

1 [Supporting Implementation of the 22 Fillmore Transit Priority Project and Urging Approval of
2 the 2015 TIGER VII Grant Application]

3 **Resolution supporting the implementation of the 22 Fillmore Transit Priority Project;**
4 **and urging the United States Department of Transportation to approve the 2015 TIGER**
5 **VII Grant Application submitted by the San Francisco Municipal Transportation**
6 **Agency.**

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8 WHEREAS, The SFMTA's \$20,000,000 TIGER VII grant application request will
9 support the 22 Fillmore Transit Priority Project which will lead the transformation of 16th Street
10 between Church Street and Third Street through implementation of transit network
11 enhancements that will connect and transform the communities along the corridor by
12 improving transit reliability, travel time, safety, and accessibility for all users of the corridor
13 regardless of mode of travel; and

14 WHEREAS, San Francisco's 16th Street is the major east-west transportation corridor
15 connecting the City's Eastern Neighborhoods to the rest of the city; and

16 WHEREAS, On an average weekday in the 22 Fillmore Transit Priority Project area,
17 the 22 Fillmore transit route serves over 8,000 customers; and

18 WHEREAS, Over 43,000 people (51% minority, 25% low-income) currently live within a
19 quarter-mile of the project area, with more housing built every day; and

20 WHEREAS, Approximately 2,800 businesses employing over 23,000 individuals also
21 call the area home; and

22 WHEREAS, Vehicle congestion and transit delay is anticipated to grow substantially in
23 conjunction with new development along the corridor, especially at its eastern end in Mission
24 Bay; and

1 WHEREAS, The 22 Fillmore Transit Priority Project will create better connections
2 between regional transit hubs and adjacent residential areas on the west to burgeoning
3 biotech jobs, a new sports arena, and retail markets as well as entertainment destinations in
4 San Francisco’s Mission Bay to the east; and

5 WHEREAS, By linking four neighborhoods via multimodal TIGER investments, the San
6 Francisco Municipal Transportation Agency (SFMTA) will offer vastly improved ladders of
7 opportunity by enabling workers to make faster multimodal connections to jobs, schools, and
8 healthcare services in an area undergoing tremendous growth and redevelopment; and

9 WHEREAS, In an effort to serve the current and projected needs for this growing
10 economic landscape, the Transit Effectiveness Project (TEP) identified “Rapid Corridor”
11 treatments along 16th Street to make it safer to walk and bike, increase the reliability of
12 service, and enhance the customer experience on and off the bus; and

13 WHEREAS, The western portion of the project area has been identified as a high-injury
14 corridor; and

15 WHEREAS, SFMTA is coordinating with the City Planning Department to develop
16 streetscape design enhancements along the 22 Fillmore Transit Priority corridor that will
17 improve pedestrian safety and enhance the identity and livability of the neighborhoods served
18 including widening sidewalks and opening crosswalks to increase the visibility of people
19 walking in this corridor; and

20 WHEREAS, Key features include implementing transit-only lanes; installing new traffic,
21 pedestrian and transit signal infrastructure; upgrading and extending the trolley coach
22 overhead wire system, including crossing the Caltrain/California High-Speed Rail alignment;
23 widening sidewalks through the construction of transit and pedestrian bulbs; and upgrading
24 bicycle infrastructure; and

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1 WHEREAS, New overhead wire infrastructure not only provides a shorter, more direct
2 transit route, it would also allow for zero-emission trolley coaches to serve a larger area
3 supporting the goal of California State Assembly Bill 32 that requires the state to reduce
4 greenhouse gas emissions to 1990 levels by 2020; and

5 WHEREAS, The 22 Fillmore Transit Priority Project combines local and regional
6 planning efforts, including the Plan Bay Area Priority Development Areas, the Mission Bay
7 Participation Agreement, SF Planning’s Eastern Neighborhoods Transportation
8 Implementation Planning Study (ENTRIPS), the Muni Forward program, the SFMTA Bicycle
9 Strategy, and the citywide Vision Zero initiative; and

10 WHEREAS, The proposed project is the outcome of collaboration between the SFMTA,
11 the San Francisco Planning Department, Caltrain, regional employers and the local
12 community that recognizes the synergy between the SFMTA’s TEP and SF Planning’s
13 ENTRIPS; and

14 WHEREAS, If left with the current connection choices, the ability of the 16th Street
15 transit corridor to effectively support the disconnected and growing employment and
16 residential populations of San Francisco in this part of the city is compromised; and

17 WHEREAS, The implementation of the 22 Fillmore Transit Priority Project elements
18 outlined in the SFMTA’s \$20,000,000 TIGER VII grant application will improve the safety,
19 economic competitiveness, state of good repair, livability, and environmental sustainability of
20 the corridor; now, therefore, be it

21 RESOLVED, That the Mayor and the San Francisco Board of Supervisors supports the
22 implementation of the 22 Fillmore Transit Priority Project; and, be it

23 FURTHER RESOLVED, That the Mayor and the Board urge the United States
24 Department of Transportation to approve the 2015 TIGER VII grant application submitted by
25 the SFMTA requesting \$20,000,000 to support an estimated total project cost of \$67,000,000.