



# SAN FRANCISCO PLANNING DEPARTMENT

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## Memo to the Planning Commission

HEARING DATE: JULY 12, 2018  
Continued from the June 28, 2018 Hearing

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### BACKGROUND

The California Department of Transportation awarded a Caltrans Planning Adaptation Grant to the San Francisco Planning Department on May 11, 2018. The Board of Supervisors will approve acceptance and expenditure of the grant funds in the "Budget and Appropriation Ordinance for Departments - FYs 2018-2019 and 2019-2020," Board File No. 180574. In order for the grant funds to be disbursed, the California Department of Transportation requires a local resolution from the San Francisco Planning Department governing board identifying the grant project title and title of the person authorized to enter into a contract with Caltrans; the resolution must be provided to Caltrans no later than August 15, 2018. This item was continued from the June 28, 2018 calendar to clarify language in the proposed resolution.

### CURRENT PROPOSAL

This resolution is intended to allow the Planning Department to move forward with the Caltrans Planning Adaptation Grant that has been awarded to the Department and is being appropriated as part of the City's budget. The work proposed for this grant is the [Southeast Mobility Adaptation Strategy \(SMAS\)](#), which focuses on the Islais Creek area along San Francisco's southeast waterfront. Numerous critical transportation assets and facilities in the vicinity of Islais Creek will be greatly affected by flooding. These assets are essential to the basic functioning of the local transportation system and links to regional transportation networks. Additionally, these assets are a critical lifeline to some of San Francisco's most disadvantaged communities.

The [SMAS](#) will engage community members, engineers, economists, and designers to develop conceptual designs for near- and long-term adaptation strategies to protect this highly vulnerable area, as well as identify strategies to improve the resilience of individual transportation assets. The SMAS will feed directly into the next phase of the broader San Francisco Sea Level Rise Adaptation Program (SLR Adaptation Program), which will plan for and ensure the long-term reliability and resilience of the City's entire waterfront infrastructure, transportation systems, development, public spaces, and communities. To implement the SMAS, the San Francisco Planning Department will be working in partnership with the SF Municipal Transportation Agency (SFMTA); as well coordinating with other agencies such as the Port of San Francisco and San Francisco Public Utilities Commission (PUC).

**REQUIRED COMMISSION ACTION**

In order for the project to proceed, the Commission must adopt a resolution as the governing board of the Planning Department identifying the grant project title (Caltrans Planning Adaptation Grant: Southeast Mobility Adaptation Strategy) and the title of the person authorized to enter into a contract with Caltrans (Director of Planning or designee).

**BASIS FOR RECOMMENDATION**

- The funding has been awarded to the Planning Department and is being appropriated by the City, but it will only be disbursed to the Planning Department by Caltrans if this resolution is passed authorizing the Director or his designee to enter into all necessary contracts with Caltrans.
- The project supports development of conceptual designs for near- and long-term adaptation strategies.
- The project will take place in coordination with other City agencies, including the SFMTA, the Port of San Francisco, and the San Francisco PUC.

<b>RECOMMENDATION:</b> <b>Approve</b>
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**Attachments:**

California Department of Transportation grant award letter

Draft resolution



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## Planning Commission Draft Resolution

HEARING DATE JULY 12, 2018

*Project Name:* California Department of Transportation Caltrans Planning  
Adaptation Grant 2018:  
Southeast Mobility Adaptation Strategy

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**RESOLUTION DIRECTING THE PLANNING DIRECTOR, OR DESIGNEE, TO EXECUTE ALL RESTRICTED GRANT AGREEMENTS AND ANY AMENDMENTS THERETO WITH THE CALIFORNIA DEPARTMENT OF TRANSPORTATION RELATING TO THE 2018 CALTRANS PLANNING ADAPTATION GRANT AWARDED TO THE SAN FRANCISCO PLANNING DEPARTMENT FOR THE SOUTHEAST MOBILITY ADAPTATION STRATEGY IN ACCORDANCE WITH SAN FRANCISCO CODE REGULATIONS AND FINANCIAL POLICIES.**

WHEREAS, the City of San Francisco is eligible to receive Federal and/or State funding for certain transportation planning-related plans, through the California Department of Transportation; and

WHEREAS, on May 11, 2018 the California Department of Transportation, Division of Transportation Planning (Caltrans) awarded a grant to the San Francisco Planning Department for the Southeast Mobility Adaptation Strategy for \$391,000; and

WHEREAS, Caltrans requires a local resolution from the San Francisco Planning Department governing board stating the grant project title and title of the person authorized to enter into a contract with Caltrans no later than August 15, 2018; and

WHEREAS, the Department must execute a Restricted Grant Agreement with the California Department of Transportation before such funds can be claimed through the Transportation Planning Grant Programs; and

WHEREAS, the Commission finds that the Director of Planning, or his designee, is the appropriate individual authorized to enter into contracts on behalf of the Planning Department per San Francisco Code regulations and financial policies; and

WHEREAS, this grant will be appropriated in the Fiscal Years 2018-19 and 2019-20 Annual Appropriation Ordinance (Board File 180574), approved by the Budget and Finance Committee of the San Francisco

Board of Supervisors on June 27, 2018, scheduled for consideration by the full Board on July 24, 2018 and to be signed into law thereafter by the Mayor; and,

WHEREAS, the Planning Commission has heard and considered the testimony presented to it at the public hearing and has further considered written materials and oral testimony presented on behalf of Department staff and other interested parties; and

WHEREAS, all pertinent documents may be found in the files of the Department, as the custodian of records, at 1650 Mission Street, Suite 400, San Francisco; and

WHEREAS, the Planning Commission has reviewed the grant award letter; and

NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED that the Commission hereby directs the Planning Director, or his designee, to execute all necessary restricted grant agreements and any amendments thereto with the California Department of Transportation relating to the 2018 Caltrans Planning Adaptation Grant Awarded to the San Francisco Planning Department for the Southeast Mobility Adaptation Strategy in accordance with San Francisco code regulations and financial policies.

I hereby certify that the foregoing Resolution was adopted by the Commission at its meeting on July 12, 2018.

Jonas P. Ionin  
Commission Secretary

AYES: List commissioners in alphabetical order

NOES: see above, or put: None

ABSENT: see above or put: None

ADOPTED: XXXXXX XX, 20XX