

1 [Endorse San Francisco Oakland Bay Bridge West Span Pathway]

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3 **Resolution endorsing the platform in favor of funding the shore-to-shore**
4 **bicycle/pedestrian/maintenance pathway on the San Francisco-Oakland Bay Bridge.**
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6 WHEREAS, The Commission on the Environment supports the construction of a shore-
7 to-shore bicycle/pedestrian/maintenance pathway on the San Francisco-Oakland Bay Bridge;
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9 WHEREAS, A shore-to-shore pathway will support the Bay Area's desire to increase
10 public health through physical activity and decreased air pollution, decrease traffic congestion,
11 and expand sustainable modes of transportation and recreation; and

12 WHEREAS, A shore-to-shore pathway would also serve for emergency and
13 maintenance access to the East Span of the San Francisco Bay Bridge; benefit the traveling
14 public, provide financial benefits to the region, benefit emergency response efforts and the
15 tourism industry, enhance the redevelopment of the Embarcadero Promenade, and benefit
16 residents of and visitors to Treasure Island, and

17 WHEREAS, An ambitious redevelopment plan for Treasure Island is in the works, and
18 this new San Francisco neighborhood will be relatively isolated from the rest of San Francisco
19 if a pathway is not provided; and

20 WHEREAS, The pathway would be used by potentially millions of cyclists every year,
21 traveling between Oakland and San Francisco, and is the most cost effective means to
22 increase capacity on this heavily congested corridor; and

23 WHEREAS, The Governor of California in 1998 signed AB2038 (Migden) to allow for a
24 bicycle/pedestrian path to be built on the western span of the Bay Bridge using the locally
25 generated toll-bridge surcharge money; and

1 WHEREAS, A feasibility study released in May 2001 prepared by CH2MHill for
2 Caltrans and the Metropolitan Transportation Commission concluded that adding such a
3 structure is feasible and would provide many benefits to Caltrans and to the traveling public at
4 large; however, there is currently no funding set aside for this project; now, therefore, be it

5 RESOLVED, The Commission on the Environment supports the shore-to-shore
6 bicycle/pedestrian/maintenance pathway on the San Francisco-Oakland Bay Bridge and
7 requests that funding be allocated to this vital and long overdue transportation link as part of
8 any plan for reconstruction of the replacement East Span.

9 I hereby certify that this Resolution was Adopted at the Commission on the
10 Environment's Meeting on January 24, 2006.

11 Monica Fish
12 *Monica Fish, Commission Secretary*

13 VOTE: Adopted (5-0) (1 Absent)

14 Ayes: Commissioners Pelosi Jr., Desser, King, Mok and Rodriguez

15 Noes: None

16 Absent: Commissioner Wald

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