[Third Street Light Rail Project - CEQA Findings/Parking and Traffic Changes]

ADOPTING FINDINGS PURSUANT TO THE CALIFORNIA ENVIRONMENTAL QUALITY

ACT AND APPROVING PARKING AND TRAFFIC CHANGES ALONG THE THIRD STREET

CORRIDOR FOR THE IMPLEMENTATION OF THE SAN FRANCISCO MUNICIPAL

RAILWAY THIRD STREET LIGHT RAIL PROJECT

WHEREAS, on April 3, 1998, a Draft Environmental Impact Statement/Draft Environmental Impact Report ("DEIS/DEIR") was published by the Federal Transit Administration and San Francisco Planning Department, respectively, (State Clearinghouse No. 96102097; SF Case File No. 96.281E) for an expansion of the San Francisco Municipal Railway ("MUNI") light rail service to the Third Street Corridor; and

WHEREAS, public comments, on the DEIS/DEIR including those of local, state and federal agencies, were received through May 19, 1998. A public hearing was conducted by the San Francisco Planning Commission on May 7, 1998 to consider additional public comments and concerns raised by the DEIS/DEIR; and

WHEREAS, on June 23, 1998, the Public Transportation Commission ("PTC") held a public hearing on the selection of the Locally Preferred Alternative; and

WHEREAS, at the PTC hearing, the Light Rail (Build) Alternative was selected as the Locally Preferred Alternative, which includes the mixed flow option for the Third Street commercial core, high platform stations, a bi-directional alignment across the Fourth Street bridge, and the Western Pacific site for the new storage and maintenance facility (Resolution No. 98-054); and

WHEREAS, pursuant to the California Environmental Quality Act, California Public Resources Code, Sections 21000 *et seq.*, ("CEQA"), the Guidelines for Implementation of CEQA, Title 15 California Code of Regulations Sections 15000 *et seq.*, ("CEQA Guidelines"), Chapter 31 of the San Francisco Administrative Code, entitled Environmental Quality,

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("Chapter 31"), the National Environmental Policy Act, 42 U.S.C. Section 102 *et seq.*, ("NEPA") and the Council on Environmental Quality Regulations, 40 C.F.R. 1500.1 *et seq.*, ("CEQR"), all written and oral comments were considered and analyzed; and

WHEREAS, the Final Environmental Impact Statement/Final Environmental Impact Report ("FEIS/FEIR"), published on November 16, 1998, contains information regarding the purpose and need for the project, alternatives considered, evaluated and compared and the environmental effects of the alternatives and the Locally Preferred Alternative as well as responses to comments. The FEIS/FEIR also includes all text changes made in response to comments or initiated by staff independent of comments; and

WHEREAS, on December 3, 1998, the Planning Commission as the lead agency pursuant to CEQA, the CEQA Guidelines and Article 31, certified the FEIR in Motion No. 14742, finding in its independent judgment, that the FEIR was objective, complete and in compliance with CEQA and the CEQA Guidelines; and

WHEREAS, the San Francisco Board of Supervisors has reviewed and considered the FEIR, and in exercising its independent judgment, finds the FEIR's analysis and conclusions regarding transportation and environmental effects, alternatives and cumulative conditions, to be objective, complete and in compliance with CEQA and the CEQA Guidelines; and

WHEREAS, the Interdepartmental Staff Committee on Traffic and Transportation (ISCOTT) approved, and the Parking and Traffic Commission affirmed, the parking and traffic regulation changes required for the operation of the Light Rail (Build) Alternative, and per Department of Parking and Traffic Order No. 1984, dated May 1, 2000, these agencies recommended that the San Francisco Board of Supervisors approve said changes; now, therefore, be it

RESOLVED, that the San Francisco Board of Supervisors, in exercising its independent judgment, makes and adopts the necessary findings under CEQA, incorporated

by reference and attached hereto as Attachment A, for approval of the Light Rail (Build)

Alternative; and, be it

FURTHER RESOLVED, that the mitigation measures under the jurisdiction of the Board, described in Section IV of Attachment A are hereby adopted as conditions of approval and will be implemented and monitored as described in the Mitigation Monitoring Program, attached as Exhibit 1 to Attachment A, incorporated and adopted herein by reference; and, be it

FURTHER RESOLVED, that based upon the Board's review of the FEIR, the Board further finds that (1) modifications incorporated into the project will not require important revisions to the FEIR due to the involvement of new significant environmental effects or a substantial increase in the severity of previously identified significant effects; (2) no substantial changes have occurred with respect to the circumstances under which the project will be undertaken which would require major revisions to the FEIR due to the involvement of new environmental effects, or a substantial increase in the severity of effects identified in the FEIR; and (3) no new information of substantial importance to the project has become available which would indicate (a) the project has significant effects not discussed in the FEIR; (b) significant environmental effects will be substantially more severe; (c) mitigation measures or alternatives found not feasible which would reduce one or more significant effects have become feasible; or (d) mitigation measures or alternatives which are considerably different from those in the FEIR would substantially reduce one or more significant effects on the environment; and, be it

FURTHER RESOLVED, that, in accordance with the provisions of the California Vehicle Code and the San Francisco Traffic Code, the following traffic regulations governing the movement of vehicles required for the operation of the Light Rail (Build) Alternative are hereby enacted as designated below:

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1	3 <sup>rd</sup> Street, west side, from Mariposa Street to 380 feet northerly (380-foot zone)
2	4 <sup>th</sup> Street, both sides, between Berry and Owens Streets
3	4 <sup>th</sup> Street, both sides, between King and Berry Streets
4	Owens Street, both sides, between 3 <sup>rd</sup> and 4 <sup>th</sup> Streets
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## Resolution

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Date Passed:

Resolution adopting findings pursuant to the California Environmental Quality Act and approving parking and traffic changes along the Third Street Corridor for the implementation of the San Francisco Municipal Railway Third Street Light Rail Project.

August 28, 2000 Board of Supervisors — ADOPTED

Ayes: 10 - Ammiano, Becerril, Bierman, Brown, Katz, Kaufman, Leno, Teng,

Yaki, Yee

Absent: 1 - Newsom

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I hereby certify that the foregoing Resolution was ADOPTED on August 28, 2000 by the Board of Supervisors of the City and County of San Francisco.

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Clerk of the Board

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**Date Approved** 

Mayor Willie L. Brown Jr.