

1 [Urging Congressional Funding for Pedestrian, Bicycle and Transit Projects]

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3 **Resolution urging the United States Congress to maintain federal funding for**
4 **pedestrian, bicycle and transit projects.**

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6 WHEREAS, The Board of Supervisors supports walking, bicycling and public transit as
7 important and policy-supportive means to improve San Francisco by reducing air pollution,
8 enhancing public health and safety, improving neighborhood and business district vitality and
9 decreasing energy consumption; and

10 WHEREAS, The State of California has adopted ambitious greenhouse gas emission
11 reduction targets in law, toward mitigating and avoiding global climate crisis and nurturing a
12 more sustainable state and world; and,

13 WHEREAS, San Francisco has likewise adopted a Climate Action Plan with ambitious
14 greenhouse gas reduction targets, and finds that "[t]he transportation sector creates
15 approximately 50% of San Francisco's total greenhouse gas emissions;" and

16 WHEREAS, Walking and bicycling are practical and efficient means of transportation
17 which produce no greenhouse gas emissions and in numerous ways, coupled with efficient
18 public transit, enhance and maintain public health, public safety, and environmental quality in
19 San Francisco; and

20 WHEREAS, the San Francisco City Charter has since 1973 mandated a Transit First
21 Policy which declares that "[w]ithin San Francisco, travel by public transit, by bicycle and on
22 foot must be an attractive alternative to travel by private automobile," that "[p]edestrian areas
23 shall be enhanced wherever possible to improve the safety and comfort of pedestrians and to
24 encourage travel by foot," and that "[b]icycling shall be promoted by encouraging safe streets
25 for riding, convenient access to transit, bicycle lanes, and secure bicycle parking;" and

1 WHEREAS, Two to three people are injured in accidents every day on San Francisco's
2 streets, with an estimated annual cost to the city of \$76 million for medical treatment,
3 emergency services, and other related expenses, in addition to the pain and suffering
4 experienced by the victims and their families and friends; and

5 WHEREAS, These accidents and injuries could be prevented or otherwise reduced by
6 physical improvements to our streets, sidewalks and built environment; and

7 WHEREAS, Improvements to the city's sidewalks, bikeways, greenways, crosswalks,
8 as well as educational and encouragement programs all depend on strong federal funding;
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10 WHEREAS, Existing Federal Transportation Enhancements, Recreational Trails and
11 Safe Routes to Schools programs support vital projects that provide safe transportation
12 options for children, seniors and others; and

13 WHEREAS, Comfortable and inviting walking and biking facilities are critical to the
14 present and future of San Francisco for our thriving local businesses, neighborhoods and
15 public transit systems; now, therefore, be it

16 RESOLVED, That the people of the City and County of San Francisco by and through
17 its Board of Supervisors urges the United States Congress to continue funding for walking
18 and biking initiatives in our country by maintaining Transportation Enhancements,
19 Recreational Trails and Safe Routes to Schools programs in any Federal transportation bill
20 brought forward by Congress; and, be it

21 FURTHER RESOLVED, That the Clerk of the Board of Supervisors is hereby directed
22 to forward a fully conformed copy of this resolution to the Congressional delegation
23 representing the City and County of San Francisco.

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