

1 [Negotiate Purchase and Sale or Lease Agreements - California Department of Transportation  
2 (Caltrans) - Homeless Services on Caltrans Property]

3 **Resolution authorizing the Director of the Real Estate Department to negotiate with the**  
4 **California Department of Transportation (Caltrans) for the purpose executing purchase**  
5 **and sale or lease agreements to provide homeless services on Caltrans property to**  
6 **protect the health safety and welfare of people experiencing homelessness.**

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8 WHEREAS, Cities across California are experiencing outbreaks of Hepatitis A among  
9 people experiencing homelessness, especially among people living in encampments; and

10 WHEREAS, The Hepatitis outbreak has, thus far been concentrated in San Diego, Los  
11 Angeles, and Santa Cruz, as of November 10, 2017, there were 649 reported cases of  
12 Hepatitis A in California, 417 hospitalizations and 21 deaths; and

13 WHEREAS, According to the January 2017 Homeless Point in Time and the Homeless  
14 Youth Count and Survey, 7,499 people are currently experiencing homelessness in San  
15 Francisco, 58% of whom were unsheltered, and 18% of whom are under the age of 25 years,  
16 and 32% of whom are over the age of 51 years with deteriorating physical and mental health;  
17 and

18 WHEREAS, To date 311 has received over 40,000 calls from residents with concerns  
19 about street encampments and additional 36,000 calls from residents with concerns related to  
20 homelessness. Between 2016 and 2017, 311 encampment reports increased by 49% and  
21 reports of concerns related to homelessness increased by 19%; and

22 WHEREAS, A proliferation of trash, graffiti, used hypodermic needles and other  
23 sources of blight continues to collect under and along the perimeters of San Francisco  
24 freeways; and

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1           WHEREAS, In Fiscal year 2016-2017 Public Works removed 698 tons of garbage ,  
2       picked up 121,600 hypodermic needles, and responded to over 15,000 requests for sidewalk  
3       steam cleaning due to feces and urine all in the public right of way; and

4           WHEREAS, Trends for this data have significantly increased in the current fiscal year;  
5       and

6           WHEREAS, Caltrans plays an important role in helping to responsibly and  
7       compassionately find a resolution to the street homelessness to ensure the safe usage of their  
8       properties; and

9           WHEREAS, Caltrans controls a number of leasable sites and land for purchase under  
10      freeways and adjacent to freeways that could be accessed by the City for the use as  
11      temporary shelters or navigation centers that collectively have the potential to remove  
12      hundreds of people off the streets and into shelter and eventually to supportive housing; and

13          WHEREAS, The City has long been interested in the acquisition of or lease of Caltrans  
14      Property for public use and use as temporary shelters; and

15          WHEREAS, The City looks forward to partnering with Caltrans on an expedited  
16      process that will allow the City to access properties under or adjacent to San Francisco  
17      freeways; now, therefore, be it

18          RESOLVED, The Board of Supervisors approves and authorizes the Director of  
19      Department of Real Estate to enter into direct negotiations with Caltrans officials for the  
20      purpose of determining acquisition or lease terms of properties controlled by Caltrans  
21      underneath or adjacent to San Francisco Freeways; and, be it

22          FURTHER RESOLVED, That the Director of the Real Estate Department shall provide  
23      a copy of the contract to the Clerk of the Board for ultimate consideration and ratification by  
24      the Board of Supervisors.

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