

1 **[Van Ness Avenue Bus Rapid Transit]**

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3 **Resolution in Support of the Van Ness Avenue Bus Rapid Transit Project.**

4 WHEREAS, The San Francisco Commission on the Environment recognizes that the
5 reduction of carbon emissions in San Francisco is central to ensuring a sustainable future;
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7 WHEREAS, In 2004, the San Francisco Climate Action Plan set a greenhouse gas
8 reduction objective of 20% below the 1990 baseline by 2012 and 80% below by 2050; and,

9 WHEREAS, 40% of greenhouse gases in San Francisco are caused by transportation;
10 and,

11 WHEREAS, Strong public transportation can reduce the number of auto trips and thus
12 reduce the amount of greenhouse gases; and,

13 WHEREAS, The Van Ness Avenue Bus Rapid Transit (BRT) Project may increase
14 transit ridership on lines serving Van Ness Avenue by up to 37% and may increase Muni
15 systemwide ridership by up to 2%; and,

16 WHEREAS, The Van Ness Avenue BRT Project would provide improved operations for
17 regional transit service such as Golden Gate Transit, further helping to reduce emissions from
18 regional travel by offering an alternative to driving alone; and,

19 WHEREAS, The Van Ness Avenue BRT Project may be the first in a series of projects
20 to help complete the BRT network; and,

21 WHEREAS, The Locally Preferred Alternative (LPA), Center-Lane BRT with Right Side
22 Boarding/Single Median and Limited Left Turns, included in the Final Environmental Impact
23 Statement/Environmental Impact Report (EIS/EIR) for the Van Ness Avenue Bus Rapid
24 Transit Project provides strong benefits compared to the No Build Alternative, and fewer risks
25 than the other center running alternatives analyzed in the Draft EIS/EIR; therefore, be it,

1 RESOLVED, That the San Francisco Commission on the Environment supports the
2 decision of the San Francisco County Transportation Authority to approve and fund the LPA
3 for the Van Ness Avenue BRT Project; therefore, be it,

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6 LPA for the Van Ness Avenue BRT Project; therefore, be it,

7 FURTHER RESOLVED, That the San Francisco Commission on the Environment
8 supports the decision of the SFMTA Board of Directors to approve ~~and direct staff to,~~ design,
9 and construct the LPA for the Van Ness Avenue BRT Project.

10 I hereby certify that this Resolution was approved by the Commission on the
11 Environment at its meeting on .

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13 Monica Fish, Commission Secretary

14 VOTE:

15 AYES:

16 NOES:

17 ABSENT:
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