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Amendment of the Whole In Board 5/3/05

1	Presidio Boulevard
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4	Resolution urging the California State Assembly and Governor to Support Assembly
5	Bill No. 452.
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7	WHEREAS, In 2000 San Francisco had the highest rate of pedestrian fatalities of all
8	cities in California, and the 4 th highest rate in the U.S.; and,
9	WHEREAS, 19th Avenue and Park Presidio Boulevard are two of the most dangerous
10	streets in the City for pedestrians and cyclists in terms of the rate of injuries and fatalities
11	relative to the amount of pedestrian and bicycle traffic; and,
12	WHEREAS, In 2003 there were 117 injuries and two fatalities along this route, and in
13	2002 there were 142 injuries and another two fatalities; and,
14	WHEREAS, The state's fiscal crisis forced Caltrans to eliminate money designated for
15	long-range pedestrian safety and traffic calming measures along 19th Avenue and Park
16	Presidio Boulevard; and,
17	WHEREAS, The City and County of San Francisco loaned Caltrans \$2.5 million dollars
18	to begin improvements in pedestrian safety along 19th Avenue and Park Presidio Boulevard;
19	and,
20	WHEREAS, 19th Avenue and Park Presidio Boulevard are segments of State Highway
21	1 that is also a residential street and commercial corridor along which hundreds of families
22	live and hundreds of San Franciscans walk and bike every day, including many children and
23	elderly persons; and,
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1	WHEREAS, The City has requested the installation of corner bulb-outs to improve
2	pedestrian safety on 19th Avenue and Park Presidio Boulevard, but Caltrans has refused to
3	allow them to be installed; and,
4	WHEREAS, Speeding traffic on this freeway-style road endangers these San
5	Franciscans every day and has resulted in numerous injuries and deaths; and,
6	WHEREAS, State Assembly Bill 452 would double fines for speeding, reckless driving
7	drunk driving, and other dangerous driving infractions on 19th Avenue and Park Presidio
8	Boulevard between Junipero Serra Blvd. and Lake St.; and
9	WHEREAS, State Assembly Bill 452 would serve as an effective deterrent for illegal
10	and dangerous driving along 19th Avenue and Park Presidio Boulevard;
11	WHEREAS, The Board of Supervisors of the City and County of San Francisco
12	initiated the concept of AB 452 when it unanimously passed Resolution 814-03 on December
13	19, 2003, urging the State Legislature to increase fines for all moving violations on all state
14	highways that bisect residential neighborhoods and allocating the increased revenue to
15	pedestrian safety improvements along such state highways, now, therefore, be it
16	RESOLVED, That the Board of Supervisors of the City and County of San Francisco
17	urges the California State Legislature and Governor to support Assembly Bill 452.
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