

1 [Transit Month - September 2024]

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3 **Resolution proclaiming September 2024 as the Ninth Annual San Francisco Transit**
4 **Month in the City and County of San Francisco.**

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6 WHEREAS, Robust, frequent, reliable, and accessible 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 often the only mobility option available to people with
11 disabilities, seniors, and those with mobility impairments; and

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

15 WHEREAS, Transportation ranks as one of the primary contributors to greenhouse gas
16 emissions in San Francisco (45%), with private vehicles accounting for nearly three-quarters
17 (70%) of these emissions; and

18 WHEREAS, Public transportation only accounts for 1% of San Francisco's
19 transportation emissions, and less than 1% of all greenhouse gas emissions citywide; and

20 WHEREAS, As part of San Francisco's Housing Element, the City has committed to
21 supporting the development of housing near transportation to increase ridership and reduce
22 dependency on private vehicles while investing in infrastructure to create equitable access to
23 transit and connect neighborhoods; and

24 WHEREAS, Encouraging use of public transit is a crucial part of San Francisco's post-
25 pandemic recovery and meeting our climate, housing, and Vision Zero goals; and

1 WHEREAS, Muni ridership has consistently risen since the start of the COVID-19
2 pandemic, ascending from a daily average of 85,000 riders in 2020 to over 460,000 in 2024,
3 with numerous routes nearing or surpassing 100% of pre-pandemic ridership levels,
4 underscoring the reality that San Franciscans still rely heavily on public transit; and

5 WHEREAS, Muni, BART, and Caltrain all face potential fiscal cliffs that could drastically
6 reduce service and halt critical infrastructure work; and

7 WHEREAS, The residents, workers, and visitors of San Francisco deserve a thriving
8 transit system characterized by enhanced frequency, affordability, accessibility, heightened
9 dependability, extensive geographic coverage, and improved connections to key destinations
10 and interlinked systems; and

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

14 WHEREAS, In 2021, Transit Week expanded to an annual Transit Month and in the
15 following year, organizers introduced the “Ride Contest” challenge to encourage residents and
16 elected officials to proudly log their trips on public transit; now, therefore be it

17 RESOLVED, That the City and County of San Francisco hereby designates September
18 2024 as the Ninth Annual San Francisco Transit Month in the City and County of San
19 Francisco; and, be it

20 FURTHER RESOLVED, That the City and County of San Francisco will work to
21 support the recovery of our public transit operators, maintain and improve transit service, and
22 promote equitable and reliable transit access throughout San Francisco.