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**SAN FRANCISCO
MUNICIPAL TRANSPORTATION AGENCY**

DIVISION: Streets

BRIEF DESCRIPTION:

Retroactively accepting a gift of goods and services from the Civic Joy Fund, valued at approximately \$24,000, through an amendment to the Gift Acceptance Agreement for Phase 2 improvements adjacent to the previously installed gift at Gamble Park, including the removal of approximately 25 square feet of deteriorated concrete and the installation of a log pathway around the previously installed tree stumps, as the work was completed prior to formal acceptance of the gift.

SUMMARY:

- Civic Joy Fund is a program of the Civic Space Foundation, a non-profit organization working on activating public spaces to bring joy to the streets.
- The San Francisco Municipal Transportation Agency (SFMTA) and Civic Joy Fund previously entered into a Gift Acceptance Agreement related to Civic Joy's gift of goods and services including several logs and tree stumps arranged for seating and child exploration to activate Gamble Park.
- The SFMTA and Civic Joy Fund have amended the Gift Acceptance Agreement to reflect the Phase 2 improvements completed by Civic Joy Fund in the area adjacent to the previously installed improvements at Gamble Park, including the removal of approximately 25 square feet of deteriorated concrete and installation of a log pathway designed to wrap around the existing tree stumps.
- The equivalent cost of the gift is estimated at \$24,000, which requires retroactive SFMTA Board approval because the installation occurred in August.
- The proposed action has been reviewed pursuant to the California Environmental Quality Act (CEQA).
- The proposed action is the Approval Action as defined by S.F. Administrative Code Chapter 31.

ENCLOSURES:

1. SFMTAB Resolution
2. Agreement

APPROVALS:

DIRECTOR



SECRETARY



DATE

October 1, 2026

October 1, 2026

ASSIGNED SFMTAB CALENDAR DATE: October 6, 2026

PURPOSE

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STRATEGIC PLAN GOALS AND TRANSIT FIRST POLICY PRINCIPLES

The installation of seating to be funded by the contribution supports the following goals and objectives in the SFMTA's Strategic Plan and Transit First Policy Principles:

Goal 7: Build stronger relationships with stakeholders.

Transit First Policy Principles

5. Pedestrian areas shall be enhanced wherever possible to improve the safety and comfort of pedestrians and to encourage travel by foot.

DESCRIPTION

Civic Joy Fund, a program of the Civic Space Foundation, is a non-profit organization focused on activating public spaces and creating joyful, welcoming environments throughout communities and city streets. Through creative placemaking and community-centered improvements, the organization works to transform underutilized public areas into spaces that encourage gathering, play, interaction, and community connection.

Phase 1 of the project was completed in late May. As part of the Phase 2 improvements, the Civic Joy Fund offered to perform additional improvements at Gamble Park following the previously completed installation of logs and tree stumps. These additional improvements included removing approximately 25 square feet of deteriorated concrete and installing a log pathway designed to wrap around the existing tree stumps. The estimated value of the donated goods, services, and professional labor is approximately \$24,000. As the Phase 2 improvements were completed prior to completion of the formal gift acceptance process, retroactive acceptance is required.

Under the Administrative Code and the SFMTA Board's Delegation Policy, gifts over \$10,000 must be approved by the SFMTA Board.

The SFMTA remains committed to cultivate and maintain strong relationships to meet community needs, center racial equity and ensure that public input is inclusive of Black, Indigenous, People of Color (BIPOC) communities and populations underserved by the

transportation sector. Additionally, through its ongoing efforts to modernize systems and enhance public services, the agency continuously seeks innovative opportunities to improve community spaces and strengthen public trust. Through projects focused on infrastructure maintenance, facility improvements, and community enhancements, the SFMTA strives to provide safe, reliable, and modern public amenities for the communities it serves.

The SFMTA entered into an agreement with the Civic Joy Fund to provide insurance and indemnification for the installation services. The SFMTA will assume responsibility for the improvements in the park going forward.

STAKEHOLDER ENGAGEMENT

No outreach was conducted for this gift.

ALTERNATIVES CONSIDERED

The Board could decline to retroactively accept the additional gift from the Civic Joy Fund. If the Board declines to accept the gift, SFMTA staff would need to determine appropriate next steps for the completed Phase 2 improvements and associated donated goods and services.

FUNDING IMPACT

The value of the gift is approximately \$24,000. The SFMTA anticipates a minimal amount of budgeted staff time for ongoing maintenance of the improvements funded by the gift.

