[Supporting the Bay Area Rapid Transit District's Pilot Program to Allow Full-time Bicycle Access]

Resolution supporting the Bay Area Rapid Transit District's Pilot Program to allow full-time bicycle access.

WHEREAS, The Bay Area Rapid Transit District (BART) provides vital regional transportation in the Bay Area for San Francisco commuters, students, tourists, and residents; and

WHEREAS, Bicycles solve the "last mile" problem by providing a convenient and flexible means for passengers of all walks of life to access the stations and reach their final destinations while reducing both traffic congestion and the need for costly automobile parking facilities; and

WHEREAS, Bicycling provides health benefits to communities by reducing both air pollution and noise pollution, and bicycling provides health benefits to riders through exercise to help curb the steep rise in health problems such as hypertension, diabetes and obesity in America today; and

WHEREAS, The New York City Metropolitan Transportation Authority subway, the busiest subway in the United States allows bicycles onboard at all times; and

WHEREAS, The Los Angeles Metro, Montreal Metro, and many other transit systems worldwide allow bicycles onboard at all times; and

WHEREAS, BART currently allows bicycles onboard all trains except for restrictions during weekday commute hours; and

WHEREAS, In 2012, BART conducted a pilot program to allow bicycles on all trains every Friday in the month of August; and

WHERES, BART conducted a rider survey on the August 2012 pilot program that found that 90% of riders who were aware of the pilot did not experience any problems; and

WHEREAS, BART is conducting a second pilot program to allow bicycles on all trains the week of March 18th, 2013; and

WHEREAS, As a result of feedback from the initial pilot program, the first three cars of trains during commute hours are designated as bicycle free; now therefore, be it

RESOLVED, That the Board of Supervisors of the City and County of San Francisco expresses our appreciation of BART's efforts to support and serve people traveling with bicycles by currently allowing bicycles onboard most trains, through the provision of bike stations and secure bike parking options, through improved station access, and through pilot programs to allow bicycles onboard at all times; and, be it

FURTHER RESOLVED, That the Board of Supervisors commends BART for conducting a second pilot program to allow bicycle on all trains; and, be it

FURTHER RESOLVED, That the Board of Supervisors urges BART to lift the current ban on bicycles onboard during commute hours at the earliest possible opportunity, to allow bicycles onboard BART at all times and in all directions.



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March 26, 2013 Board of Supervisors - ADOPTED

Ayes: 11 - Avalos, Breed, Campos, Chiu, Cohen, Farrell, Kim, Mar, Tang, Wiener and Yee

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I hereby certify that the foregoing Resolution was ADOPTED on 3/26/2013 by the Board of Supervisors of the City and County of San Francisco.

> Angela Calvillo Clerk of the Board

Unsigned

March 28, 2013

Mayor

Date Approved

Date: March 28, 2013

I hereby certify that the foregoing resolution, not being signed by the Mayor within the time limit as set forth in Section 3.103 of the Charter, or time waived pursuant to Board Rule 2.14.2, became effective without his approval in accordance with the provision of said Section 3.103 of the Charter or Board Rule 2.14.2.

Clerk of the Board

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