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RESOLUTION NUMBER R- 299614

ADOPTED ON SEP 07 2004

A RESOLUTION OF THE COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF SAN DIEGO GRANTING THE APPEAL BY METROPOLITAN TRANSIT DEVELOPMENT BOARD FROM THE DECISION OF THE HISTORICAL RESOURCES BOARD DESIGNATING THE CORONADO BELT LINE AS A HISTORICAL RESOURCE SITE, BASED UPON FACTUAL ERRORS IN THE DESIGNATION, AND MAKING WRITTEN FINDINGS THEREOF.

WHEREAS, the Historical Resources Board for the City of San Diego held a noticed public hearing on December 19, 2003 to consider the historical site designation of the Coronado Belt Line (owned by San Diego and Arizona Eastern Railway Company [Metropolitan Transit Development Board (MTDB)], 1255 Imperial Avenue, Suite 1000, San Diego, CA 92101-7490), located within the Area of Potential Effect for the Bayshore Bikeway Project, LDR 40-0378, extending 1.5 miles southeasterly of the intersection of Palomar Street and Bay Boulevard, in the City of San Diego, County of San Diego, State of California; and

WHEREAS, in arriving at their decision, the Historical Resources Board considered the historical/architectural report prepared by the applicant, the staff report and recommendation, all other materials submitted prior to and at the public hearing, inspected the subject property and heard public testimony presented at the hearing; and

WHEREAS, the Planning Department recommended that the site be designated as Site No. 640 in the Historic Landmarks by the Historical Resources Board; and

WHEREAS, the Historical Resources Board based its designation of the Coronado Belt Line on the following findings: HRB CRITERION A (Cultural Landscape) for the site's archaeological value; as an example of the private capitalization of infrastructure, and for the site's significant contributions to the cultural, physical and economic development of San Diego. HRB CRITERION B (Historical Persons) for the site being representative of its association with historically significant individuals John D. Spreckels, Elisha Babcock and Hampton L. Story; HRB CRITERION C (Architecture) for the site retaining high integrity and being representative of railroad construction in the late 1800's as evidenced by the presence of circa 1890 Carnegie steel rails and other character-defining features; and

WHEREAS, on January 6, 2004, an appeal of the historical designation was submitted in accordance with Municipal Code Section 123.0203 by MTDB; and

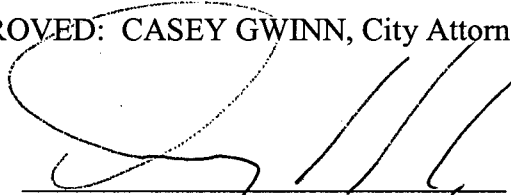
WHEREAS, the Council of the City of San Diego held a noticed public hearing on September 7, 2004, to consider the appeal of the historical site designation of the Coronado Belt Line; and

WHEREAS, the Council received testimony and written correspondence which asserted among other things that the designation was based upon factual error at that hearing; NOW THEREFORE,

BE IT RESOLVED, by the Council of the City of San Diego that it finds that the decision of the Historical Resources Board in the historical site designation of the Coronado Belt Line Railway was based in part on factual error, and that it therefore grants the appeal and overturns the designation.

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