ENVIRONMENTAL REVIEW

On August 4, 2026, the SFMTA, under authority delegated by the Planning Department, determined that acceptance of the gift from the Civic Joy Fund in the form of goods and services to install Phase 2 improvements at Gamble Park (Case No. 2026-004749ENV) is categorically exempt from California Environmental Quality Act (CEQA) pursuant to Title 14 of the California Code of Regulations Section 15304.

The proposed action is the Approval Action as defined by San Francisco Administrative Code Chapter 31.

A copy of the CEQA determination is on file with the Secretary to the SFMTA Board of Directors and may be found in the records of the Planning Department by Case Number at <https://sfplanninggis.org/pim/> or 49 South Van Ness Avenue, Suite 1400 in San Francisco, and are incorporated herein by reference.

OTHER APPROVALS RECEIVED OR STILL REQUIRED

None required.

The City Attorney has reviewed this report.

RECOMMENDATION

Retroactively accepting a gift of goods and services from the Civic Joy Fund, valued at approximately \$24,000, through an amendment to the Gift Acceptance Agreement for Phase 2 improvements adjacent to the previously installed gift at Gamble Park, including the removal of approximately 25 square feet of deteriorated concrete and the installation of a log pathway around the previously installed tree stumps, as the work was completed prior to formal acceptance of the gift.

**SAN FRANCISCO
MUNICIPAL TRANSPORTATION AGENCY
BOARD OF DIRECTORS**

RESOLUTION No. _____

WHEREAS, That certain real property located at Carl Street and N Judah right of way in San Francisco, California, commonly known as Gamble Park (the Park) is owned by the City and under the jurisdiction of the San Francisco Municipal Transportation Agency (SFMTA); and,

WHEREAS, Civic Joy Fund (Donor), a program of the Civic Space Foundation, a non-profit organization working to activate public spaces to bring joy to the streets; and,

WHEREAS, City (SFMTA) and Donor entered into that certain Gift Acceptance Agreement, dated May 18, 2026 (the Agreement), to allow Donor to provide certain improvements at the Park, including the installation of logs and tree stumps for seating and child exploration (the Gift); and,

WHEREAS, City and Donor modified the Agreement to allow Donor to perform additional improvements adjacent to the previously installed Gift, including removing approximately 25 square feet of deteriorated concrete and installing a log pathway designed to wrap around existing tree stumps (the Phase 2 Improvements); and,

WHEREAS, The parties amended the Agreement in order to incorporate the Phase 2 Improvements into the existing Gift; and,

WHEREAS, The Phase 2 Improvements remain a gift to the City at no cost to the SFMTA, and Donor retained and compensated its contractor(s) for their performance of the additional work subject to SFMTA review, coordination, and approval; and,

WHEREAS, The Agreement, as amended, required Civic Joy Fund to, among other things, provide insurance to cover the installation but not ongoing maintenance or responsibility for the Phase 2 Improvements; and,

WHEREAS, On August 4, 2026, the SFMTA, under authority delegated by the Planning Department, determined that acceptance of the gift from the Civic Joy Fund in the form of goods and services to install Phase 2 improvements at Gamble Park (Case No. 2026-004749ENV) is categorically exempt from California Environmental Quality Act (CEQA) pursuant to Title 14 of the California Code of Regulations Section 15304; and,

WHEREAS, The proposed action is the Approval Action as defined by San Francisco Administrative Code Chapter 31; and,

WHEREAS, A copy of the CEQA determination is on file with the Secretary to the

SFMTA Board of Directors and may be found in the records of the Planning Department by Case Number at <https://sfplanninggis.org/pim/> or 49 South Van Ness Avenue, Suite 1400 in San Francisco, and are incorporated herein by reference; now, therefore, be it

RESOLVED, That the San Francisco Municipal Transportation Agency Board of Directors retroactively accepts a gift of goods and services valued at approximately \$24,000 consisting of the removal of approximately 25 square feet of deteriorated concrete and installation of a log pathway around existing tree stumps to further enhance Gamble Park, from the Civic Joy Fund, a program of the Civic Space Foundation, a non-profit organization, through an amendment to the Gift Acceptance Agreement.

I certify that the foregoing resolution was adopted by the San Francisco Municipal Transportation Agency Board of Directors at its meeting of October 6, 2026.

Secretary to the Board of Directors
San Francisco Municipal Transportation Agency