

**SAN FRANCISCO
MUNICIPAL TRANSPORTATION AGENCY
BOARD OF DIRECTORS**

RESOLUTION No. 260901-072

WHEREAS, The California Air Resources Board (CARB) adopted the Innovative Clean Transit (ICT) regulation requiring public transit agencies to transition zero-emission bus fleets on December 14, 2018; and,

WHEREAS, The SFMTA remains committed to achieving a 100 percent zero-emission bus fleet by 2040 and has undertaken significant planning and pilot efforts to support that transition; and,

WHEREAS, Pursuant to Title 13 of the California Code of Regulations Section 2023.4(c)(5), transit agencies are authorized to request exemptions from the ICT annual zero-emission bus purchase requirements due to financial hardship; and,

WHEREAS, The Executive Officer of CARB will grant an exemption upon request if the specified criteria are met and if a request for exemption for a particular calendar year's compliance obligation is submitted by November 30th of that year; and CARB considers exemptions on an annual basis; and,

WHEREAS, Pursuant to Section (5) (C) of the ICT regulation, CARB's Executive Officer will grant an exemption from the requirement to purchase ZEBs until the next bus purchase; and based on language in CARB's "Exemption Application for the Innovative Clean Transit Zero-Emission Bus Purchase Requirements Template 5: Financial Hardship," a three-year purchase plan is encouraged to facilitate CARB's review of future exemption requests; and,

WHEREAS, The SFMTA is experiencing financial hardship associated with funding zero-emission buses and related infrastructure and has met the criteria for a financial hardship exemption as allowed under the ICT; and,

WHEREAS, The SFMTA has determined that compliance with the ICT zero-emission bus purchase requirements within the current timeframe may adversely affect transit service and fleet reliability; and,

WHEREAS, Authorizing the submission of five annual one-year exemption requests covering procurements planned for calendar years 2027 through 2031 will provide essential certainty for fleet procurement and enable timely vehicle replacement planning; and,

WHEREAS, On July 29, 2026, the SFMTA determined that the approval of the exemption request is not a project under CEQA pursuant to Title 14 California Code of Regulations Sections 15060(c) and 15378(b); now, therefore, be it

RESOLVED, That the San Francisco Municipal Transportation Agency Board of Directors authorizes the SFMTA to request from CARB five one-year exemptions from the ICT zero-

emission bus purchase requirements, covering procurements from calendar years 2027 through 2031 due to financial hardship; and be it further

RESOLVED, That the San Francisco Municipal Transportation Agency Board of Directors authorizes the Chair or Vice Chair of the SFMTA Board of Directors to submit a letter on behalf of the Board in support of annual exemption requests based on financial hardship.

I certify that the foregoing resolution was adopted by the San Francisco Municipal Transportation Agency Board of Directors at its meeting of September 1, 2026.



Secretary to the Board of Directors
San Francisco Municipal Transportation Agency