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[Supporting a New Organizational Form to Support the Future of Caltrain]

Resolution supporting a strengthened independent agency to lead the next generation of regionally significant projects and endeavors towards a future Caltrain/High Speed Rail corridor between San Francisco and Gilroy.

WHEREAS, Caltrain ridership has grown substantially over time and demand far outstrips Caltrain's current ability to supply service; and

WHEREAS, Peninsula corridor freeways are congested and the economic needs of the region will require more and better Caltrain service; and

WHEREAS, Caltrain is in a vital position to help meet State, regional and local economic and greenhouse gas emission reduction goals; and

WHEREAS, The regional housing crisis emphasizes the need for Caltrain to do its part to steward development and adopt appropriate service expansion and Transit Oriented Development policies to guide investment; and

WHEREAS, The Peninsula Corridor Electrification Project is the first in a series of substantial capital investments to modernize the rail system and help it meet future demand; and

WHEREAS, Caltrain lacks a dedicated revenue source, causing it to rely on contributions from partner agencies under the Joint Powers Agreement; and

WHEREAS, This provides an unreliable basis to maintain, improve and operate the rail service; and

WHEREAS, The aforementioned provides an impetus for Caltrain to undertake its current strategic Business Plan effort; and

WHEREAS, Caltrain has committed to share the corridor with California High Speed Rail as part of a blended system; and

WHEREAS, Implementation and operations will require close coordination between Caltrain and High Speed Rail; and

WHEREAS, The Caltrain Downtown Rail Extension is a regional priority and creates opportunity for Caltrain to expand its service to downtown San Francisco, the BART/Muni Metro corridor, and thousands more jobs; and

WHEREAS, Future blended Caltrain/High Speed Rail service will require additional significant capital investments such as grade-separations and a future Diridon transit station in San Jose; and

WHEREAS, Extending electrification to Gilroy will depend on close collaboration with High Speed Rail, Santa Clara Valley Transportation Authority, cities and Santa Clara County; and

WHEREAS, The Second Transbay Tunnel, extension to Salinas, and HSR south/east from Gilroy present opportunities to develop connections to many other parts of the state as envisioned by the California State Rail Plan; and

WHEREAS, Future service levels envisioned by the Caltrain Business Plan effort currently under development will require a significant increase in staff capacity and financial resources to realize; and

WHEREAS, Caltrain intends to bring forth organizational recommendations as part of the Business Plan to support its ability to deliver and operate its future service vision; and

WHEREAS, Caltrain anticipates substantial operating budget shortfalls beginning in fiscal year 2021; and

WHEREAS, Caltrain is contemplating placing a dedicated revenue measure before the voters in 2020; now, therefore, be it

RESOLVED, That the City and County of San Francisco supports a strengthened, independent Caltrain agency with the capacity to lead the next generation of regionally significant projects and endeavors for the benefit of Caltrain district communities and the San Francisco Bay Area; and

FURTHER RESOLVED, That the City and County of San Francisco supports a process to determine the appropriate agency and governance framework to lead the next generation of regionally significant projects and endeavors in the rail corridor between San Francisco and Gilroy, for the benefit of the communities along the corridor and for the benefit of the Bay Area.

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