

1 [Environmental Impact Report Certification]

2 **Resolution certifying a final Environmental Impact Report for the Treasure**  
3 **Island/Yerba Buena Island Project.**

4 WHEREAS, The City and County of San Francisco, acting through the Planning  
5 Department and Treasure Island Development Authority staff (hereinafter "Department and  
6 Authority Staff") fulfilled all procedural requirements of the California Environmental Quality  
7 Act (Cal. Pub. Res. Code Sections 21000 *et seq.*, hereinafter "CEQA"), the State CEQA  
8 Guidelines (Cal. Admin. Code Title 14, Sections 15000 *et seq.*, (hereinafter "CEQA  
9 Guidelines") and Chapter 31 of the San Francisco Administrative Code (hereinafter "Chapter  
10 31") in regard to the Final Environmental Impact Report identified as Planning Department  
11 Case No. 2007.0903E (hereinafter "FEIR") for the proposed Treasure Island/Yerba Buena  
12 Island Project ("Project"); and,

13 WHEREAS, The Department and Authority Staff determined that an Environmental  
14 Impact Report (hereinafter "EIR") was required and provided public notice of that  
15 determination by publication in a newspaper of general circulation on January 26, 2008; and,

16 WHEREAS, On July 12, 2010, the Department and Authority Staff published the Draft  
17 Environmental Impact Report (hereinafter "DEIR") and provided public notice in a newspaper  
18 of general circulation of the availability of the DEIR for public review and comment and of the  
19 date and time of the Planning Commission public hearing on the DEIR; this notice was mailed  
20 to the Department's list of persons requesting such notice; and,

21 WHEREAS, Notices of availability of the DEIR and of the date and time of the public  
22 hearing were posted near the project site by Department and Authority Staff on July 12, 2010;  
23 and,

24 WHEREAS, On July 12, 2010, copies of the DEIR were mailed or otherwise delivered  
25 to a list of persons requesting it, to those noted on the distribution list in the DEIR, to adjacent

1 property owners, and to government agencies, the latter both directly and through the State  
2 Clearinghouse; and,

3 WHEREAS, The Notice of Completion was filed with the State Secretary of Resources  
4 via the State Clearinghouse on July 12, 2010; and,

5 WHEREAS, The Treasure Island Development Authority Board of Directors  
6 (hereinafter "Authority Board") and Planning Commission held a duly advertised joint public  
7 hearing on said DEIR on August 12, 2010, at which time opportunity for public comment was  
8 given, and public comment was received on the DEIR. The period for acceptance of written  
9 comments ended on September 10, 2010; and,

10 WHEREAS, The Department and Authority Staff prepared responses to comments on  
11 environmental issues received at the public hearing and in writing during the 59-day public  
12 review period for the DEIR, prepared revisions to the text of the DEIR in response to  
13 comments received or based on additional information that became available during the public  
14 review period, and corrected errors in the DEIR. This material was presented in a Comments  
15 and Responses document, published on March 10, 2011, distributed to the Authority Board  
16 and all parties who commented on the DEIR, and made available to others upon request at  
17 the Department; and,

18 WHEREAS, A Final Environmental Impact Report has been prepared by the  
19 Department and Authority Staff, consisting of the Draft Environmental Impact Report, any  
20 consultations and comments received during the review process, any additional information  
21 that became available, and the Comments and Responses document all as required by law  
22 ("FEIR"); and,

23 WHEREAS, Following publication of the Environmental Impact Report, the Project's  
24 structure and financing were changed from a Redevelopment Plan and financing mechanism  
25 to an Area Plan to be included within the San Francisco General Plan and partial financing

1 through an Infrastructure Financing District. These changes in turn result in the amount of  
2 affordable housing units to be reduced from approximately 2,400 units to 2,000 units. The  
3 Department and Authority Staff prepared a memorandum describing these changes and other  
4 minor Project changes since publication of the FEIR. The memorandum evaluates these  
5 changes and presents minor amendments to the text of the EIR to reflect the changes. The  
6 memorandum demonstrates and concludes that the revisions to the Project would not  
7 substantially change the analysis and conclusions of the EIR. No new significant impacts or  
8 substantial increase in the severity of already identified significant impacts, no new mitigation  
9 measures, and no new alternatives result from these changes. Thus, recirculation of the EIR  
10 for public review and comment is not required; and,

11 WHEREAS, The FIER and its related files have been made available for review by the  
12 Authority Board, the Commission, and the public. These files are available for public review at  
13 the Department at 1650 Mission Street, and are part of the record before the Authority Board;  
14 and,

15 WHEREAS, On April 21, 2011, the Authority Board at a joint hearing with the Planning  
16 Commission reviewed and considered the FEIR; and,

17 WHEREAS, The Authority Board hereby does find that the Project described in the  
18 Environmental Impact Report:

- 19 • Will result in the following significant and unavoidable project-specific  
20 environmental impacts:
  - 21 ○ Alteration of scenic vistas of San Francisco and San Francisco Bay from  
22 public vantage points along the eastern shoreline of San Francisco,  
23 Telegraph Hill, the East Bay shoreline, and from the Bay Bridge east  
24 span.

