WHEREAS, The Metropolitan Transportation Commission (MTC) has established a Lifeline Transportation Program (LTP) to assist in funding projects that 1) are intended to result in improved mobility for low-income residents of the nine San Francisco Bay Area counties; 2) are developed through a collaborative and inclusive planning process; and 3) are proposed to address transportation gaps and/or barriers identified through a substantive community-based transportation plan or are otherwise based on a documented assessment of needs; and

WHEREAS, Pursuant to MTC Resolution No. 4416, MTC has adopted principles to guide implementation of the LTP for Lifeline Cycle 6, and MTC has solicited applications from transit operators (eligible recipients of FTA Section 5307 funds) from each of the nine Bay Area counties to propose projects for Lifeline funding; and

WHEREAS, The SFMTA generally conducted a broad, inclusive public involvement process, and used multiple methods of public outreach in identifying projects for the LTP in San Francisco; and

WHEREAS, The SFMTA submitted the Essential Trip Card (ETC) Program in response to the solicitation of applications/call for projects; and

WHEREAS, The ETC Program is a discount program to help seniors and people with disabilities make essential trips in taxis; the program enables customers to pay $12 to receive $60, or $24 to receive $120 if the customer has greater needs or longer distances to travel, on a debit card to be used for taxis to the grocery store, pharmacy or to medical appointments; and

WHEREAS, The SFMTA has confirmed that the ETC Program is consistent with the LTP goals as set out in MTC Resolution No. 4416; and

WHEREAS, The SFMTA recommends that the ETC Program be funded in part under the LTP; and

WHEREAS, The SFMTA agrees to meet project delivery and obligation deadlines, comply with funding conditions placed on the receipt of funds allocated to the LTP, provide for the required 50% local matching funds of $664,638 in the Operating Funds Budget and $462,714 in the Proposition K Sales Tax Budget, and satisfy all other conditions set forth in MTC Resolution No. 4416; and
WHEREAS, The SFMTA certifies that the project and purpose for which funds are being requested is in compliance with the requirements of the California Environmental Quality Act (Public Resources Code Section 21000 et seq.), and with the State Environmental Impact Report Guidelines (14 California Code of Regulations Section 1500 et seq.) and, if relevant, the National Environmental Policy Act (NEPA), 42 USC Section 4-1 et seq., and the applicable regulations thereunder; now, therefore, be it

RESOLVED, That the SFMTA Board of Directors authorizes the Director of Transportation to request that the Metropolitan Transportation Commission (MTC) program $1,127,352 in funds available under its Lifeline Transportation Program for the SFMTA Essential Trip Card Program; and be it further

RESOLVED, That the SFMTA agrees to meet project delivery and obligation deadlines, comply with funding conditions placed on the receipt of funds allocated to the Lifeline Transportation Program, provide for the 50% required local matching funds of $664,638 in the Operating Budget and $462,714 in Proposition K Sales Tax funds, and satisfy all other conditions set forth in MTC Resolution No. 4416; and be it further

RESOLVED, That the SFMTA shall forward a copy of this Resolution, and such other information as may be required, to MTC, the San Francisco County Transportation Authority, and such other agencies as may be appropriate.

I certify that the foregoing resolution was adopted by the San Francisco Municipal Transportation Agency Board of Directors at its meeting of October 20, 2020.

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Secretary to the Board of Directors  
San Francisco Municipal Transportation Agency