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SAN FRANCISCO MUNICIPAL TRANSPORTATION AGENCY

DIVISION: Office of the Board of Directors

BRIEF DESCRIPTION:

Dedicating the inaugural Siemens Light Rail Vehicle to Larry Martin in honor of his dedication and contributions to the men and women of the Municipal Railway and to the people of the City and County of San Francisco.

SUMMARY:

- The SFMTA has exclusive authority over the acquisition, construction, management, supervision, maintenance, extension, operation, use and control of all property, as well as the real, personal and financial assets of the Agency.
- Larry Martin began his career at Muni in 1966 as a transit operator. He quickly moved up the ranks, ultimately become international vice president for the Transport Workers Union of America.
- While working at Muni, Larry started a school field trip program to inspire local children to visit their neighborhood operating divisions and someday work for the SFMTA.
- Mr. Martin served on the Human Rights, Planning, and Recreation and Parks commissions, working alongside many mayors.
- Transport Workers' Union, Local 250-A is in full support of the dedication.

ENCLOSURES:

1. SFMTAB Resolution

APPROVALS:		DATE
DIRECTOR	Typh	10/30/2017
SECRETARY_	R. Boomer	10/30/2017

ASSIGNED SFMTAB CALENDAR DATE: November 7, 2017

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PURPOSE

Dedicating the inaugural Siemens Light Rail Vehicle to Larry Martin in honor of his dedication and contributions to the men and women of the Municipal Railway and to the people of the City and County of San Francisco.

STRATEGIC PLAN GOALS AND TRANSIT FIRST POLICY PRINCIPLES

Dedicating the inaugural Siemens Light Rail Vehicle to Larry Martin supports the following goals and objectives in the SFMTA's Strategic Plan:

- Goal 3: Improve the quality of life and environment in San Francisco.
- Goal 4: Create a workplace that delivers outstanding service Objective 4.4 Improve relationships and partnerships with our stakeholders

It does not directly address any of the Transit First Policy Principles.

DESCRIPTION

Charter Section 8A.102 (b) (1) states that "The Agency shall have exclusive authority over the acquisition, construction, management, supervision, maintenance, extension, operation, use and control of all property, as well as the real, personal and financial assets of the Agency..."

In 2016, the SFMTA Board of Directors established a policy for naming SFMTA assets that will guide the agency when considering requests to name SFMTA assets after individuals as a way to honor their achievements. These assets include transit stations and stops, garages and lots, facilities or rolling stock.

With regard to naming rolling stock the policy states:

- For SFMTA's other physical facilities and assets, including operating and maintenance divisions, yards, shops, parking garages and lots, rolling stock or assets that are part of a transit station or stop.
- Consideration may be given to name such facilities after individuals or a group of individuals who have made an extraordinary contribution to local public transportation or based on their achievements either at a local, state, or national level or because they have broadly recognized social, historical, cultural or political significance."

The SFMTA wishes to dedicate the inaugural Siemens light rail vehicle in honor of Larry's contribution to the women and men of the Municipal Railway and to the residents of San Francisco. Subject to the approval of the California Public Utilities Commission, the first light rail vehicle may be put into revenue service in mid-November.

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Longtime San Francisco resident Larry Martin began his career at Muni in 1966 as a transit operator. He quickly moved up the ranks, ultimately become international vice president for the Transport Workers Union of America, which represents nearly 140,000 members across airline, railroad, transit, universities, utilities and services industries.

Also in 1966, he was elected to serve as Presidio Division union chairman. He was the Presidio Division union Chair for two terms before being elected president of TWU Local 250A. He served two terms as 250A Local's president then continued his union service as TWU International representative, and later as TWU's international vice president and finally as TWU International administrative vice president, a term he held until his retirement.

While working at Muni, Larry played a major part in starting a school field trip program to inspire local children to visit their neighborhood operating divisions and someday work for the Municipal Railway. He also started the Muni Transit Assistance Program, which was designed to help keep order on transit vehicles after schools let out for the day. He was also instrumental in creating the "Joint Labor Management Program", which continues to this day. The JLMB is a collaboration between labor and management to improve safety and working conditions for transit operators and to improve Muni operations overall.

Among his many noted civil service efforts on behalf of working class people, he served on the Human Rights, Planning, and Recreation and Parks commissions, working alongside many mayors.

