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Date March 3, 2015

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Completed by: Joy Lamug

Date February 26, 2015

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1 [Supporting Assembly Bill 40 (Ting) - Pedestrian and Bicycle Tolls]

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3 **Resolution supporting Assembly Bill 40, authored by Assemblymember Ting, and**  
4 **urging the Golden Gate Bridge District Board of Directors to remove pedestrian and**  
5 **bicycle tolls from its list of potential revenue generators.**

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7 WHEREAS, The Golden Gate Bridge is one of the Bay Area's greatest public treasures  
8 and belongs to the people of California; and

9 WHEREAS, The Golden Gate Bridge District Board of Directors, which has jurisdiction  
10 over the Golden Gate Bridge, has proposed implementing a study on the impacts of the tolling  
11 of bicyclists and pedestrians on the bridge; and

12 WHEREAS, Cars, trucks, and other motorized vehicles are the most significant cause  
13 of deterioration of the bridge, while pedestrians and bicyclists cause little to no maintenance  
14 issues; and

15 WHEREAS, Charging people for walking and bicycling disincentivizes these active,  
16 affordable, environmentally sustainable ways or appreciating the Golden Gate Bridge and is in  
17 opposition to San Francisco and Marin County's goals of improving air quality, encouraging  
18 physical activity and improving public access to our most treasured public landmarks as well  
19 as the Bridge District's own sustainability goals and the State's significant commitments to cut  
20 carbon emissions and lessen traffic congestion; and

21 WHEREAS, The District's own past studies show that the costs of implementing a  
22 bicyclist/pedestrian toll is so high that little net revenue would be raised; and

23 WHEREAS, With declining affordability throughout the Bay Area, efforts to monetize  
24 historically accessible public treasures like the Golden Gate Bridge should be rejected in favor  
25 of more realistic and fiscally sound revenue measures; and

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WHEREAS, Assemblymember Phil Ting has introduced Assembly Bill 40 which would prohibit the Golden Gate Bridge District from collecting any tolls for pedestrian and bicyclist use of the Golden Gate Bridge sidewalks now, therefore be it

RESOLVED, That the San Francisco Board of Supervisors supports Assembly Bill 40 and urging the Golden Gate Bridge District Board of Directors to remove pedestrian and bicycle tolls from its list of potential revenue generators.

**ASSEMBLY BILL**

**No. 40**

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**Introduced by Assembly Members Ting and Levine**

December 1, 2014

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An act to add Section 27567 to the Streets and Highways Code, relating to transportation.

LEGISLATIVE COUNSEL'S DIGEST

AB 40, as introduced, Ting. Golden Gate Bridge: sidewalk fees.

Existing law establishes bridge and highway districts and various regional transportation authorities and transit districts, including the Golden Gate Bridge, Highway and Transportation District, and prescribes the powers and duties of the district, including the power to fix and collect all tolls for the use of the district's property.

This bill would prohibit the district from fixing or collecting any tolls or access fees for pedestrian and bicyclist use of the Golden Gate Bridge sidewalks.

Vote: majority. Appropriation: no. Fiscal committee: no.  
State-mandated local program: no.

*The people of the State of California do enact as follows:*

- 1 SECTION 1. Section 27567 is added to the Streets and
- 2 Highways Code, to read:
- 3 27567. (a) The Legislature finds and declares all of the
- 4 following:
- 5 (1) The Golden Gate Bridge is a treasured San Francisco Bay
- 6 Area landmark, attracting visitors from around the world. As a
- 7 transportation and recreation corridor, the bridge links highway

1 and trail traffic along the bay and it is crossed by tens of millions  
2 of people each year.

3 (2) Free bridge access for bicyclists and pedestrians is a tradition  
4 making the bridge a vibrant part of life in the Bay Area that is  
5 routinely enjoyed by area residents. It also provides an incentive  
6 for the use of nonvehicular forms of transportation that improve  
7 air quality, confront climate change, and encourage physical  
8 activity.

9 (3) The district was formed by the Legislature under authority  
10 of the Golden Gate Bridge and Highway Act of 1923, and was  
11 incorporated on December 4, 1928. At multiple times in recent  
12 years, the district has considered and rejected charging sidewalk  
13 fees. Sidewalk fees would directly contradict California's  
14 commitment to reducing greenhouse gas emissions and fostering  
15 healthy, sustainable transportation strategies.

16 (4) A sidewalk fee is wrong and unfairly burdens people biking  
17 and walking. The state should work to expand access to this iconic  
18 landmark, not limit it to only those who can afford to pay. The  
19 Golden Gate Bridge sidewalks should remain free to the public.

20 (b) Notwithstanding Section 27171 or any other provision of  
21 law, the district may not fix or collect any tolls or access fees for  
22 pedestrian and bicyclist use of the Golden Gate Bridge sidewalks.

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# Introduction Form

By a Member of the Board of Supervisors or the Mayor

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or meeting date

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I hereby submit the following item for introduction (select only one):

- 1. For reference to Committee. (An Ordinance, Resolution, Motion, or Charter Amendment)
- 2. Request for next printed agenda Without Reference to Committee.
- 3. Request for hearing on a subject matter at Committee.
- 4. Request for letter beginning "Supervisor [ ] inquires"
- 5. City Attorney request.
- 6. Call File No. [ ] from Committee.
- 7. Budget Analyst request (attach written motion).
- 8. Substitute Legislation File No. [ ]
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**Sponsor(s):**

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**Subject:**

Support for Assembly Bill 40 regarding pedestrian and bicycle tolls

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Signature of Sponsoring Supervisor: \_\_\_\_\_

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