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**SAN FRANCISCO  
MUNICIPAL TRANSPORTATION AGENCY**

**DIVISION:** Office of the Board of Directors

**BRIEF DESCRIPTION:**

Dedicating cable car #24 to baseball legend and Hall of Famer, Willie Howard Mays, Jr. on the occasion of his 85th birthday.

**SUMMARY:**

- The SFMTA has exclusive authority over the acquisition, construction, management, supervision, maintenance, extension, operation, use and control of all property, as well as the real, personal and financial assets of the Agency.
- The SFMTA wishes to dedicate cable car #24 to baseball legend and Hall of Famer, Willie Howard Mays, Jr. on the occasion of his 85th birthday.
- He is widely considered the game's greatest living player and many consider him the greatest player ever. His number, 24, has been retired by the San Francisco Giants and will never be worn again by anyone else.
- The SFMTA has determined that the dedication of Cable Car #24 is not defined as a "project" under the California Environmental Quality Act

**ENCLOSURES:**

1. SFMTAB Resolution

**APPROVALS:**

**DATE**

DIRECTOR

  
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5/9/16

SECRETARY

  
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**ASSIGNED SFMTAB CALENDAR DATE:** May 17, 2016

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### **PURPOSE**

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### **GOAL**

Dedicating cable car #24 to Willie Mays supports the following goals and objectives in the SFMTA's Strategic Plan:

Goal 3: Improve the quality of life and environment in San Francisco.

Goal 4: Create a workplace that delivers outstanding service

Objective 4.4 Improve relationships and partnerships with our stakeholders

### **DESCRIPTION**

Charter Section 8A.102 (b) (1) states that "The Agency shall have exclusive authority over the acquisition, construction, management, supervision, maintenance, extension, operation, use and control of all property, as well as the real, personal and financial assets of the Agency..."

The SFMTA wishes to dedicate cable car #24 to baseball legend and Hall of Famer, Willie Howard Mays, Jr. on the occasion of his 85th birthday.

Like our cable cars, Willie Mays is an icon symbolizing San Francisco to people around the world. In 1947, the same year Jackie Robinson integrated Major League Baseball, 16-year old Willie Mays began playing with the Birmingham Black Barons of the American Negro League. By 1951, he was the star rookie of the New York Giants, and won a world championship with them in 1954, making the most famous catch in baseball history during the World Series.

The "Say Hey Kid" brought his Major League talent to San Francisco in 1958 and was the brightest star on 1960s teams that included up to five future Hall of Fame Members. In his 22 season career, he played in 20 All Star Games (tied for the record with Henry Aaron and Stan Musial), hit 660 home runs, and was elected to the Baseball Hall of Fame in his first year of eligibility. He was elected to the Major League Baseball All-Century Team in 1999. He is widely considered the game's greatest living player and many consider him the greatest player ever. His number, 24, has been retired by the San Francisco Giants and will never be worn again by anyone else.

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Cable Car 24 is a fitting choice to dedicate to Willie Mays, and not only for its number. This cable car, originally built in 1887, was rebuilt by Muni craftworkers in 1958, the year the Giants came to San Francisco, to extend its career. It is also the only cable car to make a “road trip” while still on the active roster, having represented San Francisco at the Chicago Railroad Fair in 1948 and in Los Angeles in 1950.

**PUBLIC OUTREACH**

The SFMTA worked with our partner, the Market Street Railway, a non-profit organization dedicated to preserving historic transit in San Francisco.

**ALTERNATIVES CONSIDERED**

No alternatives were considered.

**FUNDING IMPACT**

The impact on the SFMTA’s operating budget is negligible.

**ENVIRONMENTAL REVIEW**

On April 27, 2016, the SFMTA, under authority delegated by the Planning Department, determined that the dedication of Cable Car #24 is not defined as a “project” under the California Environmental Quality Act (CEQA) pursuant to Title 14 of the California Code of Regulations Sections 15060(c) and/or 15378(b).

A copy of the CEQA determination is on file with the Secretary to the SFMTA Board of Directors and is incorporated herein by reference.

**OTHER APPROVALS RECEIVED OR STILL REQUIRED**

None.

**RECOMMENDATION**

Staff recommends that the SFMTA dedicate Cable Car 24 to Willie Howard Mays, Jr. on the occasion of his 85<sup>th</sup> birthday.

SAN FRANCISCO  
MUNICIPAL TRANSPORTATION AGENCY  
BOARD OF DIRECTORS

RESOLUTION No. \_\_\_\_\_

WHEREAS, Charter Section 8A.102 (b) (1) states that “The Agency shall have exclusive authority over the acquisition, construction, management, supervision, maintenance, extension, operation, use and control of all property, as well as the real, personal and financial assets of the Agency; and,

WHEREAS, The SFMTA wishes to dedicate cable car #24 to baseball legend and Hall of Famer, Willie Howard Mays, Jr. on the occasion of his 85th birthday; and,

WHEREAS, The “Say Hey Kid” brought his Major League talent to San Francisco in 1958; and,

WHEREAS, Willie Mays is widely considered the game’s greatest living player and many consider him the greatest player ever; and,

WHEREAS, Cable Car 24 is a fitting choice to dedicate to Willie Mays; and,

WHEREAS, On April 27, 2016, the SFMTA, under authority delegated by the Planning Department, determined that the dedication of Cable Car #24 is not defined as a “project” under the California Environmental Quality Act (CEQA) pursuant Title 14 of the California Code of Regulations Sections 15060(c) and/or 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; now, therefore, be it

RESOLVED, That the SFMTA Board of Directors does hereby dedicate Cable Car 24 to Willie Howard Mays, Jr. on the occasion of his 85<sup>th</sup> birthday.

I certify that the foregoing resolution was adopted by the San Francisco Municipal Transportation Agency Board of Directors at its meeting of May 17, 2016.

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Secretary to the Board of Directors  
San Francisco Municipal Transportation Agency