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

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

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

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

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

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

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

WHEREAS, With declining affordability throughout the Bay Area, efforts to monetize historically accessible public treasures like the Golden Gate Bridge should be rejected in favor 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.

Introduced by Assembly Members Ting and Levine

December 1, 2014

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 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

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

- (2) Free bridge access for bicyclists and pedestrians is a tradition making the bridge a vibrant part of life in the Bay Area that is routinely enjoyed by area residents. It also provides an incentive for the use of nonvehicular forms of transportation that improve air quality, confront climate change, and encourage physical activity.
- (3) The district was formed by the Legislature under authority of the Golden Gate Bridge and Highway Act of 1923, and was incorporated on December 4, 1928. At multiple times in recent years, the district has considered and rejected charging sidewalk fees. Sidewalk fees would directly contradict California's commitment to reducing greenhouse gas emissions and fostering healthy, sustainable transportation strategies.
- (4) A sidewalk fee is wrong and unfairly burdens people biking and walking. The state should work to expand access to this iconic landmark, not limit it to only those who can afford to pay. The Golden Gate Bridge sidewalks should remain free to the public.
- (b) Notwithstanding Section 27171 or any other provision of law, the district may not fix or collect any tolls or access fees for pedestrian and bicyclist use of the Golden Gate Bridge sidewalks.

Introduction Form

By a Member of the Board of Supervisors or the Mayor

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