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**SAN FRANCISCO
MUNICIPAL TRANSPORTATION AGENCY**

DIVISION: Board of Directors

BRIEF DESCRIPTION:

Appointing Judson True, SFMTA Chief of Staff and Director of External Affairs, as an alternate director to serve on the Transbay Joint Powers Authority Board of Directors, effective August 6, 2025.

SUMMARY:

- In 2001, the City and County of San Francisco (City), the Alameda-Contra Costa Transit District (AC Transit) and the Peninsula Corridor Joint Powers Board-Caltrain entered into an agreement to create the Transbay Joint Powers Authority (TJPA).
- This same agreement allowed the SFMTA Board of Directors to appoint a director and alternate director to fulfill the duties of the director if the director is absent or unavailable.
- Julie Kirschbaum, Director of Transportation, serves as director on the TJPA Board and recommends that Judson True, SFMTA Chief of Staff and Director of External Affairs, serve as the alternate.

ENCLOSURES:

1. SFMTAB Resolution

APPROVALS:

DATE

DIRECTOR



July 30, 2025

SECRETARY



July 30, 2025

ASSIGNED MTAB CALENDAR DATE: August 5, 2025

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PURPOSE

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STRATEGIC PLAN GOALS AND TRANSIT FIRST POLICY PRINCIPLES

This action supports the following SFMTA Strategic Plan Goals:

Goal 5: Deliver reliable and equitable transportation services.

This action supports the following SFMTA Transit First Policy Principles:

1. To ensure quality of life and economic health in San Francisco, the primary objective of the transportation system must be the safe and efficient movement of people and goods.

DESCRIPTION

In 2001, the City and County of San Francisco (City), the Alameda-Contra Costa Transit District (AC Transit) and the Peninsula Corridor Joint Powers Board-Caltrain entered into an agreement to create the Transbay Joint Powers Authority (TJPA) which has primary jurisdiction over all matters concerning the financing, design, development, construction, and operation of the Transbay Program.

The TJPA Board of Directors is comprised of representatives from the City, including appointments by the Mayor, the SFMTA Board of Directors and the Board of Supervisors; AC Transit; the Peninsula Corridor Joint Powers Board-Caltrain, composed of the City and County of San Francisco, the San Mateo County Transit District, and the Santa Clara Valley Transportation Authority; the California High Speed Rail Authority (CHSRA); and, the California Department of Transportation (Caltrans).

This same agreement allowed each appointing authority to appoint an alternate director to fulfill the duties of the director appointed if the director is absent or unavailable.

On August 16, 2005, the SFMTA Board of Directors appointed the Director of Transportation to serve as its representative (Resolution No. 05-125). As such, Julie Kirschbaum, Director of Transportation, serves as director on the TJPA Board. Historically, the SFMTA Board has appointed a specific individual as the alternate. On September 5, 2023, the SFMTA Board previously appointed SFMTA Chief Strategy Officer, Jonathan Rewers as the alternate (Resolution No. 230905-072).

Director of Transportation Julie Kirschbaum recommends that Judson True, SFMTA Chief of Staff and Director of External Affairs, serve as the new alternate. He brings 20-plus years of local and

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state government experience in various policy, communications, project delivery and leadership roles. He previously served as Chief of Staff for then-Assemblymember David Chiu, where he worked on transportation issues including Regional Measure 3, and as Director of Housing Delivery under former Mayor London Breed, where he led the efforts of more than a dozen departments to advance complex neighborhood-scale projects including Treasure Island and Mission Rock.

STAKEHOLDER ENGAGEMENT

There was no external engagement done.

ALTERNATIVES CONSIDERED

None.

FUNDING IMPACT

None.

ENVIRONMENTAL REVIEW

On July 9, 2025, the SFMTA, under authority delegated by the Planning Department, determined that the policy body appointment described above is not 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. The City Attorney has reviewed this report.

RECOMMENDATION

Staff recommends the appointment of Judson True, SFMTA Chief of Staff and Director of External Affairs, as an alternate director to serve on the Transbay Joint Powers Authority Board of Directors, effective August 6, 2025.

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BOARD OF DIRECTORS

RESOLUTION No. _____

WHEREAS, In 2001, the City and County of San Francisco (City), the Alameda-Contra Costa Transit District (AC Transit) and the Peninsula Corridor Joint Powers Board-Caltrain entered into an agreement to create the Transbay Joint Powers Authority (TJPA) which has primary jurisdiction over all matters concerning the financing, design, development, construction, and operation of the Transbay Program; and,

WHEREAS, The agreement stipulated that one director to the TJPA Board of Directors is to be appointed by the SFMTA Board of Directors; and,

WHEREAS, This same agreement allowed each appointing authority to appoint an alternate director to fulfill the duties of the director appointed if the director is absent or unavailable; and,

WHEREAS, The SFMTA Board of Directors wishes to appoint Judson True, Chief of Staff and Director of External Affairs, to serve as an alternate director on the TJPA Board of Directors; and,

WHEREAS, On July 9, 2025, the SFMTA, under authority delegated by the Planning Department, determined that the policy body appointment described above is not a “project” under the California Environmental Quality Act (CEQA) pursuant to Title 14 of the California Code of Regulations Section 15060(c) and 15378(b); now, therefore be it

RESOLVED, That the San Francisco Municipal Transportation Agency Board of Directors does hereby appoint Judson True, SFMTA Chief of Staff and Director of External Affairs, as an alternate director to serve on the Transbay Joint Powers Authority Board of Directors, effective August 6, 2025.

I certify that the foregoing resolution was adopted by the San Francisco Municipal Transportation Agency Board of Directors at its meeting of August 5, 2025.

Secretary to the Board of Directors
San Francisco Municipal Transportation Agency