

1 [Encouraging the Municipal Transportation Agency to Develop Additional Policies and  
2 Protections for Muni Operators During the COVID-19 Crisis]

3 **Resolution encouraging the Municipal Transportation Agency to continue working with**  
4 **Muni Operators and the Transit Workers Union Local 250-A to adopt additional policies**  
5 **and protections for these essential employees during the COVID-19 crisis.**

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7 WHEREAS, On March 11th, the World Health Organization declared the outbreak of  
8 COVID-19 a pandemic based on its severity and rate of spread; and

9 WHEREAS, The COVID-19 outbreak continues to spread across the United States and  
10 on March 27th, there were 97,226 infections reported nationwide, 4,205 in California, and 279  
11 confirmed cases in San Francisco; and

12 WHEREAS, Mayor London Breed issued a shelter-in-place order beginning March 16th  
13 to mitigate the impact of COVID-19 and slow the spread of this infectious disease, permitting  
14 only essential employees to work; and

15 WHEREAS, San Francisco Municipal Transportation Agency (SFMTA) Muni operators  
16 are deemed essential employees to the City and County of San Francisco to ensure that other  
17 essential employees, including healthcare workers, have a means to get to and from work and  
18 enable San Francisco residents to perform essential functions like grocery shopping and pick  
19 up medical prescriptions; and

20 WHEREAS, As Muni continues to function to serve San Francisco residents, the rate of  
21 COVID-19 infections continue to rise prompting concern by transit operators, the SFMTA and  
22 the Transit Workers Union Local 250-A; and

23 WHEREAS, In partnership with SFMTA Director Jeff Tumlin and Transit Workers Union  
24 Local 250-A President Roger Marengo, an agreement was reached to provide additional  
25 protections for transit operators to ensure their safety during this crisis including: rear door

1 boarding only, except for seniors and/or persons with disabilities; to allow operators to  
2 encourage and enforce social distancing on their vehicles; and to limit the capacity of  
3 individuals allowed on each vehicle at one time; and

4 WHEREAS, Both the SFMTA and City leadership recognize the sacrifice and hard  
5 work transit operators provide as essential employees for the entire city during this time of  
6 crisis; now, therefore, be it

7 RESOLVED, That the Board of Supervisors urges the San Francisco Municipal  
8 Transportation Agency to continue working with muni operators and the Transit Workers  
9 Union Local 250-A to develop additional protections and policies to safeguard our operators  
10 during the COVID-19 crisis; and, be it

11 FURTHER RESOLVED, That the Clerk of the Board shall notify the San Francisco  
12 Municipal Transportation Agency, Transit Workers Union Local 250-A, and the Mayor's Office  
13 of this petition and to include it on the City's centralized coronavirus response website.

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