

[Urging the Governor of California to Approve the Transit Assistance Funding Package.]

**Resolution urging on the Governor of California to sign the transit assistance funding package as approved by the California State Legislature on March 4, 2010.**

WHEREAS, Beginning with Fiscal Year 2007-08 and continuing through Fiscal Year 2009-10, the State of California has diverted \$179.1 million in State Transit Assistance (STA) funding away from the San Francisco Municipal Transportation Agency, denying the Agency a critical stream of revenue; and

WHEREAS, In Fiscal Year 2009-10 alone, the funding eliminated by the State totaled \$62.7 million; and

WHEREAS, Due to these diverted funds the Municipal Transportation Agency had to close a \$100 million budget deficit in order to submit a balanced budget for Fiscal Year 2009-10; and faces projected deficits of approximately \$50 million in Fiscal Year 2010-11 and Fiscal Year 2011-12; and

WHEREAS, These budget deficits directly contributed to SFMTA's need to increase fares for the riding public and reduce service ten percent in order to achieve a balanced budget; and

WHEREAS, Reliable transit systems serve as engines for local economies, provide crucial jobs in both the public and private sectors and improve the environment by reducing greenhouse gas emissions; and

WHEREAS, the City and County has formally adopted a Transit First policy that necessitates substantial and continuing investments in our public transportation operations and infrastructure; and

1 WHEREAS, Assembly Bill ABX8 9 was approved by the California State Legislature on  
2 March 4, 2010 and proposes \$36 million in local transportation funding for San Francisco  
3 over the next 15 months under the STA program; and

4 WHEREAS, Assembly Bill ABX8 6, also approved by the State Legislature,  
5 would provide an ongoing stream of STA funding to transit agencies around the state through  
6 a complicated gas tax swap beginning in FY 2011-12; and

7 WHEREAS, In order for the City of San Francisco to honor its commitment to providing  
8 a world-class public transit system, the San Francisco Municipal Transportation Agency needs  
9 every dollar of State funding possible; and

10 WHEREAS, The City and County of San Francisco faces a budget deficit of more than  
11 \$500 million in Fiscal Year 2010-11 and does not have the capacity to backfill state budget  
12 cuts to key local services; and

13 WHEREAS, This \$36 million in funding would clearly help the San Francisco Municipal  
14 Transportation Agency provide more reliable transit service to its customers; now, therefore,  
15 be it

16 RESOLVED, That the City and County of San Francisco urges Governor Arnold  
17 Schwarzenegger to approve this critical transit assistance funding package.



**City and County of San Francisco**  
**Tails**  
**Resolution**

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I hereby certify that the foregoing  
Resolution was ADOPTED on 3/16/2010 by  
the Board of Supervisors of the City and  
County of San Francisco.

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Angela Calvillo  
Clerk of the Board

A large, stylized handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Gavin Newsom".

Mayor Gavin Newsom

3-17-2010

Date Approved