SAN FRANCISCO MUNICIPAL TRANSPORTATION AGENCY BOARD OF DIRECTORS

RESOLUTION No. 16-072

WHEREAS, 2013-2018 SFMTA Strategic Plan includes goals to make transit, walking, bicycling, taxi, ridesharing & carsharing the preferred means of travel, and to improve the environment and quality of life in San Francisco; and,

WHEREAS, According to Plan Bay Area 2040, the Bay Area's Regional Transportation Plan and Sustainable Community Strategy, San Francisco is expected to grow by approximately 191,000 jobs and 102,000 households between 2010 and 2040; and,

WHEREAS, This growth will generate an increased demand for transportation infrastructure and services on an already constrained transportation system; and,

WHEREAS, One of the challenges posed by this growth is the increased number of single occupancy vehicle trips, and the pressure they add to San Francisco's limited public streets and rights-of-way, contributing to congestion, transit delays, and public health and safety concerns, and the air pollution, greenhouse gas (GHG) emissions, and noise caused by motorized vehicles, which negatively impact the quality of life in the City; and,

WHEREAS, There is extensive research that demonstrates that TDM measures effectively reduce driving trips and increase trips on foot, bicycle, transit, and by other sustainable modes; and,

WHEREAS, The Planning Commission initiated legislation that would amend the Planning Code to establish a citywide TDM Program for new development; and,

WHEREAS, The proposed legislation seeks to promote sustainable travel modes by requiring new development projects to incorporate design features, incentives and tools that support transit, ride-sharing, walking, and bicycle riding for the residents, tenants, employees, and visitors of their projects; and,

WHEREAS, The goals of the proposed legislation are to help keep San Francisco moving as the city grows, and to promote better environmental, health and safety outcomes, consistent with state, regional and local policies; and,

WHEREAS, On May 13, 2016, the SFMTA, under authority delegated by the Planning Department, determined that the recommendation to adopt the TDM Ordinance 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); 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

RESOLVED, That the San Francisco Municipal Transportation Agency Board of Directors urges the Planning Commission, Board of Supervisors and the Mayor to adopt an amendment to the Planning Code to establish a Transportation Demand Management Ordinance; and let it be

FURTHER RESOLVED, That the Board of Directors of the San Francisco Municipal Transportation Agency endorses legislation establishing the Transportation Demand Management Ordinance.

I certify that the foregoing resolution was adopted by the San Francisco Municipal Transportation Agency Board of Directors at its meeting of June 7, 2016.

Secretary to the Board of Directors

San Francisco Municipal Transportation Agency