

1 [Ferry Service.]

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3 **Resolution in support of funding future San Francisco ferry service from a portion of**
4 **new state bridge toll revenues and San Francisco County sales tax extension**
5 **revenues, and supporting the San Francisco Bay Area Water Transit Authority’s**
6 **Implementation and Operations Plan for creating those ferry services.**

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8 WHEREAS, Ferry service will be an important component of San Francisco’s regional
9 transportation network, providing a new cost-effective and environmentally responsible transit
10 option between San Francisco and the Bay Area; and,

11 WHEREAS, The Water Transit Authority’s ridership studies, projected to the year 2025
12 show more people living and working along shoreline property, thus creating significant
13 increased demand for ferries and opportunities for water-transit-oriented smart-growth; and

14 WHEREAS, Based on its ridership studies, the San Francisco Bay Area Water Transit
15 Authority (“WTA”) has recommended seven or eight new ferry routes around the Bay and an
16 expansion of all existing ferry routes connecting to San Francisco; and,

17 WHEREAS, In response to the San Francisco Board of Supervisors’ Resolution No.
18 010163 urging the California State Legislature mandate the Water Transit Authority to study
19 the feasibility of using environmentally sensitive ferries, the WTA’s recommendations include
20 protections for the Bay’s natural resources such as water, air, wetlands, and wildlife; and,

21 WHEREAS, The WTA has recommended a fleet of vessels that would be ten times
22 cleaner than today’s fleet, having 85% lower emissions than the EPA’s 2007 guidelines for
23 diesel engines; and,

24 WHEREAS, The WTA received an initial grant of \$100,000 to design and is seeking
25 additional Federal funds to build the World’s first zero-emission ferry; and,

1 WHEREAS, The San Francisco Port is the hub for the region's ferry service, bringing
2 in employees and visitors to the City; and,

3 WHEREAS, Ferry service is an important transportation connection to the
4 Embarcadero's Muni F-Line, the Financial District, and Pac Bell Park; and,

5 WHEREAS, Downtown businesses and new residences would be served by increased
6 regional ferry service; and,

7 WHEREAS, In 2003, the California Legislature will review and approve a toll increase
8 expenditure plan through legislation for submission to the voters for approval in 2004; and,

9 WHEREAS, The Toll Expenditure Plan may provide funding for improvements to the
10 City and County of San Francisco's downtown ferry facilities; and,

11 WHEREAS, In 2003, the City and County of San Francisco will produce a
12 Transportation Expenditure Plan for the County's sales tax extension; now, therefore, be it

13 RESOLVED that the City and County of San Francisco supports: the inclusion of
14 capital funds for San Francisco ferry services in the proposed State Bridge Toll Expenditure
15 Plan as a top priority; and be it

16 FURTHER RESOLVED That the City and County of San Francisco supports the
17 inclusion of capital funds for San Francisco ferry services in the proposed Transportation
18 Expenditure Plan for the San Francisco County Sales Tax Extension; and be it

19 FURTHER RESOLVED that the City and County of San Francisco supports the San
20 Francisco Bay Area Water Transit Authority's Implementation and Operations Plan that
21 recommends enhancing the region's public transit system by creating new ferry service to-
22 and-from San Francisco.

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