

SAN FRANCISCO
MUNICIPAL TRANSPORTATION AGENCY
BOARD OF DIRECTORS

RESOLUTION No. 13-250

WHEREAS, Current disabled parking placard and blue zone policies are failing to increase access to parking for people with disabilities, and are reducing parking availability for all drivers; and,

WHEREAS, San Francisco now has twice as many disabled parking placards as metered spaces, with 67,500 placards issued to San Franciscans compared with 29,200 metered spaces and just 700 unmetered on-street blue zones; and,

WHEREAS, California is just one of five states that requires all local jurisdictions to exempt disabled parking placard holders from both meter payment and time limits; and,

WHEREAS, Legitimate placards are often misused by people to whom a placard was not issued to, increasing the overall rate of use and reducing available parking for those who need it; and,

WHEREAS, Increased enforcement of placard misuse alone has not been able to significantly reduce misuse, even in cities that have had aggressive enforcement programs; and,

WHEREAS, The City's Accessible Parking Policy Advisory Committee, a stakeholder group comprised mostly of disability rights advocates, came to a broad consensus on a package of recommendations to increase access to parking for people with disabilities and reduce disabled parking placard misuse; and,

WHEREAS, The Committee's recommendations reflect proven solutions from jurisdictions across the country; and,

WHEREAS, Members of the Accessible Parking Policy Advisory Committee have conducted significant public outreach regarding their recommendations; and,

WHEREAS, The Accessible Parking Policy Advisory Committee recommended a package of recommendations including state and local law changes; and,

WHEREAS, The Accessible Parking Policy Advisory Committee recommended the following changes that are under local control: increasing the number of designated blue zones to the equivalent of four percent of metered parking spaces, reevaluating San Francisco's blue zone placement guidelines to make it possible to designate more blue zones in more locations, improving disabled parking placard misuse enforcement, increasing oversight of medical providers who certify placard applications, and directing an equivalent amount of future revenue received from parking at metered blue zones to accessibility improvements; and the following Committee recommendations would require a change to state law: improving DMV oversight of

medical provider certifications by developing and maintaining a database to track and verify medical providers who certify placard applications, clarifying existing DMV placard application eligibility criteria to ensure that placards are issued to people with a functional need for them, requiring that placard holder photos be made available to placard enforcement personnel, allowing local jurisdictions with accessible payment options to require parking meter payment for vehicles displaying placards, and allowing local jurisdictions the option of establishing time limits of no shorter than four hours for placard holders to park at regular and blue zone meters, and no shorter than 30 minutes to park in green zones; and

WHEREAS, The San Francisco Municipal Transportation Agency Board of Directors reviewed all of the public feedback that was taken during the five months of public outreach and at the November 19 board meeting and acknowledges that low-income drivers with disabilities may be negatively impacted by the shift from free parking to full payment parking meter payment; now therefore, be it

RESOLVED, That the San Francisco Municipal Transportation Agency Board of Directors supports the Accessible Parking Policy Advisory Committee's recommendations to increase access to parking for people with disabilities and reduce disabled parking placard misuse; and be it further

RESOLVED, That the San Francisco Municipal Transportation Agency Board of Directors directs staff to develop a discount program for low income drivers with a disabled placard.

I certify that the foregoing resolution was adopted by the San Francisco Municipal Transportation Agency Board of Directors at its meeting of November 19, 2013.



Secretary to the Board of Directors
San Francisco Municipal Transportation Agency