

SAN FRANCISCO  
MUNICIPAL TRANSPORTATION AGENCY  
BOARD OF DIRECTORS

RESOLUTION No. 15-163

WHEREAS, Action 6.6 of the 2009 San Francisco Bicycle Plan called for conducting a bike share feasibility study and developing a plan for future implementation; and,

WHEREAS, As part of the regional Bay Area Bike Share (BABS) program, San Francisco currently hosts a 35-station, 350-bicycle bike sharing system, operated by Motivate under contract with the Bay Area Air Quality Management District (BAAQMD). This contract will terminate on December 31, 2015; and,

WHEREAS, The Coordination Agreement provides for citywide expansion of the Bay Area Bike Share system for a term potentially in excess of twenty years that would be comprised of at least 320 stations and 4,500 bicycles; and,

WHEREAS, The stations will be rolled out in phases, with system deployment projected to start in fall 2016, pending identification of a sponsor and execution of a sponsorship agreement, with full deployment likely by early 2018; and,

WHEREAS, San Jose, Oakland, Emeryville, and Berkeley will be included in the program, and will have their own allotment of stations and bicycles; and,

WHEREAS, The bicycle sharing system will be almost entirely built and operated with private sponsorship funds. The only expenses the City will incur arise from staff costs for negotiating the agreement; site review, approval, permitting, and ongoing coordination of bicycle stations, docks, and kiosks installed for the program; prosecuting and defending any claims not subject to indemnification by Motivate; and marketing, to the extent the City decides to market the program; and,

WHEREAS, Under the Coordination Agreement, Motivate will indemnify the City for most claims brought by third parties resulting from the operation of the bike share program with certain exceptions.; and,

WHEREAS, In exchange for operating the program at virtually no cost to the City, Motivate will be given the exclusive right to operate automated, self-service, point-to-point, non electric-assist bike sharing in the public right-of-way throughout the term, and an exclusive right to operate a bike share program with electric assist bikes in the public right-of-way until June 30, 2016.; and,

WHEREAS, The bike share system expansion is subject to environmental review under the California Environmental Quality Act (CEQA); and,

WHEREAS, On October 19, 2015, the Planning Department determined that the proposed bike share system expansion is categorically exempt from environmental review under a Class 3 exemption, CEQA Guidelines Section 15303 ([Planning Case Number 2015-005492ENV](#)), and the SFMTA Board of Directors concurs with this determination; and,

WHEREAS, The Planning Department's determination is on file with the Secretary for the SFMTA Board of Directors; and,

WHEREAS, The proposed actions are the Approval Actions as defined by the S. F. Administrative Code Chapter 31, now, therefore, be it

RESOLVED, That the SFMTA Board of Directors urges the San Francisco Board of Supervisors approve the Coordination Agreement for the Bay Area Bike Share Program between the City of San Francisco, the bike sharing operator, Bay Area Motivate, LLC, the Metropolitan Transportation Commission (MTC), and the other participating cities: the City of Berkeley, the City of Emeryville, the City of Oakland, and the City of San Jose; and, be it

RESOLVED, That the SFMTA Board of Directors concurs with the Planning Department's determination that the proposed bike share system expansion is categorically exempt from environmental review as a Class 3 exemption pursuant to CEQA Guidelines Section 15303.

I certify that the foregoing resolution was adopted by the San Francisco Municipal Transportation Agency Board of Directors at its meeting of November 17, 2015.

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Secretary to the Board of Directors  
San Francisco Municipal Transportation Agency