

1 [Endorsing California Passenger Rail 20 Year Plan]  
2 Resolution endorsing the California Passenger Rail 20-Year  
3 Improvement Plan.  
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5 WHEREAS, the San Francisco Bay Area, together with the Los  
6 Angeles Region and the San Diego Region, rank among the most  
7 congested regions in the country, and improved rail service is  
8 an effective, environmentally sound alternative to congestion;  
9 and

10 WHEREAS, The City and County of San Francisco is the  
11 largest city in the continental United States without direct  
12 Amtrak service; and

13 WHEREAS, Amtrak, in consultation with its public and  
14 private partners, did develop a California Passenger Rail 20-  
15 Year Improvement Plan, to improve intercity passenger rail  
16 service in California, and

17 WHEREAS, the California Passenger Rail 20-year Improvement  
18 Plan recommends restoring direct San Francisco to Los Angeles  
19 service for the first time in 30 years, and making improvements  
20 to Amtrak's Coast Route to shorten travel time from the current  
twelve hours to just over eight hours; and

21 WHEREAS, the California Passenger Rail 20-year Improvement  
22 Plan recommends creating four daily round trips between San  
23 Francisco, Salinas, and Monterrey; and

24 WHEREAS, the Capitol Corridor Rail service between San  
25 Jose, Oakland, Sacramento and Auburn carries 1.2 million

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1 passengers per year, of which approximately 300,000, or twenty-  
2 five percent, have an origin or destination in San Francisco;  
3 and

4 WHEREAS, the California Passenger Rail 20-Year Improvement  
5 Plan recommends hourly service on the Capitol Corridor, a 300  
6 percent increase in ridership, and improvements to the route  
7 which shorten travel time between San Jose and Sacramento from  
8 the current three hours to two hours and twenty minutes; and

9 WHEREAS, the people of the City and County of San Francisco  
10 did pass Proposition H in 1999, which called for rebuilding the  
11 Transbay Transit Terminal as a combined bus and rail Terminal,  
12 serving Caltrain and future high speed rail service; and

13 WHEREAS, The proposed Transbay Terminal rail station has  
14 been designed to accommodate a future intercity and high speed  
15 rail link to the East Bay; and,

16 WHEREAS, The Oakland-San Francisco Corridor is the most  
17 congested bridge corridor in the state, and the most capacity  
18 constrained portion of the BART system, and a new intercity rail  
19 link would provide a significant increase in Transbay capacity;  
20 now, therefore be it

21 RESOLVED, That the City and County of San Francisco do  
22 hereby endorse the California Passenger Rail 20-Year Strategic  
23 Plan; and be it

24 FURTHER RESOLVED, That the City and County of San Francisco  
25 support the establishment of Amtrak service Between San  
Francisco, Salinas, and Monterrey; and be it

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1           FURTHER RESOLVED, that the City and County of San Francisco  
2 support restoration of direct passenger rail service between San  
3 Francisco and Los Angeles by 2005, and be it

4           FURTHER RESOLVED, that the City and County of San Francisco  
5 support upgrading Amtrak's San Francisco-Los Angeles Coast route  
6 to allow passenger rail service to be more time-competitive with  
7 the automobile; and be it

8           FURTHER RESOLVED, that the City and County of San Francisco  
9 support improvements to the Capitols service between Auburn,  
10 Sacramento, Oakland, and San Jose, with an ultimate goal of  
11 creating a high speed rail corridor, and be it

12           FURTHER RESOLVED, That the City and County of San Francisco  
13 support creation of a new intercity rail link between Oakland  
14 and the Transbay Transit Terminal in San Francisco, which will  
15 allow direct intercity rail service between San Francisco,  
16 Oakland, and Sacramento; and be it

17           FURTHER RESOLVED, that the City and County of San Francisco  
18 urge Amtrak, the California High Speed Rail Authority, the  
19 Peninsula Corridor Joint Powers Authority, and other state,  
20 regional, and local transportation agencies to develop plans for  
21 a new Transbay rail link; and be it

22           FURTHER RESOLVED, That implementation of a world-class  
23 intercity rail network for the state of California should be a  
24 high priority for the state, and the City and County of San  
25 Francisco urge the Governor, State Legislature, and California  
Department of Transportation (Caltrans) to meet or exceed the

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recommended intercity rail service improvements in the  
California Passenger Rail 20-Year Improvement Plan.



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Resolution endorsing the California Passenger Rail 20-Year Improvement Plan.

October 15, 2001 Board of Supervisors — ADOPTED

Ayes: 11 - Ammiano, Daly, Gonzalez, Hall, Leno, Maxwell, McGoldrick,  
Newsom, Peskin, Sandoval, Yee

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I hereby certify that the foregoing Resolution  
was ADOPTED on October 15, 2001 by the  
Board of Supervisors of the City and County  
of San Francisco.

Gloria L. Young  
Clerk of the Board

OCT 26 2001

Date Approved

Mayor Willie L. Brown Jr.