

1 [Supporting a New Organizational Form to Support the Future of Caltrain]

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3 **Resolution supporting a strengthened independent agency to lead the next generation**  
4 **of regionally significant projects and endeavors towards a future Caltrain/High Speed**  
5 **Rail corridor between San Francisco and Gilroy.**

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7 WHEREAS, Caltrain ridership has grown substantially over time and demand far  
8 outstrips Caltrain’s current ability to supply service; and

9 WHEREAS, Peninsula corridor freeways are congested and the economic needs of the  
10 region will require more and better Caltrain service; and

11 WHEREAS, Caltrain is in a vital position to help meet State, regional and local  
12 economic and greenhouse gas emission reduction goals; and

13 WHEREAS, The regional housing crisis emphasizes the need for Caltrain to do its part  
14 to steward development and adopt appropriate service expansion and Transit Oriented  
15 Development policies to guide investment; and

16 WHEREAS, The Peninsula Corridor Electrification Project is the first in a series of  
17 substantial capital investments to modernize the rail system and help it meet future demand;  
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19 WHEREAS, Caltrain lacks a dedicated revenue source, causing it to rely on  
20 contributions from partner agencies under the Joint Powers Agreement; and

21 WHEREAS, This provides an unreliable basis to maintain, improve and operate the rail  
22 service; and

23 WHEREAS, The aforementioned provides an impetus for Caltrain to undertake its  
24 current strategic Business Plan effort; and

1           WHEREAS, Caltrain has committed to share the corridor with California High Speed  
2 Rail as part of a blended system; and

3           WHEREAS, Implementation and operations will require close coordination between  
4 Caltrain and High Speed Rail; and

5           WHEREAS, The Caltrain Downtown Rail Extension is a regional priority and creates  
6 opportunity for Caltrain to expand its service to downtown San Francisco, the BART/Muni  
7 Metro corridor, and thousands more jobs; and

8           WHEREAS, Future blended Caltrain/High Speed Rail service will require additional  
9 significant capital investments such as grade-separations and a future Diridon transit station in  
10 San Jose; and

11           WHEREAS, Extending electrification to Gilroy will depend on close collaboration with  
12 High Speed Rail, Santa Clara Valley Transportation Authority, cities and Santa Clara County;  
13 and

14           WHEREAS, The Second Transbay Tunnel, extension to Salinas, and HSR south/east  
15 from Gilroy present opportunities to develop connections to many other parts of the state as  
16 envisioned by the California State Rail Plan; and

17           WHEREAS, Future service levels envisioned by the Caltrain Business Plan effort  
18 currently under development will require a significant increase in staff capacity and financial  
19 resources to realize; and

20           WHEREAS, Caltrain intends to bring forth organizational recommendations as part of  
21 the Business Plan to support its ability to deliver and operate its future service vision; and

22           WHEREAS, Caltrain anticipates substantial operating budget shortfalls beginning in  
23 fiscal year 2021; and

24           WHEREAS, Caltrain is contemplating placing a dedicated revenue measure before the  
25 voters in 2020; now, therefore, be it

1           RESOLVED, That the City and County of San Francisco supports a strengthened,  
2 independent Caltrain agency with the capacity to lead the next generation of regionally  
3 significant projects and endeavors for the benefit of Caltrain district communities and the San  
4 Francisco Bay Area; and

5           FURTHER RESOLVED, That the City and County of San Francisco supports a process  
6 to determine the appropriate agency and governance framework to lead the next generation  
7 of regionally significant projects and endeavors in the rail corridor between San Francisco and  
8 Gilroy, for the benefit of the communities along the corridor and for the benefit of the Bay  
9 Area.

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Resolution

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Resolution supporting a strengthened independent agency to lead the next generation of regionally significant projects and endeavors towards a future Caltrain/High Speed Rail corridor between San Francisco and Gilroy.

May 21, 2019 Board of Supervisors - ADOPTED

Ayes: 11 - Brown, Fewer, Haney, Mandelman, Mar, Peskin, Ronen, Safai, Stefani, Walton and Yee

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I hereby certify that the foregoing Resolution was ADOPTED on 5/21/2019 by the Board of Supervisors of the City and County of San Francisco.

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for Angela Calvillo
Clerk of the Board

Unsigned

London N. Breed
Mayor

5/31/19

Date Approved

I hereby certify that the foregoing resolution, not being signed by the Mayor within the time limit as set forth in Section 3.103 of the Charter, or time waived pursuant to Board Rule 2.14.2, became effective without her approval in accordance with the provision of said Section 3.103 of the Charter or Board Rule 2.14.2.

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Angela Calvillo
Clerk of the Board

5/31/19
Date