# GOLDEN GATE BRIDGE, HIGHWAY AND TRANSPORTATION DISTRICT

#### **RESOLUTION NO. 2013-037**

# APPROVE A POSITION OF SUPPORT OF ASSEMBLY BILL 487 AND ASSEMBLY BILL 493

April 26, 2013

WHEREAS, the first bill, Assembly Bill 487 (Linder) (AB 487), introduced in the California State Legislature on February 19, 2013, would amend existing law by closing a loophole whereby the California State Department of Motor Vehicles (DMV) confidential address program participants do not receive mailed notices of or citations for traffic, parking or toll road violations from toll bridges, toll roadway agencies and law enforcement authorities; and,

WHEREAS, AB 487 would close the loophole by requiring those who are eligible for and request confidentiality, to provide the DMV with a current employment address when their current vehicle registration expires, with the result being that mailed notices of or citations for traffic, parking or toll road violations shall be delivered to participants in their name and at the address of their employer; and,

WHEREAS, AB 487 therefore permits toll bridges, toll roadway agencies and law enforcement authorities to effectively collect fines and tolls that are due or past due from participants in the DMV confidential address program, which includes law enforcement officers and other employees who work for or are affiliated with 1,800 different state and local agencies, as well as their dependents, who collectively operate one million vehicles across California that are registered without a residential address; and,

WHEREAS, the second bill, Assembly Bill 493 (Daly) (AB 493), introduced in the California Legislature on February 20, 2013, would amend existing law following the passage into law of Senate Bill 1268 (Simitian) (SB 1268) on September 29, 2010; and,

WHEREAS, SB 1268 rendered illegal the sharing of license plate information as "personally identifiable information" under California Streets and Highways Code § 31490 (o) (Section 31490) and is punishable by fines up to \$25,000.00 per violation; and,

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**WHEREAS**, while SB 1268 granted an exception to Section 31490 for toll agencies to share license plate information to administer interoperable programs at an intrastate level, this exception does not apply to such sharing at an *inter*state level; and,

WHEREAS, the federal Moving Ahead for Progress in the 21st Century Act (MAP 21) requires that state toll agencies meet a long-term interoperability requirement, which in the near term is expected to be met through a national clearinghouse in which the license plates of registered toll road customers may be shared interstate, with the ultimate goal of allowing North American motorists the ability to travel non-stop across the nation on any toll facility using either a single electronic device or utilizing image-based invoicing; and,

WHEREAS, AB 493 therefore ensures California's compliance with MAP 21 by amending SB 1268 to create an exception to Section 31490 for toll agencies to share license plate information to administer interoperable programs at an *inter*state level; and,

WHEREAS, the Metropolitan Transportation Commission takes a position of "Support" for both AB 487 and AB 493; and,

WHEREAS, the Governmental Affairs and Governmental Affairs Committee, at its meeting of April 26, 2013, has so recommended; now, therefore, be it

**RESOLVED** that the Board of Directors (Board) of the Golden Gate Bridge, Highway and Transportation District hereby approves a position of support of Assembly Bill 487 (Linder), which would amend existing law to require those who are eligible for and request confidentiality, to provide the California State Department of Motor Vehicles with a current employment address at the time their current vehicle registration expires, to assist the processing and collection of traffic, parking and toll road violations; and, be it further

**RESOLVED** that the Board hereby approves a position of support of Assembly Bill 493 (Daly), which would allow California's toll road agencies to fully implement technologies or business practices that provide for nationwide interoperability of electronic toll collection programs by July 2016, as required by the federal Moving Ahead for Progress in the 21st Century Act.

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**ADOPTED** this  $26^{th}$  day of April 2013, by the following vote of the Board of Directors:

AYES (17): Direct

Directors Arnold, Belforte, Breed, Campos, Cochran, Fredericks, Pahre,

Rabbitt, Reilly, Sears, Sobel, Theriault, Wiener and Yee; Second Vice

President Stroeh; First Vice President Grosboll; President Eddie

NOES (0):

None

ABSENT (2): Directors Moylan and Snyder

James C. Eddie

President, Board of Directors

ATTEST:

Janet S. Tarantino

Secretary of the District