

1 [Accept and Expend Grant; Cooperative Agreement - Retroactive - Caltrans Clean California
2 Enhancement Program - Potrero Gateway Streetscape Improvement Project - \$1,275,000]

3 **Resolution retroactively authorizing Public Works to accept and expend \$1,275,000**
4 **from the California Department of Transportation’s (“Caltrans”) Clean California Local**
5 **Enhancement Program for the construction of improvements and enhancements on the**
6 **state highway system in support of the Potrero Gateway Streetscape Improvement**
7 **project to commence August 2022 through March 2026; approving and authorizing**
8 **Public Works to enter into a Cooperative Agreement with Caltrans regarding project**
9 **construction and implementation; and affirming the Planning Department’s**
10 **determination under the California Environmental Quality Act.**

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12 WHEREAS, The Department of Public Works (“Public Works”) has collaborated with
13 the California Department of Transportation (“Caltrans”) on the Potrero Gateway Streetscape
14 Improvement project, which would revitalize and reconnect the Potrero Hill neighborhood,
15 which is presently separated by State Route 101, by creating a gateway and providing a safer
16 passageway under the freeway overpass, along 17th Street from Vermont Street to San
17 Bruno Avenue, and along Vermont Street from 17th Street to Mariposa Street (“Project”), as
18 further described in Public Works Order No. 207043, on file with the Clerk of the Board of
19 Supervisors in File No. 221168; and

20 WHEREAS, The Planning Department has determined that the actions contemplated in
21 this Resolution comply with the California Environmental Quality Act (California Public
22 Resources Code, Sections 21000 et seq.); said determination is on file with the Clerk of the
23 Board of Supervisors in File No. 221168, and is incorporated herein by reference; and

1 WHEREAS, The Project site is currently an unused space along the 17th Street
2 underpass of State Route 101 that connects the Potrero Hill neighborhood, is part of the San
3 Francisco Bikeway Network for crosstown thoroughfare, and is experiencing ongoing
4 encampment, public safety, maintenance, and illegal dumping challenges; and

5 WHEREAS, The Project will benefit the City, Caltrans, and the community at large by
6 providing a space that beautifies the right-of-way for travelers and supports community
7 engagement, the local ecology, and safety; and

8 WHEREAS, The Project includes streetscape improvements to provide physical and
9 aesthetic enhancements to the open space including new public artwork, enhanced fencing,
10 retaining walls, soil stabilization, and the planting of new trees and landscaping using local
11 native varieties to better support the local ecology, along with pedestrian, bicyclist, and
12 motorist safety improvements consisting of safer and more accessible widened sidewalks,
13 corner pedestrian bulb-outs, and protected bicycle lanes; and

14 WHEREAS, While working with community organizations, the City identified the Project
15 site and associated challenges and developed concepts that resulted in the proposed Project;
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17 WHEREAS, Caltrans administers the Clean California Local Enhancement Program,
18 which is intended to beautify and improve Caltrans' State Highway System properties; and

19 WHEREAS, Caltrans and Public Works collaborated on and refined the Project scope
20 and formulated a Project budget under which Caltrans would work with the City to construct
21 and install the necessary structures and infrastructure, utility connections, and public art; and

22 WHEREAS, Caltrans submitted a proposal for the Project to the Clean California Local
23 Enhancement Program; and

1 WHEREAS, On or about November 29, 2021, Caltrans approved the Project’s Clean
2 California Local Enhancement Program proposal, on file with the Clerk of the Board of
3 Supervisors in File No. 221168; and

4 WHEREAS, Caltrans and Public Works have negotiated a cooperative agreement, on
5 file with the Clerk of the Board of Supervisors in File No. 221168, under which Caltrans would
6 be the Project sponsor responsible for establishing the scope of the Project and securing the
7 financial resources to fund the Project construction, and the City, acting by and through Public
8 Works, would be responsible for managing the scope, cost, schedule, and quality of the
9 Project construction and the related plans, specifications, and estimates (the “Cooperative
10 Agreement”); and

11 WHEREAS, Caltrans and the City have negotiated a landscape maintenance
12 agreement, which would allow Public Works to provide maintenance services to infrastructure
13 and landscaping on Caltrans property (“Landscape Maintenance Agreement”), on file with the
14 Clerk of the Board of Supervisors in File No. 221168; and

15 WHEREAS, Funded improvements would include enhanced fencing and gates,
16 accessible sidewalks, corner pedestrian bulb-outs, retaining walls, pedestrian lighting, and
17 public artwork; and

18 WHEREAS, This Project would achieve the community’s and Caltrans’ goals for
19 beautifying this space by improving perceived safety and aesthetics, and unifying
20 communities divided by highways; and

21 WHEREAS, The Project does not require matching funds; and

22 WHEREAS, The Project budget includes \$43,320 for indirect costs, calculated by the
23 San Francisco Public Works FY 2021-2022 Indirect Cost Plan, as described in the Grant
24 Information Form; and

1 WHEREAS, The Project budget and the construction shall not be available without the
2 Board of Supervisors' approval of the acceptance and expenditure of the Grant Funds and the
3 approval of the Cooperative Agreement; now, therefore be it:

4 RESOLVED, The Board of Supervisors adopts the Planning Department's
5 determination under the California Environmental Quality Act as its own; and, be it

6 FURTHER RESOLVED, That the Board of Supervisors accepts the recommendations
7 of the Department as set forth in Public Works Order No. 207043; and, be it

8 FURTHER RESOLVED, Public Works is hereby authorized to accept and expend up to
9 \$1,275,000 in Caltrans Clean California Local Enhancement Program funds for the Project;
10 and, be it

11 FURTHER RESOLVED, Public Works is hereby authorized to enter into a cooperative
12 agreement that is in substantial conformity with the Cooperative Agreement, as determined in
13 consultation with the City Attorney; and, be it

14 FURTHER RESOLVED, That the Director of Public Works is authorized to execute all
15 required documents for receipt of Caltrans Clean California Local Enhancement Program
16 funds and to take further action in accordance with all grant requirements; and, be it

17 FURTHER RESOLVED, That the Board of Supervisors ratifies any administrative
18 action taken to date with respect to the grant funds, including but not limited to the submittal of
19 any applications and related materials; and, be it

20 FURTHER RESOLVED, That within 30 days of the execution of the Cooperative
21 Agreement by all parties, the Department shall provide the final Cooperative Agreement to the
22 Clerk of the Board for inclusion in File No. 221168.

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Approved: _____/s/_____

London Breed, Mayor

Approved: _____/s/_____

Ben Rosenfield, Controller

Recommended:

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Carla Short, Interim Director

Department of Public Works

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