

1 [Urging the 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.**

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

1           WHEREAS, On January 28, at an SFMTA Board of Directors Special Meeting, MTA  
2 presented and discussed fare increases under MTA’s AIIP indexing formula to raise fares  
3 from \$2.50 for the Adult Single Ride (Clipper and Mobile) to \$2.75 in FY2021 and FY2022, the  
4 Adult “M” Monthly Pass from \$81.00 to \$85.00 in FY2021 to \$87.00 in FY2022, and the Adult  
5 Lifeline Monthly Pass from \$40.00 to \$42.00 FY2021 to \$43.00 in FY 2022; and

6           WHEREAS, On February 25, 2020, Mayor London Breed proclaimed a state of  
7 emergency based on coronavirus (COVID-19) (hereinafter referred to as “the emergency”);  
8 On March 3, 2020, the Board of Supervisors concurred in the February 25 Proclamation and  
9 in the actions taken by the Mayor to meet the emergency; On March 13, 2020, the Mayor  
10 issued a Second Supplement to the February 25 Proclamation, finding that the emergency is  
11 causing severe financial impacts on the local economy and on residents, including the  
12 substantial loss of income due to loss of compensable work hours and wages, layoffs and  
13 business closures; and

14           WHEREAS, On March 17, 2020, SFMTA staff presented three fare options to the MTA  
15 Board of Directors. All three proposals included fare increases; staff recommended a fare  
16 proposal that included the following fare increases: fares from \$2.50 for the Full Fare Single  
17 Ride (Electronic) to \$2.75 in FY2021 and FY2022, the Reduced Fare Single Ride (Electronic)  
18 from \$1.25 to \$1.35 in FY2021 and FY2022, the Adult “M” Monthly Pass from \$81.00 to  
19 \$88.00 in FY2021 and \$94.00 in FY2022, the Adult “A” Monthly Pass from \$98.00 to \$106.00  
20 in FY2021 and \$113.00 in FY2022, the Reduced Fare Monthly Pass from \$40.00 to \$44.00 in  
21 FY21 and \$47.00 in FY2022, the Lifeline Pass from \$40.00 to \$41.00 in FY2021 to \$42.00 in  
22 FY2022, and Paratransit Services from \$2.50 to \$2.75 in FY2021 and FY2022; and

23           WHEREAS, On April 3, 2020, SFMTA staff published on the MTA’s website revised  
24 recommendations to raise fares from \$2.50 for Full Fare Single Ride (Electronic) to \$2.80 in  
25 FY2021 to \$2.90 in FY2022; the Reduced Fare Single Ride (Electronic) from \$1.25 to \$1.40 in

1 FY2021 and \$1.45 in FY2022, the Adult “M” Monthly Pass from \$81.00 to \$86.00 in FY2021  
2 and \$88.00 in FY2022, the Adult “A” Monthly Pass from \$98.00 to \$103.00 in FY2021 and  
3 \$106 in FY2022, the Paratransit Van Services from \$2.50 to \$2.80 in FY2021 and \$2.90 in  
4 FY2022, the Lifeline Pass from \$40.00 to \$41.00 in FY2021 and \$42.00 in FY2022, and the  
5 Reduced Fare Monthly Pass from \$40.00 to \$43.00 in FY2021 and \$44.00 in FY2022; and

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

10 WHEREAS, The residents of San Francisco are in a period of particularly extreme  
11 financial uncertainty, as recognized by the Mayor and Board of Supervisors, and the  
12 imposition of fare increases at this time would add to financial hardship of our residents who  
13 use public transportation; now therefore, be it

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

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