

1 [Implementation of Safety Improvements along the 19th Avenue Corridor]

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3 **Resolution urging Caltrans to expedite the procurement of the construction contracts**
4 **to ensure the implementation is completed by 2005.**

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6 WHEREAS, 19th Avenue is the busiest north-south thoroughfare in the western section
7 of San Francisco, connecting the Golden Gate Bridge to points south of San Francisco and
8 carrying an average of nearly 85,000 vehicles per day, including over 1,300 trucks per day;
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10 WHEREAS, 19th Avenue is a state route, and the City and County shares responsibility
11 for its maintenance and operation with the California Department of Transportation (Caltrans);
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13 WHEREAS, Since the demolition of the portions of the Central Freeway north of Market
14 Street, 19th Avenue has seen a dramatic rise in traffic volumes, to the detriment of safety and
15 livability conditions for residents along the corridor; and

16 WHEREAS, 19th Avenue is also a key transfer point for people using transit, particularly
17 at intersections with east-west streets served by Muni METRO lines; and

18 WHEREAS, 19th Avenue serves as the key access to many important activity centers
19 like Golden Gate Park, San Francisco State University, the Stonestown Shopping Center,
20 Stern Grove, the San Francisco Conservatory of Music, The University of San Francisco, the
21 San Francisco Zoo and many others, generating a significant amount of pedestrian activity;
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23 WHEREAS, Over the past few years there has been an alarming increase in the
24 number of incidents and accidents involving pedestrians and automobiles, resulting in a
25 number of pedestrian deaths and injuries, and damage to private property; and

1 WHEREAS, The San Francisco Board of Supervisors finds that it is of the outmost
2 importance to expedite the implementation of safety improvements to 19th Avenue; and

3 WHEREAS, The City and County, working together with Caltrans and the San
4 Francisco County Transportation Authority (Authority), have determined that the most
5 expeditious way to implement improvements in the short term is to proceed with a first phase
6 consisting of the installation of replacement signals and pedestrian countdown signals at 12
7 key intersections along 19th Avenue and Park Presidio; and

8 WHEREAS, The intersections involved in the first phase are located at Park Presidio
9 and Geary Boulevard; and at along 19th Avenue at Holloway, Eucalyptus, Ocean, Vicente,
10 Taraval, Quintara, Noriega, Judah, Irving and Lincoln Way; and

11 WHEREAS, The cost of the improvement project has been set at \$4.25 million, to be
12 shared equally by the City and County and Caltrans; and

13 WHEREAS, Due to the dire state of the State Highway Account, the State is not able
14 to fund this project until 2008, and the Authority has agreed to advance the entire cost of the
15 first phase in order to expedite the project; and

16 WHEREAS, Caltrans has agreed to contribute its share of the project cost during the
17 second phase, which involves an additional 22 intersections along that corridor; and

18 WHEREAS, The second phase of the project will also include sidewalk bulb-outs and
19 new curb ramps; and

20 WHEREAS, The combined cost of the two phases is anticipated to be \$12 million; now
21 therefore be it

22 RESOLVED, That the Board of Supervisors supports the expeditious implementation of
23 the traffic and pedestrian safety improvements along the 19th Avenue corridor; and be it
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1 RESOLVED, That the Board of Supervisors urges Caltrans to expedite the
2 procurement of the construction contracts to ensure that implementation is completed within
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