

1 [Transit Month - September 2023]

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3 **Resolution proclaiming the month of September 2023 as the Eighth Annual San**
4 **Francisco Transit Month in the City and County of San Francisco.**

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6 WHEREAS, Robust, frequent, reliable, and easy-to-use public transit is necessary for
7 the livability and sustainability of San Francisco; and

8 WHEREAS, Public transit remains the most efficient way to provide the most mobility
9 options for the most people in a dense city; and

10 WHEREAS, Public transit is a public good, benefitting all residents, workers and
11 visitors by providing accessible mobility that minimizes greenhouse gas emissions and
12 reduces traffic congestion; and

13 WHEREAS, Public transit is often the only mobility option available to people with
14 disabilities, seniors and those with mobility impairments; and

15 WHEREAS, Encouraging a return to public transit is an essential part of San
16 Francisco’s post-pandemic recovery and meeting our climate and Vision Zero goals; and

17 WHEREAS, Muni ridership has consistently risen during the ongoing COVID-19
18 pandemic, ascending from an average of 100,000 daily riders to over 400,000 riders each
19 day, with numerous routes nearing or even surpassing 100% of pre-pandemic ridership levels,
20 proving that San Franciscans still rely on public transit; and

21 WHEREAS, Transportation ranks as one of the primary contributors to greenhouse gas
22 emissions in San Francisco (44%), with private cars and trucks accounting for nearly three-
23 quarters (68%) of these emissions; and

24 WHEREAS, Public transportation only accounts for 1% of San Francisco’s
25 transportation emissions, and less than 1% of all greenhouse gas emissions citywide; and

1 WHEREAS, Planned growth of housing along transit corridors is predicated on the
2 assumption that accessible, efficient, and reliable public transit will play a central role in
3 reducing automobile dependency, traffic congestion, and greenhouse gas emissions; and

4 WHEREAS, The residents of San Francisco deserve a thriving transit system
5 characterized by enhanced frequency, affordability, heightened dependability, extensive
6 geographic coverage, and improved connections to key destinations and interlinked systems;
7 and

8 WHEREAS, Since 2016, San Francisco Transit Riders has organized an annual transit
9 celebration to encourage more people to try public transit, and to celebrate transit riders,
10 transit operators, and the vital role they play toward creating a sustainable and livable San
11 Francisco; and

12 WHEREAS, In 2021 Transit Week expanded to an annual Transit Month, and in 2022
13 introduced a “Ride Contest” challenge to encourage residents and elected officials to proudly
14 log their trips on public transit; now, therefore, be it

15 RESOLVED, That the City and County of San Francisco hereby designates the month
16 of September 2023 as the Eighth Annual San Francisco Transit Month in the City and County
17 of San Francisco; and be it

18 FURTHER RESOLVED, That the City and County of San Francisco shall endeavor to
19 bolster a robust revival of public transit, reconstruct the Muni system, foster equitable,
20 affordable, and dependable access to transit citywide, and inspire San Francisco's
21 inhabitants, elected officials, and city workers to partake in Transit Month activities.