SAN FRANCISCO MUNICIPAL TRANSPORTATION AGENCY BOARD OF DIRECTORS

RESOLUTION No. 16-149

WHEREAS, Title VI of the Civil Rights Act of 1964 addresses discrimination in almost all aspects of public services and programs administered or funded by the federal government in the United States, such as SFMTA's public transit service; and

WHEREAS, The SFMTA receives federal funds through the Federal Transit Administration (FTA) and is required to have in place a Title VI program that ensures that the level and quality of public transportation service is provided in a nondiscriminatory manner, promotes full and fair participation in public transportation decision-making without regard to race, color, or national origin, and ensures meaningful access to transit-related programs and activities by persons with limited English proficiency; and

WHEREAS, The FTA's updated Title VI Circular (FTA C 4702.1B), issued on October 1, 2012, requires that the SFMTA Board of Directors approve SFMTA's Title VI Program Update and the results of the SFMTA's Service Standards and Policies Monitoring Program; and

WHEREAS, As part of FTA's Title VI Program requirements, SFMTA must submit the Program Update and Service Standards and Policies Monitoring Program to the FTA every three years; and

WHEREAS, On October 13, 2016, the SFMTA, under authority delegated by the Planning Department, determined that the 2016 Title VI Program Update 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; and

WHEREAS, The Service Standards and Policies Monitoring Program compares the level of transit service and performance on routes heavily used by people of color and people who live in low-income households compared to routes with lower usage by people of color and people who live in low-income households to ensure service equity; and

WHEREAS, If a disparate impact or disproportionate burden is found, SFMTA shall consider alternatives to avoid, minimize, or mitigate the impact in order to take corrective action to remedy the disparity to the greatest extent possible and shall discuss the identified impacts and proposed actions in the Title VI Program Update;

WHEREAS, The 2016 Service Monitoring Exercise evaluated Muni's service standards for vehicle load, on-time performance, policy headway, service coverage and did not identify any disparate impacts or disproportionate burdens;

WHEREAS, The 2016 Service Monitoring Exercise evaluated Muni's service policies for vehicle assignment and transit amenities and did not identify any disparate impacts or disproportionate burdens;

WHEREAS, Corrective actions have been taken to address disparate impact findings for minority routes from the 2013 Service Monitoring Exercise for policy headways and customer amenities (i.e., shelters), therefore, be it

RESOLVED, That the SFMTA Board of Directors approves the SFMTA's 2016 Title VI Program Update, and the results of the required system-wide monitoring of service standards and policies conducted by SFMTA's Transit Planning Division.

I certify that the foregoing resolution was adopted by the San Francisco Municipal Transportation Agency Board of Directors at its meeting of November 1, 2016.

Secretary to the Board of Directors

San Francisco Municipal Transportation Agency