

1 [Affirming San Francisco's Commitment to Developing Fiscal Solutions to Ensure Public
2 Transportation Remains a Safe, Accessible, Affordable, and Convenient Option]

3 **Resolution affirming San Francisco's commitment to developing fiscal solutions to**
4 **ensure that public transportation remains a safe, accessible, affordable, and**
5 **convenient option.**
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7 WHEREAS, Public transportation is an essential and necessary service that promotes
8 a vibrant, affordable, and economically resilient city; reduces congestion on our streets and
9 highways; and contributes to our efforts to combat climate change; and

10 WHEREAS, In a time of increasing inequality and a growing affordability gap, public
11 transportation ensures that all residents have access to the ability to get to work, school, and
12 appointments; and to visit all areas of the City safely and efficiently; and

13 WHEREAS, In 2024, MUNI delivered 153 million passenger trips and had a monthly
14 ridership of more than 12.6 million people, which is more than all other Bay Area transit
15 agencies combined; and

16 WHEREAS, Nearly one-third of San Francisco residents do not own a car and rely on
17 public transportation to get to school, work, and to complete daily errands. For residents who
18 do own a car, public transportation reduces citywide congestion, allowing for quicker trips for
19 everyone; and

20 WHEREAS, In the 2024 MUNI Rider Survey, riders gave the system their highest
21 satisfaction rating in 20 years. 72% of riders surveyed last year rated MUNI as excellent or
22 good; and

23 WHEREAS, Without MUNI, San Francisco's car ownership rates are projected to
24 increase by over 50%, or nearly 195,000 new vehicles. Accommodating these vehicles and
25 trips generated would increase congestion, emit significant greenhouse gases, and consume

1 scarce land resources, displacing up to 11% of housing units and 21% of jobs in San
2 Francisco; and

3 WHEREAS, Bay Area Rapid Transit (BART) is an essential system for the functioning
4 of San Francisco's economy, the health of our downtown, and our ability to hold major
5 cultural, athletic, and entertainment events that bring tens of thousands of people from across
6 the Bay Area and beyond to our City; and

7 WHEREAS, Due to continued reductions in ridership, and lagging recovery of tax
8 revenues that in particular fund MUNI, both BART and MUNI are facing significant fiscal cliffs
9 that, if not addressed in the next year, will cause dramatic cuts in service starting in 2027 that
10 would put the agencies at service levels not seen in decades; and

11 WHEREAS, The impacts of these cuts in service would be catastrophic for the Bay
12 Area and for San Francisco, including a devastating blow to any hope for downtown recovery;
13 a dramatic decrease in supporting the arts, culture, and entertainment; and broken
14 connections between neighborhoods across San Francisco; and

15 WHEREAS, While MUNI is contemplating \$50M budget deficit in the current fiscal year,
16 which has caused significant concern citywide around service impacts and access, including
17 in Chinatown, these cuts pale in comparison to the projected \$320M in service reductions that
18 may be necessary in fiscal year 2027; now, therefore, be it

19 RESOLVED, The Board of Supervisors recognizes that the impending fiscal cliff is an
20 existential threat to the future of San Francisco that must be met with solutions at the local,
21 regional, and state levels; and, be it

22 FURTHER RESOLVED, The Board of Supervisors shall hold hearings to regularly
23 discuss status of funding requests, potential service disruptions, and progress on revenue
24 solutions; and, be it

1 FURTHER RESOLVED, The Board of Supervisors is committed to developing
2 solutions in partnership with the Mayor's Office, the San Francisco County Transportation
3 Authority, the San Francisco Municipal Transportation Agency, and regional and state
4 partners to ensure that public transportation remains a safe, accessible, affordable, and
5 convenient option for all San Franciscans.