

SAN FRANCISCO
MUNICIPAL TRANSPORTATION AGENCY
BOARD OF DIRECTORS

RESOLUTION No. 240521-053

WHEREAS, The San Francisco Municipal Transportation Agency (SFMTA) is an eligible project sponsor and may receive state funding from the Low Carbon Transit Operations Program (LCTOP) for transit projects; and,

WHEREAS, The statutes related to state-funded transit projects require a local or regional implementing agency to abide by various regulations; and,

WHEREAS, Senate Bill 862 (2014) named the California Department of Transportation (Department) as the administrative agency for the LCTOP; and,

WHEREAS, The Department has developed guidelines for the purpose of administering and distributing LCTOP funds to eligible project sponsors (local agencies); and,

WHEREAS, The SFMTA has requested \$21,810,630 in LCTOP funds for the following projects:

- Free Muni for Seniors, People with Disabilities and Youth programs (\$18,767,269), and
- Transit Signal Priority (TSP) program (\$3,043,361); and,

WHEREAS, The SFMTA wishes to continue the Free Muni for Seniors, People with Disabilities and Youth programs and TSP program; and,

WHEREAS, on August 20, 2008, the SFMTA determined, under authority delegated by the Planning Department, that the SFgo Program – Arterial Improvement Projects, including the TSP program, are categorically exempt from environmental review under the CEQA pursuant to CEQA Guidelines Sections 15300, Class 1(c)(13), Class 2(c), and Class 3(d); on April 29, 2013, the SFMTA determined under authority delegated by the Planning Department that the SFMTA Customer First – Transit Signal Priority (Planning Department Case No. 2013.0599E) is categorically exempt from environmental review under the CEQA pursuant to CEQA Guidelines Section 15301 as Class 1(c)(13) Modifications to traffic signals; and,

WHEREAS, On April 2, 2020, the SFMTA, under authority delegated by the San Francisco Planning Department, determined (Case Number 2020-004013ENV) that the proposed Free Muni for Seniors and People with Disabilities program is statutorily exempt from environmental review under Title 14 of the California Code of Regulations Sections 21080(b)(8) and 15273; and,

WHEREAS, On May 11, 2023, the SFMTA determined under authority delegated by the Planning Department, determined that the Free Muni for Youth 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, On April 22, 2024, the SFMTA, under authority delegated by the Planning Department, determined that the proposed resolution to execute the required Certifications and Assurances and Authorized Agent forms for the Fiscal Year 2023-2024 Low Carbon Transit Operations Program for the purpose of obtaining funds from the California Department of Transportation for the Free Muni for Seniors, People with Disabilities and Youth programs and the Transit Signal Priority program; and authorize the SFMTA to comply with all conditions and requirements set forth in the Certifications and Assurances and applicable statutes, regulations and guidelines 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, A copy of the above-mentioned CEQA determination is on file with the Secretary to the SFMTA Board of Directors and is incorporated herein by reference; and,

WHEREAS, the SFMTA will not proceed with any projects identified for receipt of all or a portion of the LCTOP funds that have not already undergone environmental review and any necessary approvals until there has been complete compliance with the CEQA, the CEQA Guidelines, and the City’s regulations implementing CEQA (San Francisco Administrative Code Section 31; and,

WHEREAS, The San Francisco Municipal Transportation Agency Board of Directors wishes to delegate authorization to execute all Department-required LCTOP documents, and any amendments thereto, to Jeffrey P. Tumlin, Director of Transportation or his designee; now, therefore, be it

RESOLVED, That the San Francisco Municipal Transportation Agency Board of Directors authorizes the Director of Transportation, or his designee, to execute the required Certifications and Assurances and Authorized Agent forms for the Fiscal Year 2024-25 Low Carbon Transit Operations Program for the purpose of obtaining funds from the California Department of Transportation for the Free Muni for Seniors, People with Disabilities and Youth and Transit Signal Priority programs; and, be it further

RESOLVED, That the San Francisco Municipal Transportation Agency Board of Directors authorizes the SFMTA to comply with all conditions and requirements set forth in the Certifications and Assurances and applicable statutes, regulations, and guidelines.

I certify that the foregoing resolution was adopted by the San Francisco Municipal Transportation Agency Board of Directors at its meeting of May 21, 2024.



Secretary to the Board of Directors
San Francisco Municipal Transportation Agency