

1 [Declaration of Policy - Supporting Use of Proposed Vehicle License Fee Increase for
2 Transportation Infrastructure Projects]

3 **Motion ordering submitted to the voters a policy declaration supporting use of**
4 **proposed Vehicle License Fee increase for transportation infrastructure projects, at an**
5 **election to be held on November 8, 2016.**

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7 MOVED, That the Board of Supervisors hereby submits the following declaration of
8 policy to the voters of the City and County of San Francisco, at an election to be held on
9 November 8, 2016.

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11 **Declaration of Policy declaring it official policy of the City and County of San Francisco**
12 **to use the proceeds of the proposed increase in the Vehicle License Fee on the**
13 **November 2016 ballot for transportation infrastructure capital to repave deteriorating**
14 **streets throughout the City and fix potholes throughout the City, to replace and repair**
15 **old Muni buses and trains, to make Muni less crowded and more reliable, modernize**
16 **traffic signals throughout the City, and to rebuild streets to make them safer and more**
17 **accessible for everyone, including those who drive, walk, bicycle, and take transit.**

18 The People of the City and County of San Francisco declare that:

19 1. It shall be the official policy of the City and County of San Francisco that the
20 proceeds of the proposed increase in the Vehicle License Fee (VLF) on the November 2016
21 ballot be used to support these transportation improvements:

- 22 • Improving the condition of San Francisco’s roads by repaving deteriorating
23 streets and fixing potholes in neighborhoods throughout the City to
24 enhance safety and lessen the need for more costly repairs in the future;

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- 1 • Reducing Muni crowding and improving Muni reliability by replacing and
2 repairing old buses and trains to increase service;
- 3 • Making Muni faster and safer by repairing, modernizing and installing new
4 equipment and facilities to meet the demands of a 21st-Century San
5 Francisco;
- 6 • Improving street safety for all users and reducing conflicts among people
7 driving, bicycling and walking by redesigning streets, focusing pedestrian
8 safety projects at locations with the highest numbers of injuries and
9 fatalities, and expanding and connecting the City’s bicycle lanes and
10 routes;
- 11 • Creating safer crossings for pedestrians, including seniors and people with
12 disabilities, by installing upgraded traffic signals and pedestrian
13 countdown signals, improving sidewalks and building curb ramps for better
14 accessibility; and,
- 15 • Redesigning key San Francisco streets to make travel safer and easier to
16 navigate.

17 2. It shall further be the official policy of the City and County of San Francisco that it is
18 appropriate to use the proceeds of the proposed increase in the VLF for these transportation
19 improvements because vehicle owners paying the fee will directly benefit from those
20 improvements through better maintained, safer, and less congested streets.

21 3. It shall further be the official policy of the City and County of San Francisco that an
22 independent committee track and report on the use of funds generated by the increase in the
23 Vehicle License Fee, and assess whether these funds are being spent consistent with the
24 policy priorities enumerated here.

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1 4. It shall further be the official policy of the City and County of San Francisco to
2 improve the delivery of reliable and accessible Muni service to neighborhoods with high
3 numbers of low-income households, minority residents, residents with disabilities, seniors,
4 and households without personal automobiles.

5 5. It shall further be the official policy of the City and County of San Francisco that
6 local decision-makers aggressively pursue other regional, state and federal funds to leverage
7 local funds, so that traffic relief and mobility projects may be delivered more quickly, and so
8 that the City may implement additional needed transportation and transit improvements.

9 6. This measure is advisory only. By adopting this advisory measure, the voters intend
10 to express their desire that the City use those funds to fund the transportation improvements
11 identified in the declaration.

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