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GOLDEN GATE BRIDGE, HIGHWAY AND TRANSPORTATION DISTRICT

RESOLUTION NO. 2007-XXX

ADOPT POLICY REGARDING IMPOSITION OF TOLLS FOR USE OF DOYLE DRIVE

December 14, 2007

WHEREAS, in August, 2007, the United States Department of Transportation awarded \$158.7 million in discretionary funds for the San Francisco Bay Area pursuant to the Urban Partnership Program (“UPP”); and,

WHEREAS, subsequently, the United States Department of Transportation and various transportation agencies in the San Francisco Bay Area, including the District, executed a Memorandum of Understanding (“MOU”) which prescribes various terms and conditions for receipt of the UPP funding; and,

WHEREAS, among the projects to be funded through the UPP are the reconstruction of Doyle Drive and improvements to the District’s regional ferry transit system; and,

WHEREAS, the fundamental purpose of projects to be funded under the UPP is mitigation of urban congestion; and.

WHEREAS, among the prerequisites for receipt of the federal funds is the implementation of a congestion management toll on Doyle Drive; and,

WHEREAS, the UPP further states that no funds may be drawn down by any recipient “unless and until all legal authority necessary to implement each of the Federal Projects (including, without limitation, legal authority to implement congestion pricing) has been duly adopted and taken effect, which authority shall be adopted and in effect not later than March 31, 2008”; and,

WHEREAS, the lead agency for reconstruction of Doyle Drive is the San Francisco County Transportation Authority (“Authority”); and,

WHEREAS, at the present time, the Authority does not possess the requisite legal authority to implement and collect the federally-mandated toll on Doyle Drive and therefore plans to pursue legislation to obtain toll setting power from the California Legislature at the earliest possible date; and,

WHEREAS, the Authority has requested the District to adopt a resolution to support the establishment of toll collection on Doyle Drive to satisfy the UPP requirements; and,

WHEREAS, the Board of Directors has given consideration to the Authority’s request during its Board meetings of November 9, 2007, December 7, 2007, and December 14, 2007; and,

WHEREAS, the District finds that the replacement of Doyle Drive with a seismically sound new facility is an important priority and wishes to support the Authority’s efforts in this regard; and,

WHEREAS, according to documents provided by the Authority, only six percent of daily traffic to the downtown San Francisco area enters from the Golden Gate Bridge corridor and other corridors entering San Francisco generate considerably higher volumes of traffic; and,

WHEREAS, based thereon, the Board of Directors finds and determines that the implementation of solutions to the problem of urban congestion in downtown San Francisco must be addressed in a way that requires all who contribute to the congestion to share equitably in the congestion pricing component of the UPP; and,

WHEREAS, additionally, insofar as the Golden Gate Bridge Corridor is concerned, the Board of Directors finds and determines that principles of equity and fairness require that any toll established on Doyle Drive must be collected from all users of that roadway, not just from those Doyle Drive travelers who enter and exit the City and County of San Francisco via the Golden Gate Bridge; and,

WHEREAS, the Board of Directors also has determined that in order to appropriately collect tolls from all users of Doyle Drive, such tolls must be collected via means and locations other than at the Golden Gate Bridge toll plaza and by an entity other than this District; and,

WHEREAS, based upon the foregoing, the Board of Directors finds and determines that any authority sought and obtained from the California Legislature must contain various safeguards and protections to ensure that the establishment of tolling authority on Doyle Drive neither singles out nor inequitably affects those users of Doyle Drive whose trips also involve a Golden Gate Bridge crossing; now, therefore, be it

RESOLVED, that the Board of Directors of the Golden Gate Bridge, Highway and Transportation District adopts the following policy positions regarding possible imposition of tolls for use of Doyle Drive:

1. Tolls must be imposed on all users of Doyle Drive and not only from those Doyle Drive travelers who also travel across the Golden Gate Bridge;
2. Tolls collected from users of Doyle Drive must be collected via means and locations other than at the Golden Gate Bridge Toll Plaza;
3. Authority to collect tolls from users of Doyle Drive must be vested in an organization other than the District and include the requirement that toll rates assist in managing congestion in the Doyle Drive corridor; and,
4. Revenue generated by tolling Doyle Drive should be used in part to fund transportation services that provide alternatives to the single-occupant automobile on Doyle Drive.

ADOPTED this 14th day of December, 2007, by the following vote of the Board:

AYES ():
NOES ():
ABSENT ():

John J. Moylan
President, Board of Directors

ATTEST: _____
Janet S. Tarantino
Secretary of the District