Resolution urging San Francisco's State Legislative Delegation to introduce state legislation to enable San Francisco to impose Infrastructure Impact Fees on Transportation Network Companies.

WHEREAS, Many local and state jurisdictions throughout the United States have initiated long-overdue updates to tax codes that reflect the financial impacts of Transportation Network Companies (TNCs) on local and regional public infrastructure, as TNC services reduce public transit ridership and revenue while inducing demand for vehicles on city streets, causing congestion, collisions and pedestrian safety impacts; and

WHEREAS, Chicago has imposed a $0.15 on Uber, Lyft and other TNC services in order to pay for track, signal and electrical upgrades to ensure transit safety and efficiency; and

WHEREAS, Portland has imposed a $0.50 fee per TNC trip which generates over $8 million per year for city traffic police and parking enforcement efforts; and

WHEREAS, Philadelphia is generating $2.6 million a year for the city's public schools and $1.5 million a year for additional local traffic police and parking enforcement through a 1.4% tax on Transportation Network Companies; and

WHEREAS, New York City has proposed $2 to $5 per TNC trip in order to generate up to $605 million a year for the city's failing subway system; and

WHEREAS, Massachusetts has begun collecting $0.20 per TNC trip statewide to generate revenue for a State Transportation Fund to improve roads and bridges and build out an educational and job training program specifically designed to help the taxi industry adapt to new technologies; and
WHEREAS, New York State has assessed a 4% tax on ride-hail trips that originate outside of New York City elsewhere in the state, which is expected to raise $24 million a year, for local bus and commuter rail services; and

WHEREAS, San Francisco seeks to pass a revenue measure that would fund deferred maintenance of public transit vehicles and facilities, pedestrian safety and Vision Zero improvements and bolster police enforcement of double-parking and unsafe driving; and

WHEREAS, The State of California Public Utilities Commission recently voted to reduce its 0.33% fee of gross revenues from TNCs to 0.25%, but continues to refuse to share of any said revenues with local governments to ameliorate the impacts of TNCs; and

WHEREAS, The San Francisco Transportation Task Force 2045, made up of a broad cross-section of San Francisco residents, business, labor and transit representatives acting as advisors to the Mayor and Board of Supervisors, including SFMTA Director Ed Reiskin and SFCTA Director Tilly Chang, overwhelmingly identified TNCs as a potential revenue source to fund an annual $100 million local contribution toward the city’s $22 billion expenditure plan over the next 27 years; and

WHEREAS, The San Francisco Transportation Task Force 2045 identified the need for a state legislative fix to enable San Francisco to assess a special tax for infrastructure and enforcement specifically; now, therefore, be it

RESOLVED, That the Board of Supervisors of the City and County of San Francisco hereby strongly urges San Francisco’s State Legislative Delegation (Senator Scott Weiner and Assembly Members David Chiu and Phil Ting) to sponsor state legislation to enable San Francisco to impose an Infrastructure Impact Fee on TNCs; and, be it

FURTHER RESOLVED, That the Board of Supervisors of the City and County of San Francisco directs the Clerk of the Board to transmit this Resolution to the respective offices of the City Lobbyist and the San Francisco Legislative Delegation upon final passage.
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March 06, 2018 Board of Supervisors - ADOPTED

Ayes: 11 - Breed, Cohen, Fewer, Kim, Peskin, Ronen, Safai, Sheehy, Stefani, Tang and Yee

I hereby certify that the foregoing Resolution was ADOPTED on 3/6/2018 by the Board of Supervisors of the City and County of San Francisco.

Angela Calvillo
Clerk of the Board

I hereby certify that the foregoing resolution, not being signed by the Mayor within the time limit as set forth in Section 3.103 of the Charter, or time waived pursuant to Board Rule 2.14.2, became effective without his approval in accordance with the provision of said Section 3.103 of the Charter or Board Rule 2.14.2.

Angela Calvillo
Clerk of the Board

3/16/2018