

SAN FRANCISCO
MUNICIPAL TRANSPORTATION AGENCY
BOARD OF DIRECTORS

RESOLUTION No. 220621-057

WHEREAS, The Central Subway Project, Phase 2 of the SFMTA's T Third Street Line Light Rail Transit Project (Project), is currently expected to begin revenue operations in Fall 2022; and,

WHEREAS, The largest source of funding for the Central Subway Project is provided by the Federal Transit Administration's (FTA's) New Starts program; and,

WHEREAS, FTA Circular 4702.1B, "Title VI Requirements and Guidelines for Federal Transit Administration Recipients," requires that a Title VI service and fare equity analysis be conducted for New Starts projects six months prior to the beginning of revenue service operations, whether or not the proposed changes to existing service rise to the level of a "major service change," as defined by the transit provider; and,

WHEREAS, FTA Circular 4702.1B requires that proposed changes to lines running parallel or connecting to the New Starts Project also be examined and service changes to lines parallel or connecting to the T Third Street Line that would have the same implementation date as the Project are continuing to be refined and will be examined upon finalization; and,

WHEREAS, the Project does not include a fare change, and therefore, a fare equity analysis is not required; and,

WHEREAS, A previous Title VI service equity analysis of the Project was approved as part of SFMTA Board Resolution No. 180320-047 on March 20, 2018; and,

WHEREAS, An updated Title VI analysis was conducted in April 2022 in anticipation of the Project's planned start of revenue service in Fall 2022 and uses 2016-2020 American Community Survey 5-Year Estimates data, the most recently available U.S. Census data; and,

WHEREAS, The SFMTA analyzed the impacts of the Project on communities of color and customers from low-income households and found that the Project does not result in a disparate impact on communities of color or a disproportionate burden on low-income communities under Title VI of the Civil Rights Act of 1964; and,

WHEREAS, Throughout the Project, the SFMTA has employed an extensive multilingual campaign to engage stakeholders and solicit feedback, and multiple elements of the Project have been informed and influenced by community feedback as part of the environmental review phase, as well as during the design and construction phases; and,

WHEREAS, The Central Subway Final Supplemental Environmental Impact Statement / Supplemental Environmental Impact Report (Central Subway SEIS/SEIR) evaluated the environmental impacts of the Central Subway Project; and,

WHEREAS, On August 7, 2008, the San Francisco Planning Commission certified the Final SEIR (Case No. 1996.281E), and on August 19, 2008, the SFMTA Board of Directors approved Resolution 08-150, adopting Central Subway Project Alternative 3B as the Locally Preferred Alternative, the CEQA Findings, Statement of Overriding Considerations, and the Mitigation Monitoring and Reporting Plan; and,

WHEREAS, In November 2008, the Federal Transit Administration issued a Record of Decision for the Central Subway Project, determining that the requirements of the National Environmental Policy Act had been met through the Final EIS document and process; and,

WHEREAS, Approval of the Title VI Service Equity Analysis for the Project would not cause new significant impacts not identified in the Central Subway SEIS/SEIR or result in a substantial increase in the severity of previously identified significant impacts, and no new mitigation measures would be necessary to reduce significant impacts; and,

WHEREAS, The Central Subway SEIS/SEIR is on file with the SFMTA Board of Directors, may be found in the records at <https://www.sfmta.com/reports/central-subway-final-seisseir> or at the Planning Department at 49 South Van Ness Avenue, Suite 1400 in San Francisco, and is incorporated herein by reference; now, therefore, be it

RESOLVED, That the SFMTA Board has reviewed and considered the Central Subway SEIS/SEIR and record as a whole, and finds that the Central Subway SEIS/SEIR is adequate for the Board's use as the decision-making body for the Title VI-related action taken herein, and incorporates the CEQA findings by this reference as though set forth in this Resolution; and be it further

RESOLVED, That the SFMTA Board approves the SFMTA's Title VI Service Equity Analysis of the Central Subway Project (Phase 2 of the T Third Street Line Light Rail Transit Project), required by the Federal Transit Administration for New Starts Projects, which found the Central Subway Project had no disparate impact on communities of color or disproportionate burden on low-income communities under Title VI of the Civil Rights Act of 1964.

I certify that the foregoing resolution was adopted by the San Francisco Municipal Transportation Agency Board of Directors at its meeting of June 21, 2022.

Caroline Celaya

Secretary to the Board of Directors
San Francisco Municipal Transportation Agency