

1 [Supporting California State Senate Bill No. 532 (Wiener) - The Safe, Clean & Reliable Bay
2 Area Public Transportation Emergency Act]

3 **Resolution supporting California State Senate Bill No. 532, introduced by Senator Scott**
4 **Wiener, enabling the San Francisco Bay Area to raise funds to prevent a medium-term**
5 **public transportation operations budget shortfall while requiring transit safety,**
6 **cleanliness, and reliability improvements.**

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8 WHEREAS, As public transportation gradually recovers ridership following the COVID-
9 19 pandemic, Bay Area public transportation agencies still face a looming “fiscal cliff,” namely
10 a \$2.5 billion projected operating shortfall over the next five years; and

11 WHEREAS, This shortfall risks steep service cuts that would have a disastrous
12 economic impact on the region and San Francisco’s downtown recovery, imperil mobility
13 options for commuters and transit-dependent riders, exacerbate road congestion, and
14 undermine efforts to meet our climate and housing goals; and

15 WHEREAS, The 2023 State budget agreement between the Governor and the
16 Legislature that provides \$1.1 billion for transit statewide and \$400 million to the Bay Area
17 over the next four years is insufficient to prevent transit service cuts; and

18 WHEREAS, The Legislature has the authority to raise tolls on state-owned bridges and
19 has done so in the past on the Bay Area’s state-owned bridges; and

20 WHEREAS, Senate Bill (SB) 532 would require the Bay Area Toll Authority (BATA) to
21 temporarily raise the toll on the Bay Area’s seven state-owned bridges by \$1.50, indexed to
22 inflation, over the five-year period from January 1, 2024, through December 31, 2028; and

23 WHEREAS, The toll increase is projected to yield roughly \$180 million annually over
24 the five-year period, and SB 532 directs the Metropolitan Transportation Commission (MTC)
25 to distribute 90% of the toll revenues to transit operators to maintain service at Fiscal Year

1 2022-2023 service levels, as well as for safety, reliability, cleanliness, and security
2 improvements; and

3 WHEREAS, SB 532 includes provisions for MTC to study, design, and implement an
4 equity-based program to mitigate the impact the toll increase would have on low-income
5 residents; now, therefore, be it

6 RESOLVED, That the Board of Supervisors of the City and County of San Francisco
7 supports Senate Bill No. 532; and, be it

8 FURTHER RESOLVED, That the Clerk of the Board send a copy of this Resolution to
9 Governor Gavin Newsom, President pro-Tempore Toni G. Atkins, and Speaker of the State
10 Assembly Robert Rivas.

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