

1 [Urging the Governor and State Legislature of California to Provide Multi-Year Operations
2 Funding and Develop Long-Term Funding Plans to Support Bay Area Transit Agencies]

3 **Resolution urging the Governor and State Legislature of California to provide**
4 **\$2,000,000,000 in flexible funding over two years for public transit and to explore all**
5 **options to close the Bay Area transit agencies transportation funding gap.**

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7 WHEREAS, San Francisco continues to experience the lasting effects of the COVID-19
8 pandemic, which has significantly impacted the City’s public transportation system, downtown
9 core, and neighborhoods, requiring strong investment to support economic recovery; and

10 WHEREAS, Public transit is essential for the City’s residents, workers, and visitors,
11 connecting people to jobs, schools, healthcare, community resources, and commercial hubs
12 throughout the region; and

13 WHEREAS, A fast, frequent, reliable, safe, and affordable transportation system is
14 fundamental to reviving San Francisco’s economy and achieving California’s ambitious
15 climate goals; and

16 WHEREAS, The San Francisco Municipal Transportation Agency (SFMTA) has made
17 substantial improvements in Muni service, resulting in near-record high ridership satisfaction,
18 increased service efficiency, and cost savings through strategic investments in transit priority
19 projects; and

20 WHEREAS, Despite these improvements, SFMTA and other transit agencies in the
21 Bay Area face significant financial challenges, with SFMTA approaching a \$320 million budget
22 gap as federal and state relief funding expires; and

23 WHEREAS, The Board of Supervisors unanimously passed Resolution No. 193-23 on
24 April 18, 2023, urging the Governor and State Legislature to Provide Multi-Year Operations
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1 Funding and to Develop Long-Term Funding Plans to Support Bay Area Transit Agencies;
2 and

3 WHEREAS, The Board of Supervisors appreciates the leadership of the State
4 Legislature in providing transit relief funding in 2023, which prevented catastrophic service
5 reductions and allowed agencies like the SFMTA to maintain operations and continue to
6 support the City's economic recovery; and

7 WHEREAS, Mayor Daniel Lurie on March 6, 2025, submitted a letter to Senate
8 President Pro Tempore McGuire, Speaker Rivas, Senator Wiener, Assemblymember Gabriel,
9 Senator Richardson, and Assemblymember Bennett urging the state to provide \$2 billion in
10 new flexible funding over two years for public transit; and

11 WHEREAS, The SFMTA has taken responsible cost-cutting measures, including
12 consolidating agency functions, adjusting service levels, slowing hiring, and freezing non-
13 essential positions, but these steps alone are insufficient to close the impending funding
14 shortfall; and

15 WHEREAS, Local and regional revenue options are being explored, but no single
16 solution will fully address the financial needs of San Francisco's public transit system before
17 additional funding sources become available; and

18 WHEREAS, Without further state investment, transit service reductions could
19 significantly undermine San Francisco's economic recovery and hinder mobility for residents
20 and workers across the Bay Area; and

21 WHEREAS, The Bay Area is a major economic engine for the State of California, and
22 investing in San Francisco's transit system supports the broader economic prosperity of the
23 state; now, therefore, be it

24 RESOLVED, That the San Francisco Board of Supervisors urges the Governor and the
25 State Legislature of California to provide \$2 billion in new flexible funding over two years,

1 beginning in Fiscal Year 2025-2026, to support transit operations and capital projects during
2 this critical period; and, be it

3 FURTHER RESOLVED, That the Board of Supervisors urges the Governor and the
4 State Legislature of California to explore all possible revenue options and policy solutions to
5 ensure long-term, sustainable funding for public transit in San Francisco and throughout
6 California; and, be it

7 FURTHER RESOLVED, That the Board of Supervisors urges the Governor and the
8 State Legislature of California to prioritize public transit funding to not only ensure there are no
9 cuts to service but enough funding to support increased service to draw riders back to public
10 transit; and, be it

11 FURTHER RESOLVED, The San Francisco Board of Supervisors requests the Clerk of
12 the Board to submit a copy of this Resolution to Governor Gavin Newsom, Senate President
13 Pro Tempore Mike McGuire, Assembly Speaker Robert Rivas, Assemblymember Jesse
14 Gabriel, Assemblymember Steve Bennett, Senator Laura Richardson, and San Francisco's
15 delegation in the State Legislature, Assemblymember Matt Haney, Assemblymember
16 Catherine Stefani, and State Senator Scott Wiener.

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