RESOLUTION NO. 2008-

RESOLUTION OF THE MARIN COUNTY BOARD OF SUPERVISORS ENDORSING AND SUPPORTING MARIN COUNTY'S CONTINUATION AS A NONMOTORIZED DEMONSTRATION COMMUNITY IN THE NEXT FEDERAL TRANSPORTATION AUTHORIZATION

- I. **WHEREAS**, Marin County was selected as one of four demonstration communities for the Nonmotorized Transportation Pilot Program (NTPP) under SAFTETEA-LU; and
- II. WHEREAS, Marin County has been aggressively and successfully delivering infrastructure projects and implementing education and outreach programs funded by the NTPP and leveraging an additional \$21 million in funds to reach the program's goals; and
- III. **WHEREAS**, the Marin Countywide Plan, which has an overarching theme of sustainability, contains several policies and programs to encourage walking and bicycling as a mode of transportation, including prioritization of completion of the north-south and east-west bikeways, adding bicycle lanes, ensuring safe routes to schools, seeking funding opportunities, and implementing the complete streets program; and
- IV. **WHEREAS**, Marin County and nine of its eleven cities and towns have adopted bicycle and pedestrian master plans which serve as a blueprint for buildout of the bicycle and pedestrian network, associated support facilities, and education and outreach programming and which have been adopted and accepted by the local agencies, the Bay Area's MPO, and the State of California; and
- V. **WHEREAS**, adopted plans in Marin County document \$220 million in need (in 2007 dollars) for bicycle and pedestrian infrastructure that is planned to connect to transit, schools, businesses, homes, and other destinations; and
- VI. **WHEREAS**, Marin County and its cities and towns have made a serious commitment to integrating bicycle and pedestrian infrastructure into transportation planning, design, and construction; and
- VII. **WHEREAS,** a goal has been set in Marin County that by 2020, 20% of all trips will be made by walking or bicycling; and
- VIII. WHEREAS, Marin County was selected by the National Highway Traffic Safety Administration as a demonstration site for Safe Routes to Schools in 2000; and Marin County successfully increased bicycling and walking trips from 21% to 38% at participating schools during the first two years of the demonstration; and
- IX. **WHEREAS**, representatives from Marin County have spoken about our demonstration programs in the Library of Congress, with congressional representatives, on National Public Radio, through other media, and by speaking at dozens of conferences held at state, national, and international forums; and
- X. **WHEREAS,** Marin County and its cities and towns embrace bicycling and walking as a means of providing transportation alternatives, relieving traffic congestion, improving health, promoting quality of life, sustaining environmental health, and supporting local businesses.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that the Marin County Board of Supervisors endorses and strongly supports Marin County's continuation in its efforts to demonstrate the viability of bicycling and walking for everyday transportation needs through urging Congress to continue funding for the County of Marin as part of the expansion of the successful Nonmotorized Transportation Pilot Program, and that the County use its available resources to work towards this goal, including the garnering of support from other agencies, advocacy groups and elected officials.

County		regular meeting of the Board of Supervisors of th, 2008, by the following vote:
AYES: NOES: ABSEN [*]		
ATTEST	Γ:	PRESIDENT, BOARD OF SUPERVISORS
CLERK		