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**SAN FRANCISCO
MUNICIPAL TRANSPORTATION AGENCY**

DIVISION: Finance and Information Technology

BRIEF DESCRIPTION:

Authorizing the Director of Transportation, or his designee, to execute a fund transfer agreement for up to \$300,000 in discretionary funding programmed by the California Department of Transportation for the SFMTA's Taylor Street Safety Project.

SUMMARY:

- The California Department of Transportation (Caltrans) programs grant funds for the Sustainable Transportation Planning Grant Program, the purpose of which is to support Caltrans' current mission: to provide a safe, sustainable, integrated and efficient transportation system to enhance California's economy and livability.
- The SFMTA submitted an application for the Taylor Street Safety Project (Project) that Caltrans selected for \$300,000 in funding.
- In order to receive the funding, Caltrans requires that the SFMTA obtain a project-specific resolution from its governing board authorizing the Agency to execute a Fund Transfer agreement with Caltrans.

ENCLOSURES:

1. SFMTAB Resolution

APPROVALS:

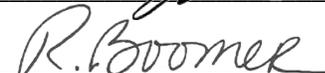
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ASSIGNED SFMTAB CALENDAR DATE: September 20, 2016

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PURPOSE

Adopting a resolution authorizing the Director of Transportation, or his designee, to execute a fund transfer agreement for up to \$300,000 in discretionary funding programmed by the California Department of Transportation for the SFMTA's Taylor Street Safety Project.

GOAL

This action supports the following SFMTA Strategic Plan Goals and Objectives:

Goal 1: Create a safer transportation experience for everyone

Objective 1.1: Improve security for transportation system users.

Objective 1.3: Improve the safety of the transportation system.

Goal 2: Make transit, walking, bicycling, taxi, ridesharing and carsharing the preferred means of travel.

Objective 2.3: Improve use of all non-private auto modes.

Goal 3: Improve the environment and quality of life in San Francisco.

Objective 3.2: Increase the transportation system's positive impact on the economy.

DESCRIPTION

The California Department of Transportation (Caltrans) programs grant funds for the Sustainable Transportation Planning Grant Program, the purpose of which is to support Caltrans' current mission: to provide a safe, sustainable, integrated and efficient transportation system to enhance California's economy and livability.

The SFMTA submitted an application for the Taylor Street Safety Project that Caltrans selected for \$300,000 in funding. Under this grant, the SFMTA will re-envision Taylor Street in the heart of San Francisco's Tenderloin neighborhood. With the City's highest density and only 30% average area median income, Taylor Street residents bear many difficult socioeconomic burdens, and the street experiences among the highest rates of serious and fatal traffic collisions citywide. The SFMTA proposes robust, inclusive planning in partnership with City agencies and community-based organizations. The goal is to leverage roadway upgrades that equitably tackle health and safety issues, improve active transportation mobility, innovate to encourage street life supporting local businesses, and preserve and support at-risk populations and organizations already endeavoring to improve quality of life and outcomes.

In order to receive the funding, Caltrans requires that the SFMTA obtain a project-specific resolution from its governing board authorizing the Agency to execute a fund transfer agreement with Caltrans.

STAKEHOLDER ENGAGEMENT

Encouraging public involvement from vulnerable or under-represented groups, such as low-income and minority populations, non-English speaking populations, seniors, youth, people with

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disabilities, and transit-dependent persons, is a key objective of this project. Through this grant, the SFMTA will perform extensive outreach to the public in partnership with community-based organizations to optimize project outcomes and maximize the benefits of the project to the community.

ALTERNATIVES CONSIDERED

This project is consistent with the SFMTA's Capital Investment Program. By applying for discretionary grant funds, we grow the amount of available revenue for the entire agency. One alternative is to wait until a future solicitation is announced. The second alternative is to use revenues in hand, which would require reprioritization of projects and programs in our Capital Improvement Program.

FUNDING IMPACT

The Project will be funded with this \$300,000 Transportation Planning grant from Caltrans. The grant requires a local match of \$80,000, which will be provided through the San Francisco County Transportation Authority's (SFCTA) local sales tax funds. Additionally, the SFCTA will provide a further \$220,000 in local sales tax funds.

ENVIRONMENTAL REVIEW

On July 29, 2016, the SFMTA, under authority delegated by the Planning Department, determined that the proposed fund transfer agreement is not 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).

A copy of the CEQA determination is on file with the Secretary to the SFMTA Board of Directors and is incorporated herein by reference.

OTHER APPROVALS RECEIVED OR STILL REQUIRED

The City Attorney has reviewed this report.

RECOMMENDATION

Staff recommends that the SFMTA Board authorize the Director of Transportation, or his designee, to execute a fund transfer agreement for up to \$300,000 in discretionary funding programmed by the California Department of Transportation for the SFMTA's Taylor Street Safety Project.

SAN FRANCISCO
MUNICIPAL TRANSPORTATION AGENCY
BOARD OF DIRECTORS

RESOLUTION No. _____

WHEREAS, The San Francisco Municipal Transportation Agency (SFMTA) is eligible to receive Federal and/or State funding for certain transportation planning programs through the California Department of Transportation (Caltrans); and,

WHEREAS, The SFMTA submitted a grant for the Taylor Street Safety Project to Caltrans through its Sustainable Transportation Planning Grant Program, which Caltrans selected for \$300,000 in funding; and,

WHEREAS, The SFMTA must execute a fund transfer agreement with Caltrans before such funds can be claimed through the aforementioned grant program; and,

WHEREAS, Caltrans requires a resolution from the SFMTA's governing board authorizing execution of a fund transfer agreement; and,

WHEREAS, On July 29, 2016, the SFMTA, under authority delegated by the Planning Department, determined that the proposed fund transfer agreement is not 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 SFMTA Board of Directors authorizes the Director of Transportation, or his designee, to execute a fund transfer agreement for up to \$300,000 in discretionary funding programmed by the California Department of Transportation for the SFMTA's Taylor Street Safety Project.

I certify that the foregoing resolution was adopted by the San Francisco Municipal Transportation Agency Board of Directors at its meeting of September 20, 2016.

Secretary to the Board of Directors
San Francisco Municipal Transportation Agency