[Affirming certification of the Bicycle Plan Project FEIR]

Motion affirming the certification by the Planning Commission of the Final Environmental Impact Report for the 2009 San Francisco Bicycle Plan Project.

WHEREAS, The City and County of San Francisco, through its San Francisco Municipal Transportation Agency (MTA) and Planning Commission (collectively, the "Project Sponsor") is proposing adoption of the 2009 San Francisco Bicycle Transportation Plan, which includes minor, long-term, and near-term improvements for the bicycle route network, and amendments to the General Plan and Planning Code to reflect said Bicycle Plan, (the "Project"); and

WHEREAS, The MTA Board of Directors, in its Resolution No. 07-012, adopted January 30, 2007, initiated the process for environmental review of the Project and thereafter applied to the Planning Department for environmental review of the Project (City Planning Case No. 2007.0347E); and

WHEREAS, The Planning Department for the City and County of San Francisco (the "Department") determined that an Environmental Impact Report ("EIR") was required and provided public notice of that determination by publication in a newspaper of general circulation on June 5, 2007; and

WHEREAS, On November 26, 2008, the Department published the Draft Environmental Impact Report ("DEIR") for the Project; and

WHEREAS, On January 8, 2009, the Commission held a duly noticed public hearing on the DEIR, at which time opportunity for public comment was received on the DEIR, and written comments were received through January 13, 2009; and

WHEREAS, The Department prepared responses to comments received at the public hearing on the DEIR and submitted in writing to the Department, prepared revisions to the text of the DEIR and published a Draft Summary of Comments and Responses on June 11, 2009; and

WHEREAS, A Final Environmental Impact Report ("FEIR") for the Project was prepared by the Department, consisting of the DEIR, any consultations and comments received during the review process, any additional information that became available and the Draft Summary of Comments and Responses, all as required by law; and

WHEREAS, On June 25, 2009, the Commission reviewed and considered the FEIR and, by Motion No. 17912, found that the contents of said report and the procedures through which the FEIR was prepared, publicized and reviewed complied with the provisions of the California Environmental Quality Act (CEQA), the State CEQA Guidelines and Chapter 31 of the San Francisco Administrative Code; and

WHEREAS, By Motion No. 17912, the Commission found the FEIR to be adequate, accurate and objective, reflected the independent judgment and analysis of the Department and the Commission and that the Summary of Comments and Responses contained no significant revisions to the DEIR, adopted findings relating to significant impacts associated with the Project and certified the completion of the FEIR in compliance with CEQA and the State CEQA Guidelines; and

WHEREAS, On June 25, 2009, by Resolution Nos. 17913, 17914, and 17915, the Planning Commission adopted CEQA Findings and adopted and recommended General Plan and Planning Code Amendments, and on June 26, 2009, by Resolutions Nos. 09-105 and 09-106, the MTA Board of Directors adopted CEQA Findings and the 2009 Bicycle Transportation Plan, which includes minor, long-term, and near-term improvements for the

bicycle route network, and approved legislation for implementation of 45 near-term bicycle improvement projects; and

WHEREAS, By letters to the Clerk of the Board of Supervisors dated July 15, 2009, Catherine Liddell on behalf of South Beach-Rincon Hill-Mission Bay Neighborhood Association and Mary Miles on behalf of Coalition for Adequate Review, filed appeals of the FEIR to the Board of Supervisors, which the Clerk of the Board of Supervisors received on or around July 15, 2009; and

WHEREAS, On August 4, 2009, this Board held a duly noticed public hearing to consider the appeal of the FEIR certification filed by Appellants; and

WHEREAS, This Board has reviewed and considered the FEIR, the appeal letters, the responses to concerns document that the Planning Department prepared, the other written records before the Board of Supervisors, and heard testimony and received public comment regarding the adequacy of the FEIR; and

WHEREAS, the FEIR files and all correspondence and other documents have been made available for review by this Board and the public. These files are available for public review by appointment at the Planning Department offices at 1650 Mission Street and the MTA offices at 1 So. Van Ness, and are part of the record before this Board by reference in this motion; now, therefore, be it

MOVED, That this Board of Supervisors hereby affirms the decision of the Planning Commission in its Motion No. 17912 to certify the FEIR and finds the FEIR to be complete, adequate and objective and reflecting the independent judgment of the City and in compliance with CEQA and the State CEQA Guidelines.



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I hereby certify that the foregoing Motion was APPROVED on August 4, 2009 by the Board of Supervisors of the City and County of San Francisco.

Angela Calvillo Clerk of the Board