

1 [Resolution urging restoration of two-way traffic on Hayes Street between Gough and Franklin
2 streets and development of a detailed plan for street improvements to improve the pedestrian
3 safety and amenity and enhance the economic and social vitality of the Hayes Street
Commercial District]

4 **Resolution urging the Municipal Transportation Agency to restore two-way traffic on**
5 **the block of Hayes Street between Gough and Franklin streets, to restore the**
6 **pedestrian crossing of Gough Street on the south side of Hayes Street, and develop a**
7 **detailed plan and implementation strategy for streetscape improvements to the Hayes**
8 **Valley Commercial District along Hayes Street between Franklin and Laguna streets.**

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10 WHEREAS, In 1986 the people of the City and County of San Francisco did pass
11 Proposition M, which established eight priority policies in the San Francisco Planning Code,
12 including “That existing neighborhood-serving retail uses be preserved and enhanced and
13 future opportunities for resident employment in and ownership of such businesses enhanced”
14 and “That commuter traffic not impede Muni transit service or overburden our streets or
15 neighborhood parking”; and

16 WHEREAS, the Hayes Valley Commercial District has, since the removal of the Central
17 Freeway after the 1989 Loma Prieta earthquake, emerged as a vital mix of locally-owned and
18 operated shops and restaurants that serves as the commercial heart of the Hayes Valley
19 Neighborhood, and as an attraction for visitors from elsewhere in San Francisco and around
20 the world, contributing greatly to the cultural and economic character and vitality of the city
21 and its attractiveness to residents and visitors; and

22 WHEREAS, the Hayes Valley Commercial District, which extends along Hayes Street
23 from Laguna to Franklin Streets, is effectively divided by the double-left turn from westbound
24 Hayes Street onto southbound Gough Street, which prohibits pedestrians from crossing
25 Gough on the south side of Hayes; and

1 WHEREAS, which serves as a significant barrier to pedestrians, and has resulted in
2 many vacant storefronts and business failures along the South side of Hayes Street between
3 Gough and Franklin streets; and

4 WHEREAS, The Draft Market and Octavia Neighborhood Plan recognized the
5 contribution that of the Hayes Street Commercial District makes to both the neighborhood and
6 the entire city, and included policies to “Reorganize east-west traffic in Hayes Valley to reduce
7 pedestrian conflicts and eliminate confusing Z-shaped jogs of one-way traffic” [Policy 5.6.1],
8 and to “Widen the sidewalk on the northern side of Hayes Street, between Franklin and
9 Laguna Streets, to create a linear pedestrian thoroughfare linking commercial activities along
10 Hayes Street to the new Octavia Boulevard” [Policy 4.2.6], and developed schematic plans for
11 the street which included restoring a pedestrian crosswalk on the south side of Hayes at
12 Gough Street; and

13 WHEREAS, the Planning Commission, recognizing the importance of restoring two-
14 way traffic on Hayes to the integrity of the entire Market and Octavia Neighborhood Plan,
15 adopted a Finding of Overriding Significance to include two-way Hayes Street in the Final
16 EIR/EIS adopted for the Market and Octavia Neighborhood Plan; now, therefore, be it

17 RESOLVED, That the San Francisco Board of Supervisors urges the Municipal
18 Transportation Agency to immediately take the steps necessary to restore two-way traffic on
19 Hayes Street between Franklin and Gough streets, by converting three westbound lanes to
20 one eastbound and one westbound lane; and be it

21 FURTHER RESOLVED, That the San Francisco Board of Supervisors urges the
22 Municipal Transportation Agency to work with other city agencies, including the Planning
23 Department, Department of Public Works, and San Francisco County Transportation
24 Authority, to develop a final design and a funding and implementation plan for the
25 improvements to Hayes Street identified in the Draft Market and Octavia Neighborhood Plan,

1 including widened sidewalks, improved pedestrian crossings, corner bulb outs, pedestrian-
2 scaled light fixtures, street trees and landscaping, and benches and other street furnishings.

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