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File No. 190482

Lisa Gibson
Environmental Review Officer
Planning Department
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Dear Ms. Gibson:

On April 30, 2019, the Airport Commission submitted the following proposed legislation to the Board of Supervisors:

File No. 190482

Resolution authorizing the Airport Commission to accept and expend a grant for the Voluntary Airport Low Emissions Program under the Airport Improvement Program in the amount of \$6,750,000 and any additional amounts up to 15% of the original grant, that may be offered from the Federal Aviation Administration for the purchase and installation of electrical ground service equipment infrastructure and charging stations for the period of September 1, 2019, through March 31, 2021; and affirming the Planning Department's determination under the California Environmental Quality Act.

This legislation is being transmitted to you for environmental review.

Angela Calvillo, Clerk of the Board


By: Linda Wong, Assistant Clerk
Budget and Finance Sub-Committee

Attachment

c: Joy Navarrete, Environmental Planner
Laura Lynch, Environmental Planner

1 [Accept and Expend Grant - Federal Aviation Administration - Voluntary Airport Low
2 Emissions Grant - \$6,750,000]

3 **Resolution authorizing the Airport Commission to accept and expend a grant for the**
4 **Voluntary Airport Low Emissions Program under the Airport Improvement Program in**
5 **the amount of \$6,750,000 and any additional amounts up to 15% of the original grant,**
6 **that may be offered from the Federal Aviation Administration for the purchase and**
7 **installation of electrical ground service equipment infrastructure and charging stations**
8 **for the period of September 1, 2019, through March 31, 2021; and affirming the**
9 **Planning Department’s determination under the California Environmental Quality Act.**

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11 WHEREAS, An airport improvement project to be implemented at San Francisco
12 International Airport (the “Airport”) is eligible for federal assistance under the Federal Aviation
13 Administration (“FAA”) Voluntary Airport Low Emissions (“VALE”) Program under the Airport
14 Improvement Program (“AIP”); and

15 WHEREAS, The AIP provides for reimbursement by the FAA of up to 75% of the
16 allowable VALE project costs; and

17 WHEREAS, The proposed VALE project is for electrical ground service equipment
18 (eGSE) infrastructure and charging stations (the “Project”); and

19 WHEREAS, The Project is the first phase of an Airport-wide strategy to equip all gates
20 with the electrical infrastructure necessary to operate eGSE, thereby reducing fuel use and
21 diesel emissions; and

22 WHEREAS, The proposed electric charging ports and supporting electrical
23 infrastructure improvements would be permanently located at the Airport; and

1 WHEREAS, The completion of the Project will result in significant emission reductions
2 from the use of eGSE as a cleaner and more sustainable alternative to diesel-powered ground
3 service equipment; and

4 WHEREAS, The Airport Director intends to file a grant application to seek federal
5 assistance under the AIP during federal FY2018-2019 in an estimated amount of \$6,750,000
6 for the Project; and

7 WHEREAS, The Airport Commission approved the acceptance and expenditure of the
8 AIP VALE grant pursuant to Resolution No. 19-0085 dated April 16, 2019; and

9 WHEREAS, Under San Francisco Administrative Code, Section 10.170-1, the
10 acceptance and expenditure of federal, state, or other grant funds in the amount of \$100,000
11 or more is subject to the approval by resolution of the Board of Supervisors; and

12 WHEREAS, This agreement does not require an Annual Salary Ordinance
13 amendment; and

14 WHEREAS, The Airport Commission proposes to maximize use of available grant
15 funds on program expenditures by not including indirect costs in the grant budget; and

16 WHEREAS, The Planning Department has determined that the Project is Categorically
17 Exempt from review under the California Environmental Quality Act (California Public
18 Resources Code Sections 21000 et seq.) (CEQA), Section 15303 of the CEQA Guidelines,
19 and Chapter 31 of the San Francisco Administrative Code (Planning Department File No.
20 2019-003905ENV); said determination is on file with the Clerk of the Board of Supervisors in
21 File No. _____ and is incorporated herein by reference; now, therefore, be it

22 RESOLVED, That the Board of Supervisors affirms the determination by the Planning
23 Department that the Project is categorically exempt from review under CEQA; and, be it

1 FURTHER RESOLVED, That the Airport Commission is hereby authorized to accept
2 and expend a grant in the amount of \$6,750,000 and any additional amounts up to 15% of the
3 original grant amount, that may be offered from the FAA; and, be it

4 FURTHER RESOLVED, That the Board of Supervisors hereby waives inclusion of
5 indirect costs in the grant budget; and, be it

6 FURTHER RESOLVED, That the Airport Commission is hereby authorized to accept
7 and expend the grant funds pursuant to Administrative Code, Section 10.170-1; and, be it

8 FURTHER RESOLVED, That the Airport Director is authorized to enter into the AIP
9 VALE grant agreement with the FAA on behalf of the City.

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for Controller