



RESOLUTION APPROVING \$1 MILLION IN FORMER CENTRAL FREEWAY PARCEL REVENUES FOR THE PAGE STREET NEIGHBORWAY PROJECT

WHEREAS, In 1998, the voters of San Francisco approved Proposition E, which called for the removal of the Central Freeway structure north of Market Street and replacement of the portion north of Market Street with a ground level boulevard; and

WHEREAS, Pursuant to Proposition E, the Transportation Authority became the Fiscal Agent for the project, and was responsible for adopting a budget and scope for the project, and for appointing and providing staff support to a Central Freeway Citizens Advisory Committee and providing public outreach for the project; and

WHEREAS, An important element of the scope of the project was the development of a set of ancillary projects, intended to address the impacts that the implementation of the new boulevard and touchdown ramps would cause on the adjacent neighborhoods and on traffic circulation related to the project; and

WHEREAS, Revenues generated from the sale and/or use of the former Central Freeway Parcels were intended to be used to fund the ancillary projects; and

WHEREAS, In February 2006, through approval of Resolution 06-40, the Transportation Authority Board adopted the Central Freeway Replacement Project - Ancillary Projects Study, which detailed a prioritized list of 12 ancillary projects; and

WHEREAS, All of the projects recommended in the Central Freeway Replacement Project - Ancillary Projects Study have been implemented and approximately \$7 million in revenues from the sale and rental of former Central Freeway parcels remain available in the Octavia Boulevard Special Fund for additional ancillary projects; and

WHEREAS, In 2019, at the request of former Commissioner Vallie Brown, the Transportation Authority Board approved Neighborhood Program (NTIP) funds from



the Prop K local sales tax for Transportation Authority staff, in partnership with the San Francisco Municipal Transportation Authority (SFMTA), to conduct the Octavia Improvements Study [NTIP Planning] (Study) to evaluate the accessibility, safety, and circulation of Octavia Boulevard leading to the Central Freeway; and

WHEREAS, The Study, which is anticipated to be done in Fall 2021, will prioritize recommended improvements to be implemented with the remaining Central Freeway parcel revenues; and

WHEREAS, The SFMTA's Page Street Neighborway Project is consistent with the Study's goals which include but are not limited to improving safety for all road users, supporting and expanding bicycle and pedestrian use, and enhancing the accessibility of all modes of transportation; and

WHEREAS, The scope of the Page Street Neighborway Project includes six sidewalk bulb-outs along Page Street at Gough, Laguna, and Buchanan streets to shorten crossing distances, slow turning vehicle traffic, and improve overall pedestrian safety and comfort, as well as San Francisco's first raised intersection at Buchanan Street, which is also designed to slow traffic, including bicycles; and

WHEREAS, The SFMTA and San Francisco Public Works have completed the design phase for the Page Street Neighborway and the project is ready to advertise for bids as early as December 2020, with the estimated \$2.215 million construction phase starting as early as Spring 2021 if funding is secured quickly; and

WHEREAS, the SFMTA has allocated \$566,715 in General Fund funds and \$183,285 in development impact fees to the design phase of the project and committed a further \$1,070,995 in development impact fees and requested \$144,005 in Proposition AA vehicle registration fee funds from the Transportation Authority to complete the Page Street Neighborway project; and

WHEREAS, Page Street bicycle and pedestrian improvements are specifically



called out in the Market and Octavia Plan; and

WHEREAS, Commissioner Preston is supportive of prioritizing the Page Street Neighborway Project and supporting delivery of the project as soon as possible; and

WHEREAS, At its November 16, 2020 meeting, the Market and Octavia Community Advisory Committee, steward of the Market and Octavia Plan, unanimously approved a resolution endorsing the use of \$1 million in Central Freeway parcel revenues for the Page Street Neighborway Project and urging the Transportation Authority to approve use of these funds; and

WHEREAS, At its December 2, 2020 meeting, the Citizens Advisory Committee was briefed on the subject request and unanimously adopted a motion of support; now, therefore, be it

RESOLVED, That the Transportation Authority hereby approves the use of \$1 million of Central Freeway parcel revenues for the Page Street Neighborway Project; and be it further

RESOLVED, That the remaining Central Freeway parcel revenues will be prioritized for projects based on the recommendations of the underway Octavia Improvements Study.



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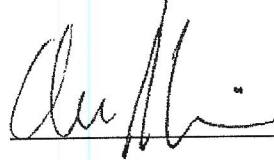
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RESOLUTION NO. 21-24

The foregoing Resolution was approved and adopted by the San Francisco County Transportation Authority at a regularly scheduled meeting thereof, this 15th day of December 2020, by the following votes:

Ayes: Commissioners Fewer, Haney, Mandelman, Mar, Peskin, Preston, Ronen, Safai, Stefani, Walton and Yee (11)

Absent: (0)

 12/15/20

Aaron Peskin Date
Chair

ATTEST:  12/16/20

Tilly Chang Date
Executive Director