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- 1           o Impairment of the significance of an historical resource by demolition of  
2           the Damage Control Trainer.
- 3           o Construction impacts on the transportation and circulation network,  
4           including increased delay and congestion on the Bay Bridge near the  
5           ramps during the peak periods, and disruption to transit, pedestrian,  
6           bicycle, and vehicular traffic on the Islands due to roadway closures.
- 7           o Significant contribution to existing LOS E operating conditions during the  
8           weekday PM peak hour and during the Saturday peak hour at the  
9           eastbound off-ramp on the west side of Yerba Buena Island.
- 10          o Under conditions without the TI/YBI Ramps Project, traffic impacts at the  
11          two westbound on-ramps.
- 12          o Under conditions with the Ramps Project, traffic impacts during the AM  
13          and PM peak hours at the ramp meter at the westbound on-ramp on the  
14          east side of Yerba Buena Island.
- 15          o Queuing at the Bay Bridge toll plaza during the weekday AM peak hour,  
16          with and without the TI/YBI Ramps Project.
- 17          o Queuing on San Francisco streets approaching Bay Bridge during the  
18          weekday PM peak hour with and without the TI/YBI Ramps Project.
- 19          o Traffic impact at the following nine intersections:
  - 20               ▪ Intersection of First/Market;
  - 21               ▪ Intersection of First/Mission;
  - 22               ▪ Intersection of First/Folsom;
  - 23               ▪ Intersection of First/Harrison/I-80 Eastbound On-Ramp;
  - 24               ▪ Intersection of Bryant/Fifth/I-80 Eastbound On-Ramp; and
  - 25               ▪ Intersection of Fifth/Harrison/I-80 Westbound Off-Ramp

- 1                                   ▪ Intersection of Folsom/Essex;
- 2                                   ▪ Intersection of Bryant/Sterling; and
- 3                                   ▪ Intersection of Second/Folsom.
- 4                   ○ Exceedance of the available transit capacity of Muni's 108-Treasure
- 5                   Island bus line serving the Islands during the AM, PM and Saturday peak
- 6                   hours.
- 7                   ○ AC Transit operations on Hillcrest Road between Treasure Island and the
- 8                   eastbound on-ramp to the Bay Bridge without the Ramps Project.
- 9                   ○ AC Transit operations on Treasure Island Road and Hillcrest Road
- 10                  between Treasure Island and the eastbound on-ramp to the Bay Bridge
- 11                  with the Ramps Project.
- 12                  ○ Traffic congestion in downtown San Francisco, which would increase
- 13                  travel time and would impact operations of the following three bus lines:
- 14                               ▪ Muni 27-Bryant;
- 15                               ▪ Muni 30X-Marina Express; and
- 16                               ▪ Muni 47-Van Ness bus line.
- 17                  ○ Exceedance of the capacity utilization standard on Muni's 108-Treasure
- 18                  Island bus line serving the Islands from a shift from auto to transit modes,
- 19                  resulting from parking shortfall on the Islands and leading to an increase
- 20                  in transit travel demand during the peak hours.
- 21                  ○ Construction noise levels above existing ambient conditions.
- 22                  ○ Exposure of persons and structures to excessive ground-borne vibration
- 23                  or ground-borne noise levels during construction from on-shore pile
- 24                  "impact activities," such as pile driving and deep dynamic compaction,
- 25                  and vibro-compaction.

- 1                   o Increase in ambient noise levels in the project vicinity above existing
- 2                   ambient noise levels from project-related traffic and ferry noise.
- 3                   o Violation of air quality standards.
- 4                   o Exposure of sensitive receptors to substantial levels of toxic air
- 5                   contaminants.
- 6                   o Exposure of sensitive receptors to substantial levels of PM2.5.
- 7                   o Violation of air quality standards during project operations.
- 8                   o Exposure of sensitive receptors to substantial pollutant concentrations.
- 9                   o Potential conflict with adopted plans related to air quality.
- 10                  o Temporary wind hazard impacts during phased construction.
- 11                  o Potential exposure of publicly accessible locations within the Project Site
- 12                  to wind hazards
- 13                  o Potential adverse impacts on movement of rafting waterfowl from ferry
- 14                  operations; now, therefore be it

15                  RESOLVED, The Authority Board hereby does find that the contents of the FEIR and  
16                  the procedures through which the FEIR was prepared, publicized, and reviewed comply with  
17                  the provisions of CEQA, the CEQA Guidelines, and Chapter 31 of the San Francisco  
18                  Administrative Code; and, be it

19                  FURTHER RESOLVED, The Authority Board hereby does find that the FEIR (Planning  
20                  Department File No. 2007.0903E) reflects the independent judgment and analysis of the  
21                  Authority Board, is adequate, accurate and objective, and that the Comments and Responses  
22                  document contains no significant revisions to the DEIR; and, be it

23                  FURTHER RESOLVED, The Authority Board hereby does CERTIFY THE  
24                  COMPLETION of said FEIR in compliance with CEQA, the CEQA Guidelines, and Chapter  
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**CERTIFICATE OF SECRETARY**

I hereby certify that I am the duly elected Secretary of the Treasure Island Development Authority, a California nonprofit public benefit corporation, and that the above Resolution was duly adopted and approved by the Board of Directors of the Authority at a properly noticed meeting on April 21, 2011.



Jean-Paul Samaha, Secretary