[Endorsing California Passenger Rail 20 Year Plan]
Resolution endorsing the California Passenger Rail 20-Year
Improvement Plan.

WHEREAS, the San Francisco Bay Area, together with the Los Angeles Region and the San Diego Region, rank among the most congested regions in the country, and improved rail service is an effective, environmentally sound alternative to congestion; and

WHEREAS, The City and County of San Francisco is the largest city in the continental United States without direct Amtrak service; and

WHEREAS, Amtrak, in consultation with its public and private partners, did develop a California Passenger Rail 20-Year Improvement Plan, to improve intercity passenger rail service in California, and

WHEREAS, the California Passenger Rail 20-year Improvement Plan recommends restoring direct San Francisco to Los Angeles service for the first time in 30 years, and making improvements to Amtrak's Coast Route to shorten travel time from the current twelve hours to just over eight hours; and

WHEREAS, the California Passenger Rail 20-year Improvement Plan recommends creating four daily round trips between San Francisco, Salinas, and Monterrey; and

WHEREAS, the Capitol Corridor Rail service between San Jose, Oakland, Sacramento and Auburn carries 1.2 million

passengers per year, of which approximately 300,000, or twenty-five percent, have an origin or destination in San Francisco; and

WHEREAS, the California Passenger Rail 20-Year Improvement Plan recommends hourly service on the Capitol Corridor, a 300 percent increase in ridership, and improvements to the route which shorten travel time between San Jose and Sacramento from the current three hours to two hours and twenty minutes; and

WHEREAS, the people of the City and County of San Francisco did pass Proposition H in 1999, which called for rebuilding the Transbay Transit Terminal as a combined bus and rail Terminal, serving Caltrain and future high speed rail service; and

WHEREAS, The proposed Transbay Terminal rail station has been designed to accommodate a future intercity and high speed rail link to the East Bay; and,

WHEREAS, The Oakland-San Francisco Corridor is the most congested bridge corridor in the state, and the most capacity constrained portion of the BART system, and a new intercity rail link would provide a significant increase in Transbay capacity; now, therefore be it

RESOLVED, That the City and County of San Francisco do hereby endorse the California Passenger Rail 20-Year Strategic Plan; and be it

FURTHER RESOLVED, That the City and County of San Francisco support the establishment of Amtrak service Between San Francisco, Salinas, and Monterrey; and be it

FURTHER RESOLVED, that the City and County of San Francisco support restoration of direct passenger rail service between San Francisco and Los Angeles by 2005, and be it

FURTHER RESOLVED, that the City and County of San Francisco support upgrading Amtrak's San Francisco-Los Angeles Coast route to allow passenger rail service to be more time-competitive with the automobile; and be it

FURTHER RESOLVED, that the City and County of San Francisco support improvements to the Capitols service between Auburn, Sacramento, Oakland, and San Jose, with an ultimate goal of creating a high speed rail corridor, and be it

FURTHER RESOLVED, That the City and County of San Francisco support creation of a new intercity rail link between Oakland and the Transbay Transit Terminal in San Francisco, which will allow direct intercity rail service between San Francisco, Oakland, and Sacramento; and be it

FURTHER RESOLVED, that the City and County of San Francisco urge Amtrak, the California High Speed Rail Authority, the Peninsula Corridor Joint Powers Authority, and other state, regional, and local transportation agencies to develop plans for a new Transbay rail link; and be it

FURTHER RESOLVED, That implementation of a world-class intercity rail network for the state of California should be a high priority for the state, and the City and County of San Francisco urge the Governor, State Legislature, and California Department of Transportation (Caltrans) to meet or exceed the

recommended intercity rail service improvements in the California Passenger Rail 20-Year Improvement Plan.



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Resolution endorsing the California Passenger Rail 20-Year Improvement Plan.

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Ayes: 11 - Ammiano, Daly, Gonzalez, Hall, Leno, Maxwell, McGoldrick, Newsom, Peskin, Sandoval, Yee

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I hereby certify that the foregoing Resolution was ADOPTED on October 15, 2001 by the Board of Supervisors of the City and County of San Francisco.

Gloria L. Young
Clerk of the Board

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Date Approved

Mayor Willie L. Brown Jr.