

1 [Supporting the Bay Area Rapid Transit District’s Pilot Program to Allow Full-time Bicycle  
2 Access]

3 **Resolution supporting the Bay Area Rapid Transit District’s Pilot Program to allow full-**  
4 **time bicycle access.**

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6 WHEREAS, The Bay Area Rapid Transit District (BART) provides vital regional  
7 transportation in the Bay Area for San Francisco commuters, students, tourists, and residents;  
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9 WHEREAS, Bicycles solve the “last mile” problem by providing a convenient and  
10 flexible means for passengers of all walks of life to access the stations and reach their final  
11 destinations while reducing both traffic congestion and the need for costly automobile parking  
12 facilities; and

13 WHEREAS, Bicycling provides health benefits to communities by reducing both air  
14 pollution and noise pollution, and bicycling provides health benefits to riders through exercise  
15 to help curb the steep rise in health problems such as hypertension, diabetes and obesity in  
16 America today; and

17 WHEREAS, The New York City Metropolitan Transportation Authority subway, the  
18 busiest subway in the United States allows bicycles onboard at all times; and

19 WHEREAS, The Los Angeles Metro, Montreal Metro, and many other transit systems  
20 worldwide allow bicycles onboard at all times; and

21 WHEREAS, BART currently allows bicycles onboard all trains except for restrictions  
22 during weekday commute hours; and

23 WHEREAS, In 2012, BART conducted a pilot program to allow bicycles on all trains  
24 every Friday in the month of August; and

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1           WHEREAS, BART conducted a rider survey on the August 2012 pilot program that found  
2 that 90% of riders who were aware of the pilot did not experience any problems; and

3           WHEREAS, BART is conducting a second pilot program to allow bicycles on all trains  
4 the week of March 18th, 2013; and

5           WHEREAS, As a result of feedback from the initial pilot program, the first three cars of  
6 trains during commute hours are designated as bicycle free; now therefore, be it

7           RESOLVED, That the Board of Supervisors of the City and County of San Francisco  
8 expresses our appreciation of BART's efforts to support and serve people traveling with  
9 bicycles by currently allowing bicycles onboard most trains, through the provision of bike  
10 stations and secure bike parking options, through improved station access, and through pilot  
11 programs to allow bicycles onboard at all times; and, be it

12           FURTHER RESOLVED, That the Board of Supervisors commends BART for  
13 conducting a second pilot program to allow bicycle on all trains; and, be it

14           FURTHER RESOLVED, That the Board of Supervisors urges BART to lift the current  
15 ban on bicycles onboard during commute hours at the earliest possible opportunity, to allow  
16 bicycles onboard BART at all times and in all directions.

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