[Urging the Governor and State Legislature of California to Provide Multi-Year Operations Funding and Develop Long-Term Funding Plans to Support Bay Area Transit Agencies]

Resolution urging the Governor and State Legislature of California to provide \$2,000,000,000 in flexible funding over two years for public transit and to explore all options to close the Bay Area transit agencies transportation funding gap.

WHEREAS, San Francisco continues to experience the lasting effects of the COVID-19 pandemic, which has significantly impacted the City's public transportation system, downtown core, and neighborhoods, requiring strong investment to support economic recovery; and

WHEREAS, Public transit is essential for the City's residents, workers, and visitors, connecting people to jobs, schools, healthcare, community resources, and commercial hubs throughout the region; and

WHEREAS, A fast, frequent, reliable, safe, and affordable transportation system is fundamental to reviving San Francisco's economy and achieving California's ambitious climate goals; and

WHEREAS, The San Francisco Municipal Transportation Agency (SFMTA) has made substantial improvements in Muni service, resulting in near-record high ridership satisfaction, increased service efficiency, and cost savings through strategic investments in transit priority projects; and

WHEREAS, Despite these improvements, SFMTA and other transit agencies in the Bay Area face significant financial challenges, with SFMTA approaching a \$320 million budget gap as federal and state relief funding expires; and

WHEREAS, The Board of Supervisors unanimously passed Resolution No. 193-23 on April 18, 2023, urging the Governor and State Legislature to Provide Multi-Year Operations

Funding and to Develop Long-Term Funding Plans to Support Bay Area Transit Agencies; and

WHEREAS, The Board of Supervisors appreciates the leadership of the State Legislature in providing transit relief funding in 2023, which prevented catastrophic service reductions and allowed agencies like the SFMTA to maintain operations and continue to support the City's economic recovery; and

WHEREAS, Mayor Daniel Lurie on March 6, 2025, submitted a letter to Senate President Pro Tempore McGuire, Speaker Rivas, Senator Wiener, Assemblymember Gabriel, Senator Richardson, and Assemblymember Bennett urging the state to provide \$2 billion in new flexible funding over two years for public transit; and

WHEREAS, The SFMTA has taken responsible cost-cutting measures, including consolidating agency functions, adjusting service levels, slowing hiring, and freezing non-essential positions, but these steps alone are insufficient to close the impending funding shortfall; and

WHEREAS, Local and regional revenue options are being explored, but no single solution will fully address the financial needs of San Francisco's public transit system before additional funding sources become available; and

WHEREAS, Without further state investment, transit service reductions could significantly undermine San Francisco's economic recovery and hinder mobility for residents and workers across the Bay Area; and

WHEREAS, The Bay Area is a major economic engine for the State of California, and investing in San Francisco's transit system supports the broader economic prosperity of the state; now, therefore, be it

RESOLVED, That the San Francisco Board of Supervisors urges the Governor and the State Legislature of California to provide \$2 billion in new flexible funding over two years,

beginning in Fiscal Year 2025-2026, to support transit operations and capital projects during this critical period; and, be it

FURTHER RESOLVED, That the Board of Supervisors urges the Governor and the State Legislature of California to explore all possible revenue options and policy solutions to ensure long-term, sustainable funding for public transit in San Francisco and throughout California; and, be it

FURTHER RESOLVED, That the Board of Supervisors urges the Governor and the State Legislature of California to prioritize public transit funding to not only ensure there are no cuts to service but enough funding to support increased service to draw riders back to public transit; and, be it

FURTHER RESOLVED, The San Francisco Board of Supervisors requests the Clerk of the Board to submit a copy of this Resolution to Governor Gavin Newsom, Senate President Pro Tempore Mike McGuire, Assembly Speaker Robert Rivas, Assemblymember Jesse Gabriel, Assemblymember Steve Bennett, Senator Laura Richardson, and San Francisco's delegation in the State Legislature, Assemblymember Matt Haney, Assemblymember Catherine Stefani, and State Senator Scott Wiener.



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Resolution

250267 File Number: Date Passed: March 25, 2025 Resolution urging the Governor and State Legislature of California to provide \$2,000,000,000 in flexible funding over two years for public transit and to explore all options to close the Bay Area transit agencies transportation funding gap. March 25, 2025 Board of Supervisors - ADOPTED Ayes: 9 - Chan, Chen, Dorsey, Engardio, Fielder, Mahmood, Mandelman, Melgar and Sherrill Excused: 2 - Sauter and Walton File No. 250267 I hereby certify that the foregoing Resolution was ADOPTED on 3/25/2025 by the Board of Supervisors of the City and County of San Francisco. lerk of the Board 4/4/2025 Unsigned **Daniel Lurie Date Approved** Mayor

I hereby certify that the foregoing resolution, not being signed by the Mayor within the time limit as set forth in Section 3.103 of the Charter, or time waived pursuant to Board Rule 2.14.2, became effective without his approval in accordance with the provision of said Section 3.103 of the Charter or Board Rule 2.14.2.

Angela Calvillo
Clerk of the Board

4/4/2025

Date