

**PUBLIC WORKS COMMISSION
CITY AND COUNTY OF SAN FRANCISCO**

RESOLUTION NO. 2024-0003

WHEREAS, The San Francisco Public Works Commission recognizes that one of the highest priorities of San Francisco Public Works is the maintenance of the public way for safe and efficient use by drivers, transit users, cyclists and pedestrians to support the lives and livelihoods of San Francisco residents, businesses and visitors; and

WHEREAS, This January, independent evaluators overseen by the Metropolitan Transportation Commission scored San Francisco's Pavement Conditions Index as a 75; and

WHEREAS, Streets with a score of 75 are deemed "good"; and

WHEREAS, This one-point improvement over the most recent evaluation kept San Francisco's Pavement Conditions Index score higher than all large municipalities in the Bay Area; and

WHEREAS, This most recent improvement marks a continued improvement since the early 2000s when San Francisco pavement conditions were scored in the mid-60s and were deemed "at-risk"; and

WHEREAS, This significant improvement in street conditions is the result of a systematic and cost-efficient approach paired with consistent investment in the Street Resurfacing Program; and

WHEREAS, The Public Works Street Resurfacing Program is driven by the tenet: Treat the right road with the right treatment at the right time for the right price; and

WHEREAS, Projections show that it would take approximately \$80 million a year over the next ten years to maintain a Pavement Conditions Index score in the 74-75 range; and

WHEREAS, Projections show that it would take approximately \$140 million per year to improve street conditions and the score to the mid-80s and be deemed "very good"; and

WHEREAS, The Street Resurfacing Program is centered on timely maintenance of streets to avoid the need for full reconstruction; and

WHEREAS, Timely maintenance normally costs approximately \$50,000 per block while reconstruction can cost as much as \$500,000 per block; and

WHEREAS, San Francisco faces significant budget challenges for the foreseeable future and all departments and decision-making bodies must wisely and creatively find savings to bridge essential services and priorities until revenues recover; and

WHEREAS, The Public Works Commission believes the San Francisco Public Works's Fiscal Year 2024-2025 and Fiscal Year 2025-2026 Operating Budget and Priorities reflect responsible reductions that continue to support the City's top priorities; and

WHEREAS, The adopted two-year capital plan for Public Works shows a dramatic cut of \$13.5 million in street resurfacing funding for Fiscal Year 2024-2025, down from the \$77 million budgeted for the current year; and

WHEREAS, Reduced investments by the Capital Planning Committee in the Street Resurfacing Program would endanger the progress made in the conditions of San Francisco streets; and

WHEREAS, Public Works is responsible for 13,000 blocks of streets and annually has resurfaced 500 blocks of per year to achieve its current "good" score; and

WHEREAS, A reduction of \$13.5 million equates to 85 fewer blocks being repaved; and

WHEREAS, Such a reduction in blocks being repaved will surely lead to poorer street conditions; and

WHEREAS, Rutted roads will hamper San Francisco's economic recovery efforts and put City assets at risk of costly damage; and be it

RESOLVED, That the Public Works Commission urges the San Francisco Capital Planning Commission to prioritize capital funding for street resurfacing, and be it

FURTHER RESOLVED, That the Public Works Commission instructs the Commission Secretary to transmit a copy of the attached letter to the Capital Planning Committee.

I hereby certify that the foregoing resolution was adopted by the Public Works Commission at their meeting of January 22, 2024.



Commission Affairs Manager
Public Works Commission