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***Transbay Center District Plan Approved by Planning Commission***

*Pivotal moment for the Transbay Transit Center Project*

**San Francisco, Calif. (May 25, 2012)** – Yesterday, the San Francisco Planning Commission approved both the Transbay Center District Plan and related Final Environmental Impact Report (EIR). The EIR was certified by a vote of 4-1 and the Transit Center District Plan was approved by the Commission in a series of actions that will modify the general plan, zoning and related city codes following final action by the Board of Supervisors.

By creating a new 5.4-acre “City Park” on the roof of the Transit Center and a new multi-modal transportation hub that will serve 11 different transportation systems (Muni, AC Transit, SamTrans, WestCAT, Golden Gate Transit, Greyhound, BART, Caltrain, Amtrak, future high-speed rail, and paratransit), the Transbay project will dramatically increase access to transportation and open space.

“This is a major milestone for the project and the City,” said Maria Ayerdi-Kaplan, Executive Director of the Transbay Joint Powers Authority. “The development facilitated by the Transit Center District Plan will provide necessary funding for the Transbay Transit Center and Downtown Caltrain Extension. It will also create a new high density neighborhood in the heart

of downtown San Francisco,” she said. “The new Transbay Transit Center will be the centerpiece of this national and international model for transit-oriented development.”

The Transit Center District Plan is a 145-acre plan that will incorporate several new high-rises, including Hines’ Transbay Tower, a 1,070 foot skyscraper adjacent to the Transit Center.

Between now and 2035, approximately 17 percent of the projected job growth in San Francisco will occur in the area surrounding the new Transbay Transit Center. This represents the fastest projected job growth in the entire city. The connectivity provided by the Transbay project will maximize this job growth potential by connecting downtown San Francisco with employers throughout the Bay Area and Silicon Valley.

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