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Board Item No. 30

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1 [Transit Operator Appreciation Day - March 18, 2025]

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3 **Resolution recognizing March 18, 2025, as Transit Operator Appreciation Day in the**
4 **City and County of San Francisco.**
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6 WHEREAS, Public transit operators have served communities for centuries, beginning
7 with the first organized horse-drawn carriage routes in Paris on March 18, 1662; and

8 WHEREAS, On March 18, 2009, two Seattle transit enthusiasts celebrated the first Bus
9 Driver Appreciation Day to show their admiration for those who dedicate their lives to moving
10 people safely and efficiently; and

11 WHEREAS, San Francisco became the first major United States city to establish a
12 government-owned-and-operated transit service in 1912, with public sector employees
13 operating streetcars along Geary Street; and

14 WHEREAS, In 2025, Muni Operators began an independent effort to encourage San
15 Franciscans to ride Muni and show support for operators through simple tokens of
16 appreciation and recognition via Muni's commendation system; and

17 WHEREAS, Over 2,500 Muni operators, 100 paratransit operators, and hundreds of
18 other transit operators serve in this difficult and often thankless public-facing civil servant role;
19 and

20 WHEREAS, Despite the challenges of operating large vehicles in a dense urban
21 environment, Muni's collision rate was lower than the target in 37 of the last 42 months as of
22 October 2024; and

23 WHEREAS, According to the Federal Transit Administration, attacks on transit
24 operators nationwide increased by 121% between 2008 and 2021, highlighting the urgent
25 need for improved safety measures; and

1 WHEREAS, Even in the face of these difficulties, operators frequently go above and
2 beyond the call of duty by assisting riders with directions, supporting those with mobility
3 issues, and connecting individuals in need with essential health services; and

4 WHEREAS, Since July 2019, Muni employees have received over 5,600 official
5 commendations from satisfied riders; and

6 WHEREAS, Muni operators, as members of Transport Workers Union 250A, along with
7 other agency operators represented by their respective unions, play a central role in San
8 Francisco's labor movement and serve as a pillar of working-class stability and success; and

9 WHEREAS, Transit operators appreciate all forms of recognition, from a Resolution at
10 the Board of Supervisors to a simple "Thank you, driver!" from riders; now, therefore, be it

11 RESOLVED, That the Board of Supervisors commends the contributions of transit
12 operators, including those who operate Muni buses, light rail vehicles, BART trains,
13 streetcars, cable cars, ferries, and paratransit vehicles, all of whom transport hundreds of
14 thousands of people throughout San Francisco each day; and, be it

15 FURTHER RESOLVED, That the Board of Supervisors encourages residents and
16 visitors to the City to thank their transit operators today and every day; and, be it

17 FURTHER RESOLVED, That the Board of Supervisors recognizes not only transit
18 operators but also the many essential workers—including Station Agents, Car Cleaners,
19 Mechanics, Maintainers, Dispatchers, Controllers, and others—who keep San Francisco's
20 transit system running safely and efficiently; and, be it

21 FURTHER RESOLVED, That the Board of Supervisors acknowledges the essential
22 role that transit plays in the recovery of downtown and affirms that, without transit operators,
23 San Francisco's economic vitality would be deeply imperiled; and, be it

24 FURTHER RESOLVED, That the Board of Supervisors commits to advocating for
25 sustained state and local funding to ensure the financial stability of Muni, BART, and other

1 regional transit agencies, recognizing the essential role of transit in San Francisco’s economic
2 recovery and vitality; and, be it

3 FURTHER RESOLVED, That the Board of Supervisors urges all San Franciscans to
4 ride Muni and thereby join in celebrating March 18, 2025, as Transit Operator Appreciation
5 Day, in the City and County of San Francisco.

Introduction Form

(by a Member of the Board of Supervisors or the Mayor)

I hereby submit the following item for introduction (select only one):

- ☐ 1. For reference to Committee (Ordinance, Resolution, Motion or Charter Amendment)
- ☒ 2. Request for next printed agenda (For Adoption Without Committee Reference)
(Routine, non-controversial and/or commendatory matters only)
- ☐ 3. Request for Hearing on a subject matter at Committee
- ☐ 4. Request for Letter beginning with "Supervisor inquires..."
- ☐ 5. City Attorney Request
- ☐ 6. Call File No. from Committee.
- ☐ 7. Budget and Legislative Analyst Request (attached written Motion)
- ☐ 8. Substitute Legislation File No.
- ☐ 9. Reactivate File No.
- ☐ 10. Topic submitted for Mayoral Appearance before the Board on

The proposed legislation should be forwarded to the following (please check all appropriate boxes):

- ☐ Small Business Commission ☐ Youth Commission ☐ Ethics Commission
- ☐ Planning Commission ☐ Building Inspection Commission ☐ Human Resources Department

General Plan Referral sent to the Planning Department (proposed legislation subject to Charter 4.105 & Admin 2A.53):

- ☐ Yes ☐ No

(Note: For Imperative Agenda items (a Resolution not on the printed agenda), use the Imperative Agenda Form.)

Sponsor(s):

Mahmood; Mandelman, Engardio, Sherrill, Dorsey, Fielder, Sauter, Chan, Walton, Chen

Subject:

Transit Operator Appreciation Day - March 18, 2025

Long Title or text listed:

Resolution Recognizing March 18, 2025 as Transit Operator Appreciation Day in San Francisco

Signature of Sponsoring Supervisor: