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CERTIFYING A FINAL ENVIRONMENTAL IMPACT REPORT FOR THE PROPOSED BALBOA PARK STATION AREA PLAN. THE PLAN AREA GENERALLY INCLUDES THE AREA SURROUNDING THE BALBOA PARK STATION, AND ALONG GENEVA, OCEAN, AND SAN JOSE AVENUES.

MOVED, that the San Francisco Planning Commission (hereinafter "Commission") hereby CERTIFIES the Final Environmental Impact Report identified as Case File No. 2004.1059E – Balboa Park Station Area Plan (hereinafter "Area Plan" or "Project") based upon the following findings:

- 1) The City and County of San Francisco, acting through the Planning Department (hereinafter "Department") fulfilled all procedural requirements of the California Environmental Quality Act (Cal. Pub. Res. Code Sections 21000 et seq., hereinafter "CEQA"), the State CEQA Guidelines (Cal. Admin. Code Title 14, Sections 15000 et seq., hereinafter "CEQA Guidelines") and Chapter 31 of the San Francisco Administrative Code (hereinafter "Chapter 31").
 - a. The Citywide Group of the Department filed for environmental evaluation on October 8, 2004, and the Major Environmental Analysis section of the Department determined that an Environmental Impact Report (hereinafter "EIR") was required and provided public notice of that determination by publication in a newspaper of general circulation on July 29, 2006.
 - b. Notice of Preparation of an EIR was filed with the State Secretary of Resources via the State Clearinghouse on July 29, 2006.
 - c. On September 21, 2007, the Department published the Draft Environmental Impact Report ("DEIR") and provided public notice in a newspaper of general circulation of the availability of the document for public review and comment and of the date and time of the Planning Commission public hearing on the DEIR; this notice was mailed to the Department's list of persons requesting such notice.
 - d. On September 21, 2007, copies of the DEIR were mailed or otherwise delivered to a list of persons requesting it, to those noted on the distribution list in the DEIR, and to government agencies, the latter both directly and through the State Clearinghouse.

- e. Notices of Availability of the DEIR and of the date and time of the public hearings were posted on the Planning Department's website and also in various locations in the project area by Department staff on September 21, 2007.
- 2) The Commission held a duly advertised public hearing on the DEIR on October 25, 2007, at which time opportunity for public comment was given, and public comment was received on the DEIR. The period for acceptance of written comments ended on November 5, 2007.
- 3) The Department prepared responses to comments on environmental issues received at the public hearing and in writing on the DEIR, prepared revisions to the text of the DEIR in response to comments received or based on additional information that became available during the public review period, corrected errors in the DEIR, and prepared impact analysis for proposed revisions to the Area Plan. This material was presented in a Comments and Responses document, published on October 30, 2008, that was distributed to the Commission and to all parties who commented on the DEIR, and was available to others upon request at Department offices and web site.
- 4) A Final Environmental Impact Report ("FEIR") has been prepared by the Department, consisting of the DEIR, all background studies and materials, any consultations and comments received during the review process, any additional information that became available, and the Summary of Comments and Responses all as required by law.
- 5) Project environmental files have been made available for review by the Commission and the public. These files are available for public review at the Department offices at 1650 Mission Street, Suite 400, and are part of the record before the Commission.
- 6) On December 4, 2008, the Commission reviewed and considered the FEIR and hereby does find that the contents of said report and the procedures through which the FEIR was prepared, publicized, and reviewed comply with the provisions of CEQA, the CEQA Guidelines, and Chapter 31 of the San Francisco Administrative Code.
- 7) The Planning Commission hereby does find that the FEIR concerning Case File 2004.1059E - Balboa Park Station Area Plan reflects the independent judgment and analysis of the City and County of San Francisco and is adequate, accurate, and objective. The Commission also finds that since publication of the DEIR there has been no significant new information or other factors that would require recirculation of the document pursuant to CEQA Guidelines Section 15088.5. Information to support this conclusion is found in the FEIR, which includes the Comments and Responses, and in Department staff analysis. In furtherance of the above findings, the Planning Commission hereby does CERTIFY THE

COMPLETION of said Final Environmental Impact Report in compliance with CEQA, the CEQA Guidelines, and Chapter 31.

The Commission, in certifying the completion of the FEIR, hereby does find that the proposed project described in the FEIR would have the following significant unavoidable environmental impacts, which could not be mitigated to a level of non-significance:

- a. Traffic impacts at three intersections: (1) Ocean Avenue/ Junipero Serra Boulevard, (2) Ocean Avenue/ I-280 Northbound On-Ramp, and (3) Ocean Avenue/ San Jose Avenue;
- b. Traffic and transit impacts at two project intersections: (1) Ocean Avenue/ Geneva Avenue/ Phelan Avenue, and (2) Geneva Avenue/ I-280 Northbound and Southbound Ramps;
- c. Transit operations impacts on the Muni K-Ingleside Metro line; and
- d. Cumulative impacts to a potential historic district along Ocean Avenue.

I hereby certify that the foregoing Motion was ADOPTED by the Planning Commission on December 4, 2008.

Linda Avery
Planning Commission Secretary

AYES: Olague, Antonini, Borden, Lee, Miguel, Moore
NOES: None
ABSENT: None
EXCUSED: Sugaya

ACTION: Certification of the Balboa Park Station Area Plan FEIR