In an October 20 press release, Mayor Edwin Lee said, "Our City was fortunate to benefit from the commitment of Larry Martin, a valuable community member who championed a wide array of causes and helped push through numerous essential policy measures during his years of service for San Francisco."

During his lengthy career, Martin continued to advocate for transit operators, noting that he was proud of the work he had done for the operators who receive little or no recognition for driving under stressful conditions.

Muni superintendents used to say that "general managers come and go, mayors come and go, but Larry Martin is always there."

Larry Martin passed away on October 16, 2017 but leaves behind a distinguished legacy of civil rights and union advocacy for the citizens of San Francisco.

PUBLIC OUTREACH

Transport Workers' Union, Local 250-A is in full support of the dedication.

ALTERNATIVES CONSIDERED

No alternatives were considered.

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FUNDING IMPACT

The impact on the SFMTA's operating budget is negligible.

ENVIRONMENTAL REVIEW

On October 27, 2017, the SFMTA, under authority delegated by the Planning Department, determined that the dedication of the inaugural Siemens Light Rail Vehicle is not defined as a "project" under the California Environmental Quality Act (CEQA) pursuant to Title 14 of the California Code of Regulations Sections 15060(c) and 15378(b).

A copy of the CEQA determination is on file with the Secretary to the SFMTA Board of Directors and is incorporated herein by reference.

OTHER APPROVALS RECEIVED OR STILL REQUIRED

None.

RECOMMENDATION

Staff recommends that the SFMTA dedicate the inaugural Siemens Light Rail Vehicle to Larry Martin in honor of his dedication and contributions to the men and women of the Municipal Railway and to the people of the City and County of San Francisco.

SAN FRANCISCO MUNICIPAL TRANSPORTATION AGENCY BOARD OF DIRECTORS

RESOLUTION No.	

WHEREAS, Charter Section 8A.102 (b) (1) states that "The Agency shall have exclusive authority over the acquisition, construction, management, supervision, maintenance, extension, operation, use and control of all property, as well as the real, personal and financial assets of the Agency; and,

WHEREAS, In 2016, the SFMTA Board of Directors established a policy for naming SFMTA assets that will guide the agency when considering requests to name SFMTA assets after individuals as a way to honor their achievements; and,

WHEREAS, Larry Martin began his career at Muni in 1966 as a transit operator. He quickly moved up the ranks, ultimately become international vice president for the Transport Workers Union of America, which represents nearly 140,000 members across airline, railroad, transit, universities, utilities and services industries; and,

WHEREAS, While working at Muni, Larry started a school field trip program to inspire local children to visit their neighborhood operating divisions and someday work for the SFMTA; and,

WHEREAS, Larry Martin served as Presidio Division union chairman before serving two terms as president of TWU Local 250A; and,

WHEREAS, Larry Martin served on the Human Rights Commission, the City Planning Commission and the Recreation and Parks Commission, working alongside many mayors; and,

WHEREAS, Larry Martin passed away on October 16, 2017 but leaves behind a distinguished legacy of civil rights and union advocacy for the citizens of San Francisco; and,

WHEREAS, The SFMTA wishes to dedicate the inaugural Siemens Light Rail Vehicle to Larry Martin in honor of his dedication and contributions to the men and women of the Municipal Railway and to the people of the City and County of San Francisco; and,

WHEREAS, On October 27, 2017, the SFMTA, under authority delegated by the Planning Department, determined that the dedication of the inaugural Siemens Light Rail Vehicle to Larry Martin is not defined as a "project" under the California Environmental Quality Act (CEQA) pursuant Title 14 of the California Code of Regulations Sections 15060(c) and 15378(b); and,

WHEREAS, A copy of the CEQA determination is on file with the Secretary to the SFMTA Board of Directors, and is incorporated herein by reference; now, therefore, be it

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RESOLVED, That the SFMTA Board of Directors does hereby dedicate the inaugural Siemens Light Rail Vehicle to Larry Martin in honor of his dedication and contributions to the men and women of the Municipal Railway and to the people of the City and County of San Francisco.

I certify that the foregoing resolution was adopted by the San Francisco Municipal Transportation Agency Board of Directors at its meeting of November 7, 2017.

Secretary to the Board of Directors San Francisco Municipal Transportation Agency