[San Jose Avenue Bike Lane]

Resolution establishing a striped bicycle lane on San Jose
Avenue northbound from Milton Street to Randall Street; on San
Jose Avenue southbound from Randall Street to the Arlington
Street exit; on the Arlington Street off-ramp between San Jose
Avenue and Arlington Street.

WHEREAS, Safe and convenient places to walk and bicycle are essential elements of retaining a high quality of life and a commitment to public safety in San Francisco; and,

WHEREAS, Pedestrian and bicyclist deaths in California account for 25 percent of all traffic related fatalities in any given year and San Francisco has seen an alarming rise in fatalities as well; and,

WHEREAS, Many motorists behave as if San Jose Avenue is a freeway or a freeway entrance ramp or exit ramp, thereby driving at inappropriately high speeds; and,

WHEREAS, Many motorists believe that San Jose Avenue is part of the Interstate 280 freeway system because of the multiple lanes of traffic in each direction, the large green highway-style signs and overhead bridges; and,

WHEREAS, San Jose Avenue is not now, nor has it ever been, part of the Interstate 280 Freeway system; and,

WHEREAS, Improving pedestrian safety conditions is of great importance in San Francisco, and the addition of a bicycle lane provides traffic calming, as well as a pedestrian buffer from

moving traffic, and discourages bicyclists from riding on the sidewalks; and,

WHEREAS, The volumes and speeds of traffic on San Jose

Avenue are high enough to necessitate a safe, marked space for bicycles; and,

WHEREAS, Striped bicycle lanes have proven to encourage increased and safer cycling, as well as a greater awareness of cyclists among city drivers; and,

WHEREAS, There has been a tremendous increase in bicycle ridership in this area due to the success of the new Valencia Street bike lanes, which link bicycle commuters to the San Jose Avenue bicycle route; and,

WHEREAS, Bike lanes along San Jose Avenue will provide the safest, flattest, most direct route to City College, San Francisco State University, Glen Park and the southern part of the City; and,

WHEREAS, The alternatives to a striped bicycle lane on San Jose Avenue are impractical due to steep hills along Chenery Street, and heavy bus traffic along Mission Street; and

WHEREAS, Striped bicycle lanes on San Jose Avenue will encourage bicyclists and non-bicyclists to use this direct cross-town route without the removal of a traffic lane nor any parking spots; now, therefore be it

RESOLVED, That the following regulations shall be established as follows:

Bicycle Lanes - Establish

San Jose Avenue, northbound, between Milton and Randall Streets;

San Jose Avenue, southbound, between Randall Street and the Arlington Street exit;

Arlington Street off-ramp between San Jose Avenue and Arlington Street.



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Ayes: 11 - Ammiano, Daly, Gonzalez, Hall, Leno, Maxwell, McGoldrick, Newsom, Peskin, Sandoval, Yee

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I hereby certify that the foregoing Resolution was ADOPTED on February 25, 2002 by the Board of Supervisors of the City and County of San Francisco.

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Date Approved

Clerk of the Board

Gloria L. Young

Mayor Willie L. Brown Jr.