

1 [Transit Month - September 2021]

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3 **Resolution proclaiming September 2021 as the Sixth Annual San Francisco Transit**
4 **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 is the most efficient way to provide the most mobility for the
9 most people in a dense city; and

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

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

15 WHEREAS, Encouraging people to take public transit again is an essential part of San
16 Francisco's pandemic recovery and meeting our climate goals; and

17 WHEREAS, Muni ridership remained steady even during the COVID-19 Stay Safe at
18 Home Order, never dipping below 85,000 daily riders and exceeding 100,000 average daily
19 riders since May 2020, and many lines are already close to 100% of pre-COVID ridership; and

20 WHEREAS, Many Muni lines remain suspended even as many San Franciscans rely
21 on public transit to access job sites, services, recreation opportunities, and vital resources;
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23 WHEREAS, Muni staff and transit operators have worked tirelessly and put themselves
24 and their families at risk to keep the city moving in the face of enormous challenges; and

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1 WHEREAS, The transportation sector is San Francisco’s second leading source of
2 greenhouse gas emissions, with the vast majority of these emissions coming from private cars
3 and trucks, and the City’s Climate Action Strategy includes a goal of achieving 80% of all trips
4 by sustainable modes including transit by 2030; and

5 WHEREAS, A strong public transit system is essential to the mobility of all San
6 Franciscans, as well as economic recovery, growth, and sustainability; and

7 WHEREAS, San Francisco Transit Riders has organized Transit Month for six years to
8 celebrate transit riders, transit operators, and the vital role they play in a livable, sustainable
9 San Francisco; now, therefore, be it

10 RESOLVED, That the City and County of San Francisco hereby proclaims the month of
11 September as the Sixth Annual San Francisco Transit Month in the City and County of San
12 Francisco; and, be it

13 FURTHER RESOLVED, That the City and County of San Francisco will work to
14 support a strong public transit recovery, rebuild Muni, promote equitable and reliable transit
15 access throughout San Francisco, and will encourage residents of San Francisco to
16 participate in Transit Month activities including the Ride Transit Challenge.

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