motion as though set forth in its entirety; now, therefore, be it

15 MOVED, That this Board of Supervisors directs the Clerk of the Board to prepare the
16 findings specifying the basis for its decision on the appeal of the exemption determination
17 issued by the Planning Department for the Project.

