WHEREAS, In 2014, the SFMTA Board of Directors adopted the Muni Service Equity Policy requiring the submission of a biennial Service Equity Strategy to assess Muni service performance in select low income and minority neighborhoods, identify major Muni transit related challenges impacting selected neighborhoods, and develop strategies to address the identified major challenges before the SFMTA’s two-year budget request; and

WHEREAS, SFMTA staff have prepared the first Service Equity Strategy Report for the FY16-17 and FY17-18 prior to adoption of the SFMTA’s two-year budget; and,

WHEREAS, In collaboration with the Muni Service Equity Strategy working group, SFMTA staff identified seven equity strategy neighborhoods based on the percentage of low income households, private vehicle availability, race/ethnicity demographics, and disability status, and to establish a performance baseline; and,

WHEREAS, In addition, while the policy does not require consideration of routes heavily used by seniors and persons with disabilities, SFMTA staff chose to include accessibility for seniors and persons with disabilities based on feedback from community advocates that participated in the Muni Service Equity Strategy working group; and,

WHEREAS, The following metrics were used to analyze transit performance for across all different time periods, including peak commute hours as well as early morning and late evening hours: on-time performance, service gaps, crowding, transit travel time competitiveness (relative to driving) and accessibility-related customer complaints; and

WHEREAS, SFMTA staff identified the key needs and strategies for each of the neighborhoods and for routes heavily used by seniors and people with disabilities based on data analysis of these performance metrics; and

WHEREAS, Approval of the Service Equity Strategy Report does not require a Title VI Service Equity Analysis at this time, and

WHEREAS, Some individual service and route changes that are discussed in this Report may require a Title VI analysis prior to SFMTA Board approval to implement the proposed service or route change, and for these service or route changes, following additional outreach, SFMTA staff will conduct any required Title VI analysis and submit a Title VI report for approval by the SFMTA Board; and
WHEREAS, On March 3, 2016, the SFMTA, under authority delegated by the Planning Department, determined that the Muni Service Equity Strategy 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/or 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; and,

WHEREAS, To document the Equity Strategy process, findings and recommendations, SFMTA staff prepared a Service Equity Strategy Report; now, therefore, be it

RESOLVED, That the San Francisco Municipal Transportation Agency Board of Directors adopts the Muni Equity Strategy Report for Fiscal Years 2017 and 2018.

I certify that the foregoing resolution was adopted by the San Francisco Municipal Transportation Agency Board of Directors at its meeting of April 5, 2016.

R. Boomer
Secretary to the Board of Directors
San Francisco Municipal Transportation Agency