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1 [Support for Citywide Bicycle Improvements]

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3 **Resolution urging city departments to prioritize completion of the City Bike Plan and to**
4 **work with appropriate decision makers to ensure the advancement of physical and**
5 **policy improvements to encourage and boost bicycling for transportation.**

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7 WHEREAS, bicycling is identified as a key component of San Francisco's *Transit First*
8 policy, as well as the City's Climate Change Action Plan; and

9 WHEREAS, the San Francisco Board of Supervisors passed the Greenhouse Gas
10 Emissions Reduction Resolution in 2002, committing the City and County of San Francisco to
11 a greenhouse gas emissions reduction goal of 20% below 1990 levels by the year 2012; and

12 WHEREAS, automobiles account for about 47% of San Francisco's greenhouse gas
13 emissions, underlining the importance of promoting alternative, sustainable modes of
14 transportation; and

15 WHEREAS, increased bicycling as transportation helps the city meet its goals of
16 promoting healthier lifestyles, more affordable travel options, less costly maintenance impacts
17 on the roads, and freeing up space on crowded public transit lines; and

18 WHEREAS, San Francisco has seen a dramatic increase in the number of people
19 bicycling, including a 43% increase between 2006 and 2008, according to counts taken by the
20 SF Municipal Transportation Agency (MTA); and

21 WHEREAS, the MTA's *2008 San Francisco State of Cycling Report* show that an
22 estimated 128,000 trips are made by bicycle each day in the city, or approximately 6% of all
23 trips taken in the city are by bicycle for utilitarian purposes; and

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RESOLUTION NO.

1 WHEREAS, creating more dedicated space for bicycling on San Francisco's streets
2 has encouraged more people to ride and improved safety on our streets; and

3 WHEREAS, the City and County of San Francisco has been limited in the bicycling
4 improvements it can make by a legal injunction for nearly three years;
5 therefore, be it

6 RESOLVED, That the San Francisco Board of Supervisors urges the departments to
7 prioritize their critical work to complete, pass, and implement the City Bicycle Plan as a way to
8 advance the City's environmental, health, affordability, and transportation goals.

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