

SAN FRANCISCO  
MUNICIPAL TRANSPORTATION AGENCY  
BOARD OF DIRECTORS

RESOLUTION No. 171205-155

WHEREAS, The Geneva Car Barn, located at 2301 San Jose Avenue in San Francisco, is a designated historic landmark that had been used as a rail facility for the San Francisco Municipal Railway; and,

WHEREAS, The Geneva Car Barn was substantially damaged in the 1989 Loma Prieta Earthquake and has remained unoccupied since; and,

WHEREAS, The Geneva Car Barn was placed under the jurisdiction of the SFMTA after the adoption of Proposition E in 1999, which created the SFMTA as an agency of the City and County of San Francisco and tasked the SFMTA with running the San Francisco Municipal Railway; and,

WHEREAS, The Recreation and Park Department of the City and County of San Francisco (RPD) expressed an interest in renovating the Geneva Car Barn and converting it into a recreation and arts facility for San Francisco's youth; and,

WHEREAS, On January 20, 2004, the SFMTA Board of Directors passed Resolution No. 04-014 declaring the Geneva Car Barn and a portion of surrounding property (GCB Property) to be surplus for the SFMTA's needs and requesting that GCB Property be transferred to the Recreation and Park Commission at no cost; and,

WHEREAS, On March 23, 2004, the Board of Supervisors of the City and County of San Francisco passed Resolution No. 193-04 effecting the jurisdictional transfer of the GCB Property from the SFMTA to the Recreation and Park Commission, subject to a reversion of jurisdiction to the SFMTA if it were no longer needed for a recreational purpose; and,

WHEREAS, In 2004, the SFMTA and the Recreation and Park Commission entered into a Memorandum of Understanding (2004 MOU) for continued cooperation for the SFMTA's use of the GCB Property as needed to use and develop the adjacent Cameron Beach Yard, and for RPD's use of the adjacent Cameron Beach Yard as needed to use and develop the GCB Property; and,

WHEREAS, RPD has assembled financing and completed design work for a Phase I renovation of a portion of the Geneva Car Barn known as the Powerhouse, and is now ready to proceed with the Phase I renovation; and,

WHEREAS, Cameron Beach Yard is an active railyard under the jurisdiction of the SFMTA and the Phase I renovation entails removing the telephone switching equipment serving Cameron Beach Yard from the GCB Property and placing facilities appurtenant to the Phase I Geneva Car Barn renovation on portions of Cameron Beach Yard (SFMTA Areas); and,

WHEREAS, The removal of the telephone switching equipment from the GCB Property and the installation and use of Powerhouse facilities in the SFMTA Areas necessitate coordination between the SFMTA and RPD on various matters, including construction access, construction staging and scheduling, the location and use of appurtenant structures, and assignment of liability, which would all be addressed by replacing the 2004 MOU with a new Memorandum of Understanding (2017 MOU); and,

WHEREAS, RPD wishes to enter into a 55-year lease of the Powerhouse and the SFMTA Areas (Master Lease) to a party that will be responsible for programming, managing, and maintaining the Powerhouse, and the 2017 MOU would allow RPD to lease the SFMTA Areas to such a party if the SFMTA Board approves of the lease with substantially the same terms and conditions as presented here; and,


WHEREAS, On December 4, 2008, the San Francisco Planning Commission certified the Balboa Park Station Area Plan Final Environmental Impact Report by Motion 17774, which was further approved by the City's Board of Supervisors on April 7, 2009, and on November 14, 2013, the Planning Department determined (Case Number 2012.0262E) that the proposed Phase I project is exempt from further CEQA review under Title 14 of the California Code of Regulations Section 15183.3; and,

WHEREAS, A copy of the CEQA determination is on file with the Secretary to the SFMTA Board of Directors, and may be found in the records of the Planning Department at 1650 Mission Street in San Francisco, and is incorporated herein by reference; now, therefore be it

RESOLVED, That the San Francisco Municipal Transportation Agency Board of Directors authorizes the Director of Transportation to execute the 2017 Memorandum of Understanding with the Recreation and Park Commission to facilitate the Phase I renovation of the historic Geneva Car Barn; and be it

FURTHER RESOLVED, That the San Francisco Municipal Transportation Agency Board of Directors approves the Master Lease with respect to the SFMTA Areas to allow the Recreation and Park Commission to lease the Powerhouse as a recreation and arts facility for 55 years, and authorizes the Director of Transportation to approve any Master Lease modifications or amendments reasonably requested by the RPD General Manager as long as they comply with all applicable laws, including City's Charter.

I certify that the foregoing resolution was adopted by the San Francisco Municipal Transportation Agency Board of Directors at its meeting of December 5, 2017.

  
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Secretary to the Board of Directors  
San Francisco Municipal Transportation Agency