

SAN FRANCISCO
MUNICIPAL TRANSPORTATION AGENCY
BOARD OF DIRECTORS

RESOLUTION No. 211221-149

WHEREAS, The San Francisco Municipal Transportation Agency (SFMTA) owns the Sutter-Stockton Garage at 444 Stockton Street and the Ellis-O'Farrell Garage at 123 O'Farrell Street, and as directed by Charter section 4.113.2 manages the Union Square Garage at 333 Post Street on behalf of the Recreation and Park Department; and,

WHEREAS, The purpose of these garages is to provide public parking to visitors to Union Square, and patrons and employees of merchants and businesses in the Union Square area; and,

WHEREAS, Charter Section 8A.102(b)(6) gives the SFMTA the exclusive authority to set the parking rates in garages under the SFMTA's jurisdiction, and the SFMTA Board of Directors has previously acted in Resolution 08-084 to establish special event parking rates under certain conditions; and,

WHEREAS, In response to an increase in retail thefts in the Union Square area, on November 23, 2021, at the direction of the Mayor, for purposes of public safety, the San Francisco Police Department restricted vehicular traffic in the Union Square area and surrounding commercial corridors, which has reduced available on-street parking in that area; and,

WHEREAS, To support Union Square businesses, promote accessibility to the corridor, support the City's General Fund, and maintain parking corridor revenues, the SFMTA proposes to a special event rate of zero dollars per hour for two hours of parking in the Sutter-Stockton Garage, the Ellis-O'Farrell Garage, and the Union Square Garage from November 26 to December 31, 2021, and regular hourly rates will apply to transient parkers commencing on the third hour of parking; and,

WHEREAS, The temporary rate reduction will not reduce net parking revenues to the SFMTA or parking taxes to the City, as other City departments have agreed to contribute funds to subsidize the temporary reduced rate, which staff estimates will cost the SFMTA not more than \$645,868 and the Recreation and Park Department not more than \$345,000, which costs may be offset by parkers who stay longer than two hours and the SFMTA's revenues are partially supported through the City's General Fund; and,

WHEREAS, In accordance with SFMTA Board's Rules of Order and Charter Section 16.112, advertisements were placed in the City's official newspaper providing public notice of the proposed special event rate to be determined at the SFMTA Board's December 21, 2021

meeting; and,

WHEREAS, On December 9, 2021, the SFMTA, under authority delegated by the Planning Department, determined that the establishment of a new temporary special event rate for the three garages 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 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 notwithstanding Resolution 08-084, the SFMTA Board of Directors authorizes the Director of Transportation or his or her designee to establish a special event rate retroactive to November 26, 2021 for up to 36 days, not to exceed two hours, with a floor of zero dollars per hour where the Agency has determined that on-street parking was significantly reduced in the immediate vicinity due to a public safety response, which currently includes the Sutter-Stockton Garage, the Ellis-O’Farrell Garage, and the Union Square Garage.

I certify that the foregoing resolution was adopted by the San Francisco Municipal Transportation Agency Board of Directors at its meeting of December 21, 2021.



Secretary to the Board of Directors
San Francisco Municipal Transportation Agency