

SAN FRANCISCO
MUNICIPAL TRANSPORTATION AGENCY
BOARD OF DIRECTORS

RESOLUTION No. 200407-036

WHEREAS, The 83X Mid-Market Express was created in 2012 to provide a quick and direct connection between the Mid-Market area and Caltrain as part of a comprehensive economic development strategy developed by the Mayor's Office of Economic and Workforce Development to revitalize the Mid-Market area; and,

WHEREAS, Although the economic development strategy was successful, ridership on the route has stayed flat since the month after operations began in June 2012, providing an average of 300 daily passenger trips; and,

WHEREAS, A number of system-wide constraints, including increased traffic congestion, crowding and an operator shortage requires the SFMTA to make critical decisions that maximize the use of resources and minimize impact on transit riders; and,

WHEREAS, Through analysis of operator platform hours per passenger and capacity on redundant service between the 4th and Townsend Caltrain Station and the Mid-Market area, the SFMTA is proposing to eliminate 83X Mid-Market Express transit service; and,

WHEREAS, Elimination of the 83X Mid-Market Express does not constitute a "route abandonment" for purposes of San Francisco Charter section 8A.108(c) since alternative Muni service is already offered along the 83X service corridor, and will not result in a service gap for existing riders as there are multiple Muni routes that run parallel service or provide similar connections such as the 47 Van Ness, 19 Polk, N Judah and KT Third, which provide daily service at higher frequencies and cover longer service periods; 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," the SFMTA analyzed the impacts of the proposed service change on minority and low-income riders and has determined that the elimination of 83X Mid-Market Express transit service would not result in a disparate impact to minority communities or a disproportionate burden to low-income communities under Title VI; and,

WHEREAS, The proposed service realignments noted above are subject to the California Environmental Quality Act (CEQA); CEQA provides a categorical exemption from environmental review for minor alterations to existing public facilities as defined in Title 14 of the California Code of Regulations Section 15301; and,

WHEREAS, On February 19, 2020, the Planning Department determined (Case Number 2020-002348ENV) that the proposed Withdrawal of Service for the 83X-Mid Market Express is categorically exempt from CEQA as defined in Title 14 of the California Code of Regulations Section 15301; and,

WHEREAS, The proposed action is the Approval Action as defined by the S. F. Administrative Code Chapter 31; and,


WHEREAS, A copy of the CEQA determination is on file with the Secretary to the SFMTA Board of Directors, and may be found in the records of the Planning Department at 1650 Mission Street in San Francisco, and is incorporated herein by reference; and,

WHEREAS, Pursuant to Charter Section 16.112, advertisements were placed in the City's official newspaper for a five-day period, more than the minimum 72 hours required, that the Board of Directors would hold a public hearing on April 7, 2020, to consider elimination of the 83X Mid-Market Express; therefore be it

RESOLVED, That the SFMTA Board approves the elimination of the 83X Mid-Market Express in order to better allocate transit resources where they are needed most; and be it further

RESOLVED, That the SFMTA Board approves the Title VI Service Equity Analysis of the impacts of eliminating the 83X Mid-Market Express Service, which determined that there were no disparate impacts or disproportionate burdens on minority or low-income riders under Title VI.

I certify that the foregoing resolution was adopted by the San Francisco Municipal Transportation Agency Board of Directors at its meeting of April 7, 2020.



Secretary to the Board of Directors
San Francisco Municipal Transportation Agency