

SAN FRANCISCO  
MUNICIPAL TRANSPORTATION AGENCY  
BOARD OF DIRECTORS

RESOLUTION No. 171017-133

WHEREAS, Small privately-operated, publicly-accessible buses and vans, often known as jitneys, have a long history in San Francisco; and,

WHEREAS, The SFMTA has regulatory authority over Motor Vehicles for Hire and Non-Standard Vehicles, including jitneys, operated wholly within the City and County of San Francisco; and,

WHEREAS, The City's jitney regulations were repealed in 2011 after jitneys had all but disappeared from San Francisco streets; and,

WHEREAS, Since 2011, new private transit vehicle services have begun operation in San Francisco; and,

WHEREAS, Since that time, SFMTA has received complaints from San Francisco residents, Muni operators, and others regarding PTV service in San Francisco, including violations of traffic laws and traffic and community impacts; and

WHEREAS, Private transit vehicles have the potential to support the City's goals if they operate safely, replace single-occupancy vehicle trips, reduce car ownership, complement transit and contribute to a reduction in parking demand, although SFMTA lacks data on the full effects of private transit vehicles at this time; and

WHEREAS, Private transit vehicles can contribute to adverse impacts on San Francisco's transportation network, including delaying transit bus and rail service, increasing traffic congestion, and interfering with the safe movement of people walking, biking, driving, and riding transit in San Francisco; and

WHEREAS, Regulation of private transit vehicle services is necessary to minimize such impacts and ensure such services operate in a manner that is consistent with the City's Transit First and Vision Zero policies; and

WHEREAS, The SFMTA Board adopted the Guiding Principles for Emerging Mobility Services and Technologies in July 2017 in order to consistently evaluate new mobility services and technologies and ensure their alignment with City goals and policies and these Guiding Principles informed the development of this legislation; and

WHEREAS, Pursuant to Charter Section 16.112 and the Rules of Order of the Board of Directors, published notice was placed in the City's official newspaper to provide notice that the Board of Directors would hold a public hearing on September 19, 2017, to consider the proposed establishment of private transit vehicle permit fees and penalties, which notice ran starting on August 30, 2017 for five consecutive days; and

WHEREAS, The item was continued from September 19 to October 3, and then to October 17. In compliance with Charter Section 16.112 staff posted another advertisement in the City's official newspaper which ran for five consecutive days, starting on October 6, 2017; and

Whereas, Since staff was unable to post the advertisement in a timely manner under the MTA Board's Rule of Order, Article 4, Section 10 for the October 17 meeting, the SFMTA Board of Directors is being asked to waive this Rule; and

WHEREAS, On August 14, 2017, the San Francisco Planning Department determined that approval of the Private Transit Vehicle Permit Program and Regulatory Framework is not a "project" under the California Environmental Quality Act (CEQA) pursuant to Title 14 of the California Code of Regulations Sections 15060(c) and 15378(b); and,

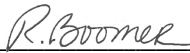
WHEREAS, A copy of the CEQA determination is on file with the Secretary to the SFMTA Board of Directors and is incorporated herein by reference; now, therefore be it

RESOLVED, That the San Francisco Municipal Transportation Agency Board of Directors finds that notice was adequately given for this item and waives the SFMTA Board's Rule of Order, Article 4, Section 10, and, be it

RESOLVED, That the San Francisco Municipal Transportation Agency Board of Directors amends the Transportation Code, Division II, to create a private transit vehicle permit program, including application requirements, permit terms and conditions, fees, and administrative penalties, and, be it

FURTHER RESOLVED, That the SFMTA Board of Directors recommends that the Board of Supervisors approve an amendment to the Transportation Code, Division I to prohibit the operation of Non-Standard Vehicles, including private transit vehicles, without the applicable permit.

I certify that the foregoing resolution was adopted by the San Francisco Municipal Transportation Agency Board of Directors at its meeting of October 17, 2017.

  
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Secretary to the Board of Directors  
San Francisco Municipal Transportation Agency