

1 [New Gas Tax Revenue]

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3 **Resolution urging the Governor of California, the California Senate and Assembly to**
4 **retain transit “spillover” funds for public transportation purposes as prescribed in**
5 **current law and which would provide San Francisco MUNI with an additional \$17.7**
6 **million in funds that could be used for transit operations and capital needs.**

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8 WHEREAS, The State of California imposes an excise tax and a sales tax on gasoline;
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10 WHEREAS, Oil and gas prices are at record heights and will potentially result in \$17
11 million dollars in additional revenue to San Francisco Muni for the next fiscal year; and

12 WHEREAS, a portion of the sales tax on gas and diesel fuel is allocated to the State
13 Transit Assistance Program which funds a variety of transit uses including operations and
14 capital improvements; and

15 WHEREAS, San Francisco is the State’s third largest transit district and second
16 largest metropolitan area; and

17 WHEREAS, MUNI and other transit agencies in San Mateo, Alameda, Marin and BART
18 have experienced massive service cuts, fare increases and layoffs in recent years as a result
19 of severe but temporary and cyclical economic factors effecting the tax base; and

20 WHEREAS, recent increases to gas tax revenues are also due to temporary and
21 cyclical economic factors; and

22 WHEREAS, San Francisco is a transit first city facing difficult congestion management
23 challenges and can only improve mobility by ensuring that transit remains a convenient,
24 reliable, and economically sensible means of travel for most trips in the City of San Francisco;
25 now, therefore, be it

1 RESOLVED, That the San Francisco Board of Supervisors urges the Governor of
2 California, the California Senate and Assembly to retain transit “spillover” funds for public
3 transportation purposes as prescribed in current law and which would provide San Francisco
4 MUNI with an additional \$17.7 million in funds that could be used for transit operations and
5 capital needs; and be it

6 FURTHER RESOLVED, the Board of Supervisors requests the Clerk of the Board that,
7 upon passage of this resolution, to send copies to the Governor of California, members of
8 both the California Senate and Assembly.

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