[Resolution urging restoration of two-way traffic on Hayes Street between Gough and Franklin streets and development of a detailed plan for street improvements to improve the pedestrian safety and amenity and enhance the economic and social vitality of the Hayes Street Commercial District]

Resolution urging the Municipal Transportation Agency to restore two-way traffic on the block of Hayes Street between Gough and Franklin streets, to restore the pedestrian crossing of Gough Street on the south side of Hayes Street, and develop a detailed plan and implementation strategy for streetscape improvements to the Hayes Valley Commercial District along Hayes Street between Franklin and Laguna streets.

WHEREAS, In 1986 the people of the City and County of San Francisco did pass Proposition M, which established eight priority policies in the San Francisco Planning Code, including "That existing neighborhood-serving retail uses be preserved and enhanced and future opportunities for resident employment in and ownership of such businesses enhanced" and "That commuter traffic not impede Muni transit service or overburden our streets or neighborhood parking"; and

WHEREAS, the Hayes Valley Commercial District has, since the removal of the Central Freeway after the 1989 Loma Prieta earthquake, emerged as a vital mix of locally-owned and operated shops and restaurants that serves as the commercial heart of the Hayes Valley Neighborhood, and as an attraction for visitors from elsewhere in San Francisco and around the world, contributing greatly to the cultural and economic character and vitality of the city and its attractiveness to residents and visitors; and

WHEREAS, the Hayes Valley Commercial District, which extends along Hayes Street from Laguna to Franklin Streets, is effectively divided by the double-left turn from westbound Hayes Street onto southbound Gough Street, which prohibits pedestrians from crossing Gough on the south side of Hayes; and

WHEREAS, Hayes Street between Franklin and Gough serves as a significant barrier to pedestrians, and has resulted in many vacant storefronts and business failures along the South side of Hayes Street between Gough and Franklin streets; and

WHEREAS, The Draft Market and Octavia Neighborhood Plan recognized the contribution that of the Hayes Street Commercial District makes to both the neighborhood and the entire city, and included policies to "Reorganize east-west traffic in Hayes Valley to reduce pedestrian conflicts and eliminate confusing Z-shaped jogs of one-way traffic" [Policy 5.6.1], and to "Widen the sidewalk on the northern side of Hayes Street, between Franklin and Laguna Streets, to create a linear pedestrian thoroughfare linking commercial activities along Hayes Street to the new Octavia Boulevard" [Policy 4.2.6], and developed schematic plans for the street which included restoring a pedestrian crosswalk on the south side of Hayes at Gough Street; and

WHEREAS, the Planning Commission, recognizing the importance of restoring two-way traffic on Hayes to the integrity of the entire Market and Octavia Neighborhood Plan, adopted a Finding of Overriding Significance to include two-way Hayes Street in the Final EIR/EIS adopted for the Market and Octavia Neighborhood Plan; now, therefore, be it

RESOLVED, That the San Francisco Board of Supervisors urges the Municipal Transportation Agency to immediately take the steps necessary to restore two-way traffic on Hayes Street between Franklin and Gough streets, by converting three westbound lanes to one eastbound and one westbound lane; and be it

FURTHER RESOLVED, That the San Francisco Board of Supervisors urges the Municipal Transportation Agency to work with other city agencies, including the Planning Department, Department of Public Works, and San Francisco County Transportation Authority, to develop a final design and a funding and implementation plan for the improvements to Hayes Street identified in the Draft Market and Octavia Neighborhood Plan,

including widened sidewalks, improved pedestrian crossings, corner bulb outs, pedestrianscaled light fixtures, street trees and landscaping, and benches and other street furnishings.



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July 31, 2007 Board of Supervisors — REFERRED: Land Use and Economic Development Committee

November 6, 2007 Board of Supervisors — ADOPTED

Ayes: 11 - Alioto-Pier, Ammiano, Chu, Daly, Dufty, Elsbernd, Maxwell, McGoldrick, Mirkarimi, Peskin, Sandoval

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I hereby certify that the foregoing Resolution was ADOPTED on November 6, 2007 by the Board of Supervisors of the City and County of San Francisco.

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Angela Calvillo Clerk of the Board

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**Date Approved** 

Mayor Gavin Newsom

Date: November 16, 2007

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, became effective without his approval in accordance with the provision of said Section 3.103 of the Charter.

Clerk of the Board

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