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ABSTRACT

Resolution No. 3969

Resolution of support for hosting the America's Cup race in the San Francisco Bay Area.

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Re: Resolution of Support for the America's Cup Race

METROPOLITAN TRANSPORTATION COMMISSION
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WHEREAS, the America's Cup is considered the oldest international trophy in sport and sailing's biggest prize; and

WHEREAS, on Sunday, February 14, 2010, off the waters of Valencia, Spain, the challenger BMW/ORACLE Racing team, owned by Silicon Valley entrepreneur Larry Ellison, won the 33rd America's Cup for the San Francisco Golden Gate Yacht Club, becoming the first American challenger to win the America's Cup since 1995; and

WHEREAS, under rules set forth in the late 1800s, the ownership of the America's Cup and the responsibility of staging the event go to the winning team, and Larry Ellison has expressed a desire to consider holding the next America's Cup on the San Francisco Bay; and

WHEREAS, this would be the first return of the America's Cup to the United States since 1995; and

WHEREAS, with its extensive public transit network, consisting of buses, trains, rapid transit, cable cars and several ferry lines, the Bay Area can offer visitors, competitors and race officials easy, car-free access to all of the events and launch sites; and

WHEREAS, as the region's transportation planning, financing and coordinating agency, the Metropolitan Transportation Commission stands ready to assist in bringing the America's Cup to the Bay Area, and to facilitate travel to and from the events and to the region's attractions; and

WHEREAS, the arrival of the America's Cup to San Francisco Bay in 2013 or 2014 will likely coincide with the opening of the new East Span of the San Francisco-Oakland Bay Bridge, thereby showcasing the new bridge to the world; now therefore, be it

RESOLVED, that the Commission directs staff to work with local organizations to bring the 34th America's Cup to the Bay Area; and be it further

RESOLVED, that should this effort be successful, the Commission directs staff to work with event organizers to maximize use of public transit, minimize traffic congestion, and jointly promote the event, the new Bay Bridge East Span, and the Clippersm card.

METROPOLITAN TRANSPORTATION COMMISSION

Scott Haggerty, Chair

The above resolution was entered into by
the Metropolitan Transportation Commission
at a regular meeting of the Commission
held in Oakland, California on July 28, 2010.