

1 [Urging Municipal Transportation Agency to Refrain from Any Muni Fare Increases]

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3 **Resolution urging the Municipal Transportation Agency to refrain from any Muni fare**
4 **increases for the FY2021-2022 budget cycle.**

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6 WHEREAS, The City of San Francisco adopted in 1973 a “Transit First” policy under
7 which the City government shall prioritize incentivizing public transit ridership in order to build
8 a more equitable transit system and stronger economy that strives for clean streets and clean
9 air; and

10 WHEREAS, Transit fare increases have consistently been found to discourage and
11 diminish transit ridership while disproportionately impacting those potential riders who can
12 afford increases the least; and

13 WHEREAS, Transit fare increases impose an undue burden on transit riders –
14 particularly those City residents who do not have access to or cannot afford access to
15 alternative methods of transportation; and

16 WHEREAS, It is estimated that every 10% increase in transit fares decreases transit
17 ridership by 2%, according to a January 2018 University of California Institute of
18 Transportation Studies Mobility Research Program study on *Falling Transit Ridership in*
19 *California* prepared for the United States Department of Transportation and the Southern
20 California Association of Governments; and

21 WHEREAS, Muni fares have doubled in the last 12 years, and the cost of a monthly
22 Muni pass has risen 80% during that time period; and

23 WHEREAS, The typical Muni rider pays nearly a \$1000 each year for a monthly pass,
24 and parents/guardians pay more than \$1000 each year to travel on Muni with their children;
25 and

1 WHEREAS, The Municipal Transit Agency (SFMTA) uses an Automatic Indexing
2 Implementation Plan (AIIP) to create a more predictable and transparent mechanism for
3 setting charges; and

4 WHEREAS, The proposed SFMTA transit fares from the AIIP indexing formula will,
5 according to SFMTA, increase fares by \$.25, a 10% increase over current fares; and

6 WHEREAS, The Board of Supervisors affirms its commitment to increasing transit
7 ridership and increasing service commensurate with rising demand for public transportation,
8 and ensuring equity, affordability, and reliability of Muni in furtherance of our Transit First
9 policy; and, be it

10 RESOLVED, The San Francisco Board of Supervisors urges the SFMTA to refrain from
11 including any fare increases in the upcoming FY2021-2022 budget cycle.

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