SAN FRANCISCO MUNICIPAL TRANSPORTATION AGENCY BOARD OF DIRECTORS

RESOLUTION No. 240416-040

WHEREAS, On December 7, 2021, the, San Francisco Municipal Transportation Agency (SFMTA) Board approved a Title VI Service Equity Analysis of the proposed Winter 2022 Muni Service Network, a package of transit service changes that were planned for early 2022 and incorporated community feedback received through a multi-pronged engagement effort in the late Summer and Fall of 2021; and,

WHEREAS, Resource constraints slowed the implementation of the Winter 2022 Muni Service Network, but as resources allowed, the SFMTA gradually implemented many elements of the plan in 2022 and 2023; and,

WHEREAS, The SFMTA also implemented additional service adjustments to address overcrowding and other emerging needs; and,

WHEREAS, The SFMTA is committed to making San Francisco a Transit-First City; and,

WHEREAS, Due to anticipated fiscal constraints over the next two years, the SFMTA is proposing to maintain Muni's current service, as of January 2024, as part of the FY25 & FY26 operating budget; and,

WHEREAS, Any future modifications to the current service plan will be cost-neutral, i.e., service increases will be balanced with service decreases so the net service adjustments are cost-neutral systemwide; and,

WHEREAS, Pursuant to the requirements contained in the Federal Transit Administration's (FTA) Circular 4702.1B, "Title VI Requirements and Guidelines for Federal Transit Administration Recipients," a transit service equity analysis is required for Muni service adjustments that meet the SFMTA's definition of a major service change and are in effect for longer than 12 months; and,

WHEREAS, This Title VI service equity analysis compares April 2022 transit service to Muni's current service, as of January 2024, analyzing route and service changes that have been or will be in place for longer than 12 months; and,

WHEREAS, Pursuant to the requirements contained in FTA Circular 4702.1B, the SFMTA analyzed the impacts of the service changes on communities of color and customers from low-income households and determined that the service changes do not result in a disparate impact on communities or color or a disproportionate burden on low-income communities under Title VI; and,

WHEREAS, In addition to the outreach and public comment that occurred around the Muni service changes implemented since April 2022, multiple methods were used to engage Muni customers and solicit feedback from the community regarding Muni's current service (as of January 2024) as part of the extensive FY25-FY26 budget outreach process; and,

WHEREAS, On April 2, 2024, the SFMTA, under authority delegated by the Planning Department, determined that the adoption of the Muni's Current 2024 Service Title VI Service Equity Analysis is not a "project" under the California Environmental Quality Act (CEQA) pursuant 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; therefore, be it

RESOLVED, That as part of the Fiscal Year 2025 and Fiscal Year 2026 operating budget, the San Francisco Municipal Transportation Agency Board of Directors approves the SFMTA's Title VI Service Equity Analysis of Muni's current service, as of January 2024, which includes all service changes since April 2022 that meet the SFMTA's definition of a major service change; the service equity analysis concluded that these changes do not result in a disparate impact on communities of color or a disproportionate burden on low-income communities under Title VI of the Civil Rights Act of 1964.

I certify that the foregoing resolution was adopted by the San Francisco Municipal Transportation Agency Board of Directors at its meeting of April 16, 2024.

Secretary to the Board of Directors

San Francisco Municipal Transportation Agency