

1 [Accept and Expend Grant - Federal Railroad Administration Grant Funds for the Rebuilding
2 of the Quint Street Lead Track - \$2,970,000]

3 **Resolution retroactively authorizing the Port of San Francisco to accept and expend**
4 **\$2,970,000 in grant funds from the Federal Railroad Administration for the rebuilding**
5 **of the Quint Street Lead Track for the term of April 1, 2012, through July 31, 2015.**

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7 WHEREAS, the Port of San Francisco staff applied for and was awarded a
8 \$2,970,000 grant from the Federal Railroad Administration (FRA) to rebuild the Quint Street
9 Lead Track; and

10 WHEREAS, The FRA's Rail Line Relocation and Improvement (RLR) Grant
11 Program's goal is to assist projects that improve community livability and promote economic
12 development by addressing the effects of rail traffic on safety, roadway and pedestrian
13 traffic, overall quality of life and local area commerce; and

14 WHEREAS, The Quint Street Lead ("Lead") is an approximately nine-tenths of a mile
15 long freight rail spur track connecting the Main Line, owned and operated by the Peninsula
16 Corridor Joint Powers Board (JPB) primarily for Caltrain commuter rail, with the Port of San
17 Francisco cargo terminals and rail yard; and

18 WHEREAS, The current condition of the spur track limits the frequency, weight and
19 length of trains that can use the track, causing delays; and

20 WHEREAS, The improvements will allow freight trains to operate at higher speeds
21 and clear the mainline more quickly, reducing delays to Caltrain commuter trains and future
22 high-speed rail trains; and

23 WHEREAS, The Port has two rail-served cargo terminals that will benefit from these
24 improvements including Pier 80, San Francisco Bay's only breakbulk cargo terminal, and the
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1 Pier 94/96 dry-bulk cargo terminal; and

2 WHEREAS, The Lead rebuilding project was reviewed by the San Francisco Planning
3 Department and received a Categorical Exemption on April 11, 2013 to comply with the
4 California Environmental Quality Act (CEQA), and completed environmental review under
5 the National Environmental Policy Act (NEPA) in March 2014; and

6 WHEREAS, This grant does not create any new positions, and will not require an
7 amendment to the Annual Salary Ordinance;

8 WHEREAS, The Port proposes to maximize use of available grant funds on program
9 expenditures by not including indirect costs in the grant budget; and

10 WHEREAS, Port capital funds have been identified to provide the required \$330,000
11 (10% of total project costs) in required non-federal match monies; and,

12 WHEREAS, The Grant Agreement requires the Grantee to certify by resolution the
13 approval of the Grant Agreement and its terms before execution of the Agreement; and

14 WHEREAS, On October 8, 2013, through Resolution 13-40, the Port Commission
15 authorized the Executive Director seek the Board of Supervisors' approval to accept and
16 expend the grant; now, therefore, be it

17 RESOLVED, That the Board of Supervisors hereby authorizes the Executive Director
18 of the Port to accept and expend \$2,970,000 in grant funds from the U.S. Department of
19 Transportation's Federal Railroad Administration and to conduct all negotiations, execute
20 and submit all documents, including, but not limited to applications, agreements,
21 amendments, and payment requests that may be necessary to secure the aforementioned
22 grant funds; and, be it

23 FURTHER RESOLVED, That the Board of Supervisors hereby waives inclusion of
24 indirect costs as a part of the grant budget; and, be it

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1 FURTHER RESOLVED, That the Board of Supervisors authorizes the Executive
2 Director of the Port to enter into an agreement, as required by the Federal Railroad
3 Administration, to indemnify the Federal Railroad Administration for liability associated with
4 the grant funds, as approved by the City Risk Manager and the City Attorney's Office; and,
5 be it

6 FURTHER RESOLVED, That the Board of Supervisors authorizes the Executive
7 Director of the Port to accept and expend the grant funds.

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10 Recommended: Approved: _____
11 Mayor

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13 Department Head Approved: _____
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