

1 [Funding for San Francisco-Oakland Bay Bridge Bicycle Pathway]

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3 **Resolution urging the California State Legislature and the Governor to include**  
4 **funding for the San Francisco-Oakland Bay Bridge West Span**  
5 **Bicycle/Pedestrian/Maintenance Pathway Project in any state infrastructure bond**  
6 **placed before the voters in an upcoming election.**

7 WHEREAS, The San Francisco - Oakland Bay Bridge is a crucial transportation link  
8 that is a recognized part of the 400-mile San Francisco Bay Trail, initially sanctioned in 1988  
9 when Senator Lockyer's SB 100 was signed into law; and

10 WHEREAS, An extensive public planning process for the East Span replacement  
11 structure resulted in the inclusion of a 15.5 foot wide pathway from West Oakland to Yerba  
12 Buena Island as part of the new bridge; and,

13 WHEREAS, That pathway is presently taking shape as part of the new East Span  
14 under construction between Yerba Buena Island and the East Bay; and,

15 WHEREAS, In May 2001, Caltrans released a \$2 million feasibility study examining the  
16 addition of a cantilever pathway or pathways to the West Span to complete non-motorized  
17 access across the Bay, and this study found that such a pathway is feasible and would have  
18 multiple benefits for Bay Area travelers, including motorists, as well as Caltrans, and would  
19 cost an estimated \$160 million to construct; and,

20 WHEREAS, A shore to shore pathway on the Bay Bridge would complete a gap in the  
21 San Francisco Bay Trail, provide world class views of downtown San Francisco from the  
22 upper deck, be an attraction that would draw significant tourist traffic to the City, and enhance  
23 the Embarcadero Promenade; and,

24 WHEREAS, The pathway would benefit motorists by providing an emergency refuge in  
25 case of breakdown, and allow Caltrans work crews to use the pathway for many maintenance

1 activities, eliminating the need to close a lane on the Bay Bridge, reducing congestion and the  
2 number of collisions; and,

3 WHEREAS, A pathway on the Bay Bridge would provide an alternate access route in  
4 case of natural or manmade disaster that affected the Bay Bridge or the Transbay Tube; and,

5 WHEREAS, An ambitious redevelopment plan for Treasure Island is in the works,  
6 proposing 5,000+ units of new housing including 30% of which are designated affordable  
7 units, and these new residents will be relatively isolated from San Francisco and the East Bay  
8 if a pathway is not provided; and,

9 WHEREAS, The Pathway would be used by potentially millions of cyclists every year,  
10 traveling between Oakland and San Francisco, and is the most cost effective means to  
11 increase capacity on this heavily congested corridor: ; now, therefore, be it

12 RESOLVED, That the San Francisco Board of Supervisors urges the California State  
13 Legislature and the Governor to include funding, estimated at \$200 million in today's cost, for  
14 the San Francisco-Oakland Bay Bridge West Span Bicycle/Pedestrian/Maintenance Pathway  
15 project in any state infrastructure bond placed before the voters in an upcoming election.

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