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[Supporting the Caltrain Peninsula Corridor Electrification Project]

Resolution supporting the Caltrain Penninsula Corridor Electrification Project, and urging the Federal Transportation Administration to approve the full funding grant agreement for the project.

WHEREAS, Caltrain serves the third most congested area in the nation and serves 65,000 daily riders providing a much needed alternative to the heavily congested freeways; and

WHEREAS, Dramatic ridership increase has strained the system, with many peak hour trains operating over maximum capacity with a fleet that is over 30 years old and needs replacing; and

WHEREAS, The Caltrain corridor is arguably the most economically productive area in the State and the communities served by the 51-mile railroad are responsible for 14% of the State's GDP, 20% of California's tax revenue and are the birthplace of over half of California patents; and

WHEREAS, The region cannot continue to thrive and keep this innovation without equipping the 150-year-old rail corridor with a modernized transit system capable of accommodating current and future ridership demand; and

WHEREAS, After several decades of planning, Caltrain is poised to implement the \$1.9 billion Peninsula Corridor Electrification Project and become a modern, electric commuter rail which will increase capacity, improve train performance, and offer cleaner, quieter service; and

WHEREAS, An electrified system will improve performance and increase ridership, will provide substantial environmental benefits by eliminating over 176,000 metric tons of CO2, and removing 619,000 daily vehicle miles from the region's congested roadways; and

WHEREAS, Over \$1.3 billion in local, regional, state, and federal non-Core Capacity funds have been secured for the project, contracts were awarded in September 2016 and design is underway; and

WHEREAS, The project now awaits the final funding component to start construction, a \$647 million grant from the Federal Transit Administration (FTA) Core Capacity Program—a program designed to make investments in existing transit system projects that expand capacity and accommodate growing ridership; and

WHEREAS, Since 2001, Caltrain has worked with the FTA to ensure it meets all rigorous statutory and regulatory requirements and the project received a high rating after thorough evaluation, including ridership studies, design assessments, financial analyses, and cost benefit evaluations; and

WHEREAS, On February 17, 2017, Caltrain completed the last step in the FTA Core Capacity process (completion of the mandatory 30-day Congressional review period) and was eligible for the final signature to be executed; and

WHEREAS, FTA then announced that execution of the Core Capacity grant would be delayed until the determination of whether the project would be included in the President's budget proposal; and

WHEREAS, In response, Caltrain negotiated a four-month contract extension with the infrastructure and train builders while awaiting a decision from the FTA about the execution of the funding agreement; and

WHEREAS, The PCEP will generate over 9,600 jobs, 1,300 of which will be outside California—in Florida, Wisconsin, Colorado, Virginia and in Utah, where the project is the

driving force for the construction of a rail car manufacturing facility that will provide for 550 permanent jobs; and

WHEREAS, The PCEP has widespread bi-partisan support from a growing coalition of federal, state, regional, and local stakeholders committed to creating jobs, investing in aging infrastructure addressing congestion between San Francisco and San Jose; now, therefore be it

RESOLVED, That the San Francisco Board of Supervisors hereby expresses support and commitment to the Peninsula Corridor Electrification Project; and, be it

FURTHER RESOLVED, That the San Francisco Board of Supervisors hereby strongly urges the FTA to approve the Full Funding Grant Agreement for the Peninsula Corridor Electrification Project; and, be it

FURTHER RESOLVED, That the San Francisco Board of Supervisors, strongly urges local, regional and state leaders, together with the California congressional delegation, and federal lobbyists to continue to express support for the project at all possible opportunities.

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By a Member of the Board of Supervisors or the Mayor SAN FRANCISCO

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