Resolution urging the Municipal Transportation Agency to refrain from any Muni fare increases for the FY2021-2022 budget.

WHEREAS, The City of San Francisco adopted in 1973 a “Transit First” policy under which the City government shall prioritize incentivizing public transit ridership in order to build a more equitable transit system and stronger economy that strives for clean streets and clean air; and

WHEREAS, Transit fare increases have consistently been found to discourage and diminish transit ridership while disproportionately impacting those potential riders who can afford increases the least; and

WHEREAS, Transit fare increases impose an undue burden on transit riders – particularly those City residents who do not have access to or cannot afford access to alternative methods of transportation; and

WHEREAS, It is estimated that every 10% increase in transit fares decreases transit ridership by 2%, according to a January 2018 University of California Institute of Transportation Studies Mobility Research Program study on Falling Transit Ridership in California prepared for the United States Department of Transportation and the Southern California Association of Governments; and

WHEREAS, Muni fares have doubled in the last 12 years, and the cost of a monthly Muni pass has risen 80% during that time period; and

WHEREAS, The typical Muni rider already pays nearly a $1000 each year for a monthly pass, and parents/guardians pay more than $1000 each year to travel on Muni with their children; and
WHEREAS, On January 28, at an SFMTA Board of Directors Special Meeting, MTA presented and discussed fare increases under MTA’s AIIP indexing formula to raise fares from $2.50 for the Adult Single Ride (Clipper and Mobile) to $2.75 in FY2021 and FY2022, the Adult “M” Monthly Pass from $81.00 to $85.00 in FY2021 to $87.00 in FY2022, and the Adult Lifeline Monthly Pass from $40.00 to $42.00 FY2021 to $43.00 in FY 2022; and

WHEREAS, On February 25, 2020, Mayor London Breed proclaimed a state of emergency based on coronavirus (COVID-19) (hereinafter referred to as “the emergency”); On March 3, 2020, the Board of Supervisors concurred in the February 25 Proclamation and in the actions taken by the Mayor to meet the emergency; On March 13, 2020, the Mayor issued a Second Supplement to the February 25 Proclamation, finding that the emergency is causing severe financial impacts on the local economy and on residents, including the substantial loss of income due to loss of compensable work hours and wages, layoffs and business closures; and

WHEREAS, On March 17, 2020, SFMTA staff presented three fare options to the MTA Board of Directors. All three proposals included fare increases; staff recommended a fare proposal that included the following fare increases: fares from $2.50 for the Full Fare Single Ride (Electronic) to $2.75 in FY2021 and FY2022, the Reduced Fare Single Ride (Electronic) from $1.25 to $1.35 in FY2021 and FY2022, the Adult “M” Monthly Pass from $81.00 to $88.00 in FY2021 and $94.00 in FY2022, the Adult “A” Monthly Pass from $98.00 to $106.00 in FY2021 and $113.00 in FY2022, the Reduced Fare Monthly Pass from $40.00 to $44.00 in FY21 and $47.00 in FY2022, the Lifeline Pass from $40.00 to $41.00 in FY2021 to $42.00 in FY2022, and Paratransit Services from $2.50 to $2.75 in FY2021 and FY2022; and

WHEREAS, On April 3, 2020, SFMTA staff published on the MTA’s website revised recommendations to raise fares from $2.50 for Full Fare Single Ride (Electronic) to $2.80 in FY2021 to $2.90 in FY2022; the Reduced Fare Single Ride (Electronic) from $1.25 to $1.40 in FY2021 to $1.40 in FY2022; the Adult "A" Monthly Pass from $98.00 to $106.00 in FY2021 and $113.00 in FY2022, the Reduced Fare Monthly Pass from $40.00 to $44.00 in FY21 and $47.00 in FY2022, the Lifeline Pass from $40.00 to $41.00 in FY2021 to $42.00 in FY2022, and Paratransit Services from $2.50 to $2.75 in FY2021 and FY2022; and
FY2021 and $1.45 in FY2022, the Adult “M” Monthly Pass from $81.00 to $86.00 in FY2021 and $88.00 in FY2022, the Adult “A” Monthly Pass from $98.00 to $103.00 in FY2021 and $106 in FY2022, the Paratransit Van Services from $2.50 to $2.80 in FY2021 and $2.90 in FY2022, the Lifeline Pass from $40.00 to $41.00 in FY2021 and $42.00 in FY2022, and the Reduced Fare Monthly Pass from $40.00 to $43.00 in FY2021 and $44.00 in FY2022; and

WHEREAS, The Board of Supervisors affirm its long-term commitment to increasing transit ridership and increasing service commensurate with rising demand for public transportation, and ensuring equity, affordability, and reliability of MUNI in furtherance of our Transit First policy; and

WHEREAS, The residents of San Francisco are in a period of particularly extreme financial uncertainty, as recognized by the Mayor and Board of Supervisors, and the imposition of fare increases at this time would add to financial hardship of our residents who use public transportation; now therefore, be it

RESOLVED, The San Francisco Board of Supervisors urges the SFMTA to refrain from including any fare increases in the FY2021-2022 budget.
Resolution urging the Municipal Transportation Agency to refrain from any Muni fare increases for the FY2021-2022 budget.

April 06, 2020 Land Use and Transportation Committee - AMENDED, AN AMENDMENT OF THE WHOLE BEARING NEW TITLE

April 06, 2020 Land Use and Transportation Committee - RECOMMENDED AS AMENDED

April 14, 2020 Board of Supervisors - ADOPTED
   Ayes: 10 - Fewer, Haney, Mar, Peskin, Preston, Ronen, Safai, Stefani, Walton and Yee
   Noes: 1 - Mandelman

I hereby certify that the foregoing Resolution was ADOPTED on 4/14/2020 by the Board of Supervisors of the City and County of San Francisco.

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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 her approval in accordance with the provision of said Section 3.103 of the Charter or Board Rule 2.14.2.

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Angela Calvillo
Clerk of the Board

UnSigned

London N. Breed
Mayor

4/24/2020
Date Approved

4/27/2020
Date