

1 [Bike Plan Update and the Transportation Authority]

2 **Resolution urging the Transportation Authority to facilitate the completion and**
3 **adoption of the San Francisco Bike Plan Update by procuring consulting services**
4 **necessary to develop required traffic and environmental analysis in a timely**
5 **fashion and urging the Planning Department to provide to the Board of**
6 **Supervisors and the Transportation Authority by July 1st, 2004 the specific criteria**
7 **against which the environmental analysis will be evaluated.**

8 WHEREAS, The update of the San Francisco Bicycle Plan has experienced
9 significant delays in its timeline for completion; and

10 WHEREAS, Adoption of the Plan Update requires approval of environmental
11 documentation by the Planning Department; and

12 WHEREAS, a portion of the Plan is a policy-level document, rather than a
13 specific collection of proposed projects, and so is expected to qualify for a negative
14 declaration under the California Environmental Quality Act; and

15 WHEREAS, another portion of the Plan is a specific collection of proposed
16 projects and so may require further traffic analysis before undergoing environmental
17 analysis, much of which is expected to qualify for negative or mitigated negative
18 declarations; and

19 WHEREAS, Upon inquiry from the Department of Parking and Traffic, the
20 Planning Department has indicated that, due to conflicting priorities an staff shortages, it
21 will need at least 6 weeks before it can consider whether a negative declaration is
22 sufficient and then another 4-6 months to prepare a negative declaration; and

23 WHEREAS, This timeframe would further delay an already delayed and much-
24 needed project; and,
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1 WHEREAS, The San Francisco County Transportation Authority has indicated its
2 willingness to assist in expediting the preparation of the environmental analysis, and
3 expediting further traffic analysis on those portions which need it prior to environmental
4 analysis, while emphasizing streamlined environmental review and using best practices
5 to achieve a complete Citywide Bike Network, and procuring consultant contracts if
6 necessary; now, therefore be it

7 RESOLVED, The San Francisco Board of Supervisors urges the Transportation
8 Authority, in coordination with Department of Parking and Traffic, to procure the
9 consulting services necessary to develop required environmental analysis and traffic
10 analysis to clear the bicycle plan update; and be it

11 FURTHER RESOLVED, The San Francisco Board of Supervisors urges the
12 participating city departments to complete a significant portion of the Bike Plan Update
13 for consideration of adoption by the Board of Supervisors by Fall 2004; and be it

14 FURTHER RESOLVED, The San Francisco Board of Supervisors requests that
15 the Planning Department provide to the Board of Supervisors and the Authority by July
16 1st, 2004 a set of specific criteria and guidelines against which the department will
17 evaluate the sufficiency of the negative declaration developed by the consultant, and be
18 it

19 FURTHER RESOLVED, Nothing in this resolution is intended to interfere with
20 existing EIR duties of environmental review officer Paul Maltzer under state law.

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