

1 [Accept and Expend Grant - Metropolitan Transportation Commission - Federal Highway
2 Administration - Southern Skyline Boulevard Ridge Trail Extension Project - \$1,000,000]

3 **Resolution authorizing the San Francisco Public Utilities Commission (SFPUC) to**
4 **accept and expend a grant in the amount of \$1,000,000 from the Metropolitan**
5 **Transportation Commission, with funds from the Federal Highway Administration and**
6 **reviewed by the California Department of Transportation for design and construction of**
7 **the Southern Skyline Boulevard Ridge Trail Extension Project which would extend the**
8 **Bay Area Ridge Trail south from State Route 92 to the Golden Gate National Recreation**
9 **Area's Phleger Estate and improve educational and recreational access, parking, and**
10 **restroom facilities on peninsula watershed land owned and maintained by the SFPUC**
11 **in San Mateo County, for a term period of May 2022, through January 2024.**

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13 WHEREAS, The San Francisco Public Utilities Commission (SFPUC) owns and
14 manages peninsula watershed land in San Mateo County; and

15 WHEREAS, In 1987, the Bay Area Ridge Trail Council started the Bay Area Ridge Trail
16 to create an approximately 550-mile long continuous trail for hikers, mountain bicyclists, and
17 equestrians along the ridgelines overlooking San Francisco Bay; currently, 400 miles of the
18 Bay Area Ridge Trail have been constructed; the proposed Southern Skyline Boulevard Ridge
19 Trail Extension (SSBRTE) would complete a new segment of the Bay Area Ridge Trail; and

20 WHEREAS, On December 18, 2002, by Resolution No. 02-0265, the SFPUC adopted
21 the Peninsula Watershed Management Plan, and adopted a trail proposal that provided multi-
22 use access (hikers, bicyclists, and equestrians) for the Fifield/Cahill Ridge Trail, and directed
23 SFPUC staff to seek additional funding opportunities from sources such as grants,
24 contributions or cooperative funding agreements with governmental agencies, institutions or
25 other entities interested in jointly funding this project; and

1 WHEREAS, In August 2003, the SFPUC opened the ten-mile Fifield-Cahill Ridge Trail
2 (FCRT), which extends from the Golden Gate National Recreation Area (GGNRA) Sweeney
3 Ridge south to State Route (S.R.) 92; and

4 WHEREAS, The proposed Southern Skyline Boulevard Ridge Trail Extension
5 (SSBRTE) Project would construct the proposed six-mile SSBRTE, creating sixteen-miles in
6 total of Bay Area Ridge Trail on the peninsula watershed and connected to GGNRA lands on
7 both ends of the alignment; and

8 WHEREAS, The SSBRTE project consists of two new discrete trail sections: the
9 Universal Access Loop Trail and the Southern Skyline Boulevard Ridge Trail; the Universal
10 Access Loop Trail would be a half-mile long interpretive and fully accessible trail segment,
11 located north of S.R. 92, connected to the existing FCRT, and designed to fully comply with all
12 applicable standards; the Southern Skyline Boulevard Ridge Trail would be a six-mile long
13 multi-use (pedestrians, bicycles, equestrian usage) trail, located south of S.R. 92, running
14 parallel to Skyline Boulevard; and

15 WHEREAS, The Southern Skyline Boulevard Ridge Trail would be located on Skyline
16 Ridge, on the east side of Highway 35 within the hydrological watershed of the Upper Crystal
17 Springs Reservoir, and would be a portion of the Bay Area Ridge Trail; and

18 WHEREAS, This project would enhance public access to SFPUC watershed lands,
19 provide education and recreational opportunities for Bay Area residents while protecting
20 natural resources and water quality; and

21 WHEREAS, The SFPUC applied for and has been awarded a grant from the
22 Metropolitan Transportation Commission, using funding from the Federal Highway
23 Administration (FHWA), and reviewed by the California Department of Transportation
24 (Caltrans) in the amount of \$1,000,000 for the construction of the SSBRTE project; and
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1 WHEREAS, The grant funds require a 3:1 minimum match of funds from the receiving
2 agency; the required matching funds of \$3,000,000 have already been met through SFPUC
3 Water Enterprise Capital Improvement Project (CIP) budget; and

4 WHEREAS, The FHWA and SFPUC matching funds will be used for construction of the
5 six-mile long multi-modal segment of the Bay Area Ridge Trail south of S.R. 92 and west of
6 the Crystal Springs Reservoir in San Mateo County; and

7 WHEREAS, This grant does not include an Annual Salary Ordinance Amendment; and

8 WHEREAS, In compliance with the California Environmental Quality Act (CEQA), an
9 environmental impact report (EIR) was written for this project, and the notice of determination
10 is on file with the Clerk of the Board in File No. 220270; in compliance with the National
11 Environmental Policy Act, environmental compliance documents are being prepared and will
12 be provided to the Clerk for inclusion to the file when completed; and

13 WHEREAS, The SFPUC proposes to maximize use of available grant funds on
14 program expenditures by not including indirect costs in the grant budget; and

15 WHEREAS, The federal grant is being administered by Caltrans, and therefore,
16 requires the use of Disadvantaged Business Enterprise (DBE) requirements; and

17 WHEREAS, On April 22, 2014, the SFPUC, by Resolution No. 19-0050,
18 recommended that the Board of Supervisors accept this grant; now, therefore, be it

19 RESOLVED, That the Board of Supervisors authorizes the SFPUC to accept and
20 expend grant funding in the amount of \$1,000,000 to extend the Bay Area Ridge Trail south
21 from S.R. 92 to the GGNRA's Phleger Estate and improve the existing Fifield-Cahill ridge trail
22 to enhance educational and recreational access, parking, and restroom facilities; and

23 RESOLVED, That the Board of Supervisors hereby waives inclusion of indirect costs in
24 the grant budget; and

1 RESOLVED, That the General Manager of the SFPUC is hereby authorized to execute,
2 deliver, and perform, in the name of the City and County of San Francisco, all applications,
3 contracts, agreements, amendments and payment requests necessary to secure the grant
4 funds and implement and carry out the purposes specified in the applicable grant application;
5 and, be it

6 FURTHER RESOLVED, That the Board of Supervisors ratifies any administrative
7 action taken to date with respect to these grants and grant funds.

1 Recommended:

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4 /s/
5 DENNIS J. HERRERA
6 General Manager of the SFPUC

7 Approved:

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10 /s/
11 BEN ROSENFELD
12 Controller

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17 /s/
18 LONDON N. BREED
19 Mayor