

SAN FRANCISCO  
MUNICIPAL TRANSPORTATION AGENCY  
BOARD OF DIRECTORS

RESOLUTION No. 210518-071

WHEREAS, On March 16, 2020, San Francisco's Health Officer issued a Public Health Order in response to the COVID-19 State of Emergency requiring that residents shelter in place, with the only exception being for essential needs; and

WHEREAS, In response to the shelter in place ordinance, San Francisco Municipal Transportation Agency (SFMTA) reduced transit service, including closing the Muni Metro rail service to minimize risk to customer facing staff and the community and redirect custodial resources to other facilities, and further reductions service on April 8, 2020 to Muni's 17 most-used lines; and,

WHEREAS, The constraints on vehicle capacity due to physical distancing limitations, vehicle availability due to increased sanitization, and staff availability due to pre-pandemic vacancies and very limited hiring during the pandemic all continue to significantly limit the level of transit service Muni can provide; and,

WHEREAS, In response to these constraints, the SFMTA has prioritized providing and restoring service along routes that more often serve people of color, members of low-income households, and/or those who are dependent upon transit service; routes where crowding data shows that higher frequencies would allow for greater physical distancing; routes that provide service to critical services such as hospitals and grocery stores; and routes that have enabled the agency to provide coverage to as much of San Francisco as possible; and,

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

WHEREAS, Given the rapidly changing environment, and the need to implement changes quickly, the SFMTA employed a range of communication methods to provide accessible, updated customer information to the extent possible; and,

WHEREAS, Where resources have allowed, the SFMTA has worked to restore service along previously suspended routes in response to feedback received from customers, staff and other important stakeholders; 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," Muni service adjustments that meet the SFMTA's definition of a major service change and exceed 12 months in duration require a transit service equity analysis, which was conducted by comparing Muni service in effect in March 2020 (before the Public Health Order went into in effect) to Muni service in effect in March 2021; 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, On April 28, 2021, the SFMTA, under authority delegated by the Planning Department, determined that the adoption of the Title VI Service Equity Analysis for the current COVID-19 Temporary Service Plan 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 the SFMTA Board of Directors approves the Title VI Service Equity Analysis for the temporary Municipal Railway service and route changes made during the ongoing COVID-19 State of Emergency which compares transit service in effect in March 2020 to transit service in effect in March 2021 and concludes that the temporary service changes do not result in a disparate impact on communities of color or a disproportionate burden on low-income communities 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 May 18, 2021.



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Secretary to the Board of Directors  
San Francisco Municipal Transportation Agency