SAN FRANCISCO MUNICIPAL TRANSPORTATION AGENCY BOARD OF DIRECTORS

RESOLUTION No. 181016-135

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, MTC has adopted principles, pursuant to MTC Resolution No. 4309, to guide implementation of the LTP for the two-year period from Fiscal Year 2016-17 through Fiscal Year 2017-18, and has designated the County Congestion Management Agency (CMA) in each of the nine Bay Area counties to help with recommending project selections and project administration; and

WHEREAS, MTC has designated the San Francisco County Transportation Authority (SFCTA), the CMA for the City and County of San Francisco (San Francisco), to assist with the LTP in San Francisco on behalf of MTC; and

WHEREAS, The San Francisco Municipal Transportation Agency (SFMTA) submitted the SFMTA's Expanding and Continuing Late Night Transit Service to Communities in Need project (the Project) and the Wheelchair-Accessible Taxi Incentive Program in response to a competitive call for projects; and

WHEREAS, The service areas of the routes chosen for the Project contain census block groups with higher percentages of minority and low-income populations compared to the rest of the City; and for the existing 44 O'Shaughnessy and 48 24th Street Owl lines, 52% live in low-income households and 62% self-identify as minority; and

WHEREAS, According to the 2017 Customer Satisfaction Survey, two-thirds of all SF Paratransit riders have an annual income under \$29,000 and the same percentage of low income riders are anticipated to use the ramp taxi service; therefore both of these projects exemplify the LTP goal to improve mobility for low-income residents; and

WHEREAS, The SFCTA has confirmed that the SFMTA's proposed projects, described more fully in Enclosure 2 to this Resolution, attached to and incorporated herein as though set forth at length, is consistent with the LTP goals as set out in MTC Resolution No. 4309; and

WHEREAS, The SFCTA, after review, has recommended SFMTA's proposed projects 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 local matching funds, and satisfy all other conditions set forth in MTC Resolution No. 4309; and

WHEREAS, The California Environmental Quality Act (CEQA) does not apply to the L Owl extension through SFMTA's Expanding and Continuing Late Night Transit Service to Communities in Need project, as CEQA does not apply to the institution or increase of passenger or commuter services on rail or highway rights-of-way already in use as defined in Public Resources Code Section 21080(b)(10); according to the CEQA Statute, "highway" has the same meaning as defined in Section 360 of the Vehicle Code, which includes "street"; and

WHEREAS, On September 5, 2018, the SFMTA, under authority delegated by the Planning Department, determined that funding the SFMTA's Wheelchair Accessible Taxi Incentive Program via the Lifeline Transportation Program 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, Copies of the CEQA determinations are on file with the Secretary to the SFMTA Board of Directors and are incorporated herein by reference; now, therefore, be it

RESOLVED, That the SFMTA Board of Directors authorizes the Director of Transportation (or his designee) to request the Metropolitan Transportation Commission (MTC) program \$2,578,270 in Fiscal Year 2017 and 2018 Lifeline Transportation Program (LTP) grant funds for the Expanding and Continuing Late Night Transit Service to Communities in Need project, and up to \$100,000 in Fiscal Years 2017 and 2018 LTP grant funds for SFMTA's Wheelchair-Accessible Taxi Incentive Program; and be it further

RESOLVED, That staff of the SFMTA shall forward a copy of this Resolution, and such other information as may be required, to MTC, the SFCTA, and such other agencies as may be appropriate; and be it further

RESOLVED, That the SFMTA Board of Directors authorizes the Director of Transportation (or his designee) to execute any and all agreements necessary to complete the transfer of funds.

I certify that the foregoing resolution was adopted by the San Francisco Municipal Transportation Agency Board of Directors at its meeting of October 16, 2018.

<u>Resonce</u> Secretary to the Board of Directors San Francisco Municipal Transportation Agency