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

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

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6 WHEREAS, Beginning with Fiscal Year 2007-08 and continuing through Fiscal Year
7 2009-10, the State of California has diverted \$179.1 million in State Transit Assistance (STA)
8 funding away from the San Francisco Municipal Transportation Agency, denying the Agency a
9 critical stream of revenue; and

10 WHEREAS, In Fiscal Year 2009-10 alone, the funding eliminated by the State totaled
11 \$62.7 million; and

12 WHEREAS, Due to these diverted funds the Municipal Transportation Agency had to
13 close a \$100 million budget deficit in order to submit a balanced budget for Fiscal Year 2009-
14 10; and faces projected deficits of approximately \$50 million in Fiscal Year 2010-11 and Fiscal
15 Year 2011-12; and

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

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

22 WHEREAS, the City and County has formally adopted a Transit First policy that
23 necessitates substantial and continuing investments in our public transportation operations
24 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.



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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.

Angela Calvillo
Clerk of the Board

Mayor Gavin Newsom

3-17-2010

Date Approved