

1 [Encouraging a Goal of 20 Percent of Trips by Bicycle by 2020]

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3 **Resolution encouraging departments and agencies of the City and County of San**
4 **Francisco to adopt a goal of 20 percent of trips by bicycle by 2020.**

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6 WHEREAS, The San Francisco Charter’s voter-approved Transit-First policy
7 establishes in Section 8A.115 that “Bicycling shall be promoted by encouraging safe streets
8 for riding, convenient access to transit, bicycle lanes, and secure bicycle parking;” and,

9 WHEREAS, The number of trips taken by people on bicycle, also called the mode
10 share, was 6 percent in San Francisco in 2008, according to the Municipal Transportation
11 Agency (MTA) survey; and

12 WHEREAS, Bicycling in San Francisco increased by 53 percent between 2006 and
13 2009, even while physical improvements to the city’s bicycling infrastructure were halted by a
14 lawsuit and court injunction; and

15 WHEREAS, According to a 2009 survey, 7 in 10 San Franciscans say they have
16 ridden a bicycle in the past year, and 1 in 4 say they bicycle at least twice a week; and

17 WHEREAS, While San Francisco is one of the leading cities for bicycling in the United
18 States, some European cities have achieved a bicycle mode share of close to 40 percent of
19 total trips by significantly investing in an integrated, multi-modal transportation systems that
20 includes separated network of bicycle roadways, bicycle parking, bicycle safety, bicycle theft
21 prevention, and bicycle education; and

22 WHEREAS, The experiences of other American and European cities have
23 demonstrated that investing in bicycling infrastructure is one of the most cost-effective ways
24 to provide for an urban transportation system, and that increased levels of bicycling and
25 walking drives significant business to merchant corridors and local shops; and

1 WHEREAS, Growing the number of bicycle trips in San Francisco will require
2 significant steps to make bicycling more attractive, safe and convenient for people of all ages;
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4 WHEREAS, In addition to improving the health of bicyclists, increasing the number of
5 bicyclists also helps transit riders and drivers of private automobiles by reducing congestion
6 on San Francisco's already clogged streets; and

7 WHEREAS, Myriad agencies both within and outside of the structure of the
8 government of the City and County of San Francisco are tasked with planning for and
9 implementing transportation improvements in San Francisco; and

10 WHEREAS, The Municipal Transportation Agency is completing an update to its
11 Climate Action Plan and embarking on an update to its Strategic Plan; and

12 WHEREAS, The San Francisco County Transportation Authority has begun an
13 extensive effort to update the San Francisco Transportation Plan (SFTP), with a final
14 document expected in early 2012; and

15 WHEREAS, The effort to dramatically increase bicycling in San Francisco will require
16 significant new funding, a concerted effort from all relevant government agencies and
17 leadership and collaboration by elected officials to engage San Francisco residents and
18 partners such as the business and education communities; now, therefore be it

19 RESOLVED, That the Board of Supervisors encourages departments and agencies of
20 the City and County of San Francisco to adopt a goal of 20 percent of trips by bicycle by
21 2020.

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