

SAN FRANCISCO
MUNICIPAL TRANSPORTATION AGENCY
BOARD OF DIRECTORS

RESOLUTION NO. 12-019

WHEREAS, The 34th America's Cup (AC34) sailing regattas are proposed to be held in San Francisco in a series of events, including the World Series races of summer 2012, the Louis Vuitton Challenger Series in July and August of 2013 and the America's Cup finals in September 2013; and,

WHEREAS, The America's Cup ranks third among international sporting events in terms of global spectator interest, and will likely bring hundreds of thousands of visitors and sailing enthusiasts to the San Francisco waterfront over the course of the AC34 events; and,

WHEREAS, In partnership with the America's Cup Event Authority (ACEA) and the America's Cup Organizing Committee, the City and County of San Francisco has signed a host and venue agreement that guides the relationships between these entities and sets expectations and obligations for hosting the AC34 events in a manner that upholds San Francisco priorities such as environmental sustainability, public safety and equitable economic opportunity, supports and promotes the races, generates revenues for both the ACEA and the City and County of San Francisco, and leaves a positive legacy for the city when the events are over; and,

WHEREAS, The host and venue agreement calls for a number of implementation plans to be prepared by certain milestones to oversee and guide the conducting of the events, including the People Plan, which addresses transportation, promotes San Francisco's "Transit First" principle along with an emphasis on walking, bicycling and other transportation modes that are alternative to the single-occupant vehicle, and which was led in development by the SFMTA; and,

WHEREAS, The People Plan was completed by the September 2011 deadline set in the host and venue agreement and accepted by the ACEA after dozens of public meetings held in the spring and summer of 2011, receiving extensive feedback and guidance from SFMTA staff, staff from regional transit and transportation agencies, community groups, business organizations, advocates and elected officials; and,

WHEREAS, The Planning Commission reviewed and considered the Final Environmental Impact Report for the AC34 and Cruise Terminal projects (EIR) in Planning Department File No.2010.0493E, consisting of the Draft EIR and the Comments and Responses document, and the Planning Commission, by its Motion No. 18514, (1) found that the contents of the EIR and the procedures through which the EIR was prepared, publicized and reviewed complied with the provisions of the California Environmental Quality Act (CEQA), the CEQA Guidelines and Chapter 31 of the San Francisco Administrative Code (Chapter 31), (2) found that the EIR reflects the independent judgment and analysis of the City and is adequate, accurate, and objective and that the Comments and Responses document contains no significant revisions to the Draft EIR, and (3) certified the completion of the EIR in compliance with CEQA, the CEQA Guidelines and Chapter 31, a copy of which Motion is on file with the Planning Department; and,

WHEREAS, the Board of Supervisors upheld the Planning Commission's certification of the EIR on January 24, 2012 by its Motion No. M12-011; and

WHEREAS, the Port Commission approved the AC34 Project on December 16, 2011 by its Resolution No. 11-79 and adopted CEQA findings, including a statement of overriding considerations and a mitigation monitoring and reporting program (MMRP), when it approved the AC 34 Project; and

WHEREAS, The People Plan contains several transportation polices, plans and programs that are designed to mitigate potentially significant transportation impacts resulting from hosting the AC34 events that had been identified by the Planning Department in their analysis and development of the EIR; and,

WHEREAS, The EIR files available from the Planning Department have been made available to this Board and the public, and this Board has reviewed and considered the information in the EIR and the Port Commission's CEQA Findings, including a statement of overriding considerations, and the proposed mitigation, monitoring and reporting program, (attached to this Calendar Item as Attachment A) in furtherance of the actions contemplated by this Resolution; and,

WHEREAS, The Board of Supervisors is considering a series of actions and approvals in furtherance of the hosting of the AC34 events, including actions that advance and are supported by the policies and programs of the People Plan and the specific contributions therein provided by the SFMTA; now therefore be it

RESOLVED, That in order to support the People Plan and other implementation actions for the 34th America's Cup Project, the SFMTA Board of Directors does hereby adopt the Port Commission's California Environmental Quality Act Findings to support the 34th America's Cup events attached to this Calendar Item as Attachment A, including the Statement of Overriding Considerations and Mitigation Monitoring and Reporting Program, and the People Plan, attached to this Calendar Item as Attachment B, which are incorporated into this Resolution by this reference; and be it

FURTHER RESOLVED, That, by adopting the CEQA Findings to support the AC34 events, the SFMTA Board does not intend to in any way limit, waive or delegate the exclusive authority of the SFMTA as set forth in Article VIII A of the City's Charter; and be it

FURTHER RESOLVED, That SFMTA staff is hereby directed to take all steps as necessary to effectuate the provisions of this Resolution, including the undertaking of further work to implement the People Plan to the extent feasible, in a cost-effective manner, through the refinement of operational strategies, cooperation and collaboration with other transportation agencies, and identification and pursuit of appropriate leverage funding opportunities.

I hereby certify that the foregoing resolution was adopted by the Municipal Transportation Agency Board of Directors at its meeting on February 7, 2012.


Secretary, Municipal Transportation Authority Board
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