[Supporting California State Senate Bill No. 532 (Wiener) - The Safe, Clean & Reliable Bay Area Public Transportation Emergency Act]

Resolution supporting California State Senate Bill No. 532, introduced by Senator Scott Wiener, enabling the San Francisco Bay Area to raise funds to prevent a medium-term public transportation operations budget shortfall while requiring transit safety, cleanliness, and reliability improvements.

WHEREAS, As public transportation gradually recovers ridership following the COVID-19 pandemic, Bay Area public transportation agencies still face a looming "fiscal cliff," namely a \$2.5 billion projected operating shortfall over the next five years; and

WHEREAS, This shortfall risks steep service cuts that would have a disastrous economic impact on the region and San Francisco's downtown recovery, imperil mobility options for commuters and transit-dependent riders, exacerbate road congestion, and undermine efforts to meet our climate and housing goals; and

WHEREAS, The 2023 State budget agreement between the Governor and the Legislature that provides \$1.1 billion for transit statewide and \$400 million to the Bay Area over the next four years is insufficient to prevent transit service cuts; and

WHEREAS, The Legislature has the authority to raise tolls on state-owned bridges and has done so in the past on the Bay Area's state-owned bridges; and

WHEREAS, Senate Bill (SB) 532 would require the Bay Area Toll Authority (BATA) to temporarily raise the toll on the Bay Area's seven state-owned bridges by \$1.50, indexed to inflation, over the five-year period from January 1, 2024, through December 31, 2028; and

WHEREAS, The toll increase is projected to yield roughly \$180 million annually over the five-year period, and SB 532 directs the Metropolitan Transportation Commission (MTC) to distribute 90% of the toll revenues to transit operators to maintain service at Fiscal Year

2022-2023 service levels, as well as for safety, reliability, cleanliness, and security improvements; and

WHEREAS, SB 532 includes provisions for MTC to study, design, and implement an equity-based program to mitigate the impact the toll increase would have on low-income residents; now, therefore, be it

RESOLVED, That the Board of Supervisors of the City and County of San Francisco supports Senate Bill No. 532; and, be it

FURTHER RESOLVED, That the Clerk of the Board send a copy of this Resolution to Governor Gavin Newsom, President pro-Tempore Toni G. Atkins, and Speaker of the State Assembly Robert Rivas.



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Resolution

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July 18, 2023 Board of Supervisors - REFERRED

July 24, 2023 Land Use and Transportation Committee - RECOMMENDED AS COMMITTEE REPORT

July 25, 2023 Board of Supervisors - ADOPTED

Ayes: 10 - Dorsey, Engardio, Mandelman, Melgar, Peskin, Preston, Ronen, Safai,

Stefani and Walton Noes: 1 - Chan

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I hereby certify that the foregoing Resolution was ADOPTED on 7/25/2023 by the Board of Supervisors of the City and County of San Francisco.

Clerk of the Board

Unsigned

07/28/2023

London N. Breed Mayor

Date Approved

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.

> Angela Calvillo Clerk of the Board

07/28/2023

Date