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MEMORANDUM

Date: February 14, 2023

To: Christine Silva, Secretary, Municipal Transportation Agency Board of Directors

From:  Angela Calvillo, Clerk of the Board, Board of Supervisors

Subject: Urging the San Francisco Municipal Transportation Agency to Provide Free Parking and Muni for Lunar New Year 2023 (File No. 230031)

On January 24, 2023, the Board of Supervisors adopted Resolution No. 015-23 sponsored by Supervisor Connie Chan (File No. 230031, Urging SFMTA to Provide Free Parking and Muni for Lunar New Year 2023); and enacted on February 3, 2023.

Please find the attached courtesy copy of the Resolution for your office's information and consideration.

If you have any questions or concerns, please contact the Office of the Clerk of the Board at (415) 554-5184.

c: Members of the Board of Supervisors; Supervisors Connie Chan, Aaron Peskin, Dean Preston, Myrna Melgar, Ahsha Safai, Rafael Mandelman, Shamann Walton, Catherine Stefani, Hillary Ronen Tom Paulino, Mayor's Liaison to the Board of Supervisors Andres Power, Mayor's Policy Director Susanna Conine-Nakano, Mayor's Office

1 [Urging SFMTA to Provide Free Parking and Muni for Lunar New Year 2023]

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3 **Resolution urging the San Francisco Municipal Transportation Agency (SFMTA) to**
4 **provide free parking for the first two hours at Portsmouth Square Garage for the**
5 **months of January and February 2023 and free Muni service for the weekend of the**
6 **Chinese New Year Parade, February 4 through 5, 2023, in celebration of Lunar New**
7 **Year 2023.**

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9 WHEREAS, During the pandemic, Chinatown small businesses felt the impact by
10 COVID-19 first, especially due to anti-Asian racism and concerns for public safety, causing
11 many visitors to avoid the area, and the community continues to work to recover; and

12 WHEREAS, San Francisco is unfortunately still witnessing anti-Asian racism and
13 attacks, leaving many Asian Americans and Asian seniors feeling unsafe in public areas; and

14 WHEREAS, Free Muni provided during the Chinese New Year parade weekend will
15 encourage visitors to shop and dine in Chinatown; and

16 WHEREAS, The availability of discounted parking will boost visitors to Chinatown and
17 support merchant recovery; and

18 WHEREAS, In February 2022, Mayor Breed and the Board of Supervisors worked with
19 SFMTA to provide free parking for the first two hours at Portsmouth Square Garage in
20 celebration of Lunar New Year and to encourage visitors; and

21 WHEREAS, In partnership with SFMTA, the agency provided free Muni for the
22 weekend of the Chinese New Year parade, and the weekend saw an increase in ridership
23 compared to past weekends in 2022; and

24 WHEREAS, The 2023 Chinese New Year Parade will take place in San Francisco on
25 February 4, 2023; and

1 WHEREAS, February 4, 2023 is Transit Equity Day, which aims to highlight public
2 transit as a workers rights, civil rights, and climate justice issue; now, therefore, be it

3 RESOLVED, That the Board of Supervisors of the City and County of San Francisco
4 urges SFMTA to provide free parking for the first two hours at Portsmouth Square Garage for
5 the months of January and February 2023; and, be it

6 FURTHER RESOLVED, That the Board of Supervisors of the City and County of San
7 Francisco urges SFMTA to provide free Muni for the weekend of the Chinese New Year
8 Parade, February 4 - 5, 2023; and, be it

9 FURTHER RESOLVED; The Board of Supervisors urges the SFMTA to pair any future
10 temporary free parking incentive programs with corresponding free transit incentive programs
11 of equal or greater value consistent with San Francisco's Transit First Policy; and, be it

12 FURTHER RESOLVED, That the Board of Supervisors of the City and County of San
13 Francisco hereby directs the Clerk of the Board to transmit a copy of this Resolution to the
14 SFMTA Board of Directors.



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Resolution

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File Number: 230031

Date Passed: January 24, 2023

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January 24, 2023 Board of Supervisors - ADOPTED

Ayes: 11 - Chan, Dorsey, Engardio, Mandelman, Melgar, Peskin, Preston, Ronen, Safai, Stefani and Walton

File No. 230031

I hereby certify that the foregoing Resolution was ADOPTED on 1/24/2023 by the Board of Supervisors of the City and County of San Francisco.

Angela Calvillo
Clerk of the Board

Unsigned

London N. Breed
Mayor

02/03/2023

Date Approved

I hereby certify that the foregoing resolution, not being signed by the Mayor within the time limit as set forth in Section 3.103 of the Charter, or time waived pursuant to Board Rule 2.14.2, became effective without her approval in accordance with the provision of said Section 3.103 of the Charter or Board Rule 2.14.2.

Angela Calvillo
Clerk of the Board

02/03/2023

Date