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**SAN FRANCISCO  
MUNICIPAL TRANSPORTATION AGENCY**

**DIVISION:** Finance and Information Technology

**BRIEF DESCRIPTION:**

Authorizing the Director of Transportation or his designee to execute a fund transfer agreement for up to \$300,000 in discretionary funding programmed by the California Department of Transportation for the SFMTA's District 11 Neighborhood Greenway Planning Project.

**SUMMARY:**

- The California Department of Transportation (Caltrans) programs grant funds for the Sustainable Transportation Planning Grant Program, the purpose of which is to support Caltrans' current mission: to provide a safe, sustainable, integrated and efficient transportation system to enhance California's economy and livability.
- The SFMTA submitted an application for the District 11 Neighborhood Greenway Planning Project that Caltrans selected for \$300,000 in funding.
- In order to receive a grant agreement from Caltrans, the SFMTA must provide a local resolution to execute a fund transfer agreement with Caltrans.

**ENCLOSURES:**

1. SFMTAB Resolution

**APPROVALS:**

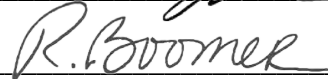
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**ASSIGNED SFMTAB CALENDAR DATE:** October 18, 2016

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### **PURPOSE**

Adopting a resolution authorizing the Director of Transportation or his designee to execute a fund transfer agreement for up to \$300,000 in discretionary funding programmed by the California Department of Transportation (Caltrans) for the SFMTA's District 11 Neighborhood Greenway Planning Project.

### **GOAL**

This action supports the following SFMTA Strategic Plan Goals and Objectives:

Goal 1: Create a safer transportation experience for everyone

Objective 1.1: Improve security for transportation system users.

Objective 1.3: Improve the safety of the transportation system.

Goal 2: Make transit, walking, bicycling, taxi, ridesharing and carsharing the preferred means of travel.

Objective 2.3: Improve use of all non-private auto modes.

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

Objective 3.1: Reduce the Agency's and the transportation system's resource consumption, emissions, waste, and noise

Objective 3.2: Increase the transportation system's positive impact on the economy.

### **DESCRIPTION**

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The SFMTA submitted an application for the District 11 Neighborhood Greenway Planning Project selected for \$300,000 in funding. Under this grant, the SFMTA will conduct extensive community planning to implement the San Francisco Green Connections Network and Bicycle Strategy on three key corridors in underserved and lower income neighborhoods: Green Connections Route 16- Cayuga/Aleman; Route 11- Persia/Brazil/Russia; and Naples-Brunswick. The planning process will develop "neighborhood greenway" designs that improve the livability and vitality of local streets, while providing better non-motorized links to local and regional transit, employment, education, recreation/open space, and health services. The planning effort will include a robust public participation process to empower residents and stakeholders from this ethnically diverse and historically car-dependent area of southern San Francisco.

### **STAKEHOLDER ENGAGEMENT**

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The Caltrans grant funds the project planning phase, which includes public outreach. Through this grant, the SFMTA will invite neighbors, merchants, and community groups to work together in a robust and inclusive planning process. We aim for a collaborative community planning process that will bring neighbors, merchants and community groups together for collaborative planning workshops focusing on greenway improvements to reclaim their local streetscapes. We will develop a responsive inventory of opportunities based on community needs and desires. We will then synthesize community planning input into feasible draft corridor alternatives for implementation and use these proposals to conduct an inclusive community process for establishing a consensus on preferred alternatives to be moved forward for each corridor.

### **ALTERNATIVES CONSIDERED**

This project is consistent with the SFMTA Board-adopted Capital Investment Program. By applying for discretionary grant funds, we provide additional resources to the SFMTA that will allow the Agency to implement important transportation projects. One alternative is to wait until a future solicitation is announced. The second alternative is to use revenues in hand, which would require reprioritization of projects and programs in our Capital Improvement Program.

### **FUNDING IMPACT**

The District 11 Neighborhood Greenway Planning Project will be funded with a \$300,000 Transportation Planning Grant. The grant requires a local match of \$100,000, which will be provided through the sales tax funds disbursed by the San Francisco County Transportation Authority.

### **ENVIRONMENTAL REVIEW**

On September 15, 2016, the SFMTA, under authority delegated by the Planning Department, determined that the proposed Fund Transfer agreement 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) because the action would not result in a direct physical change in the environment, or a reasonably foreseeable indirect physical change in the environment.

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**

The City Attorney has reviewed this report.

**RECOMMENDATION**

Staff recommends that the SFMTA Board authorize the Director of Transportation or his designee to execute a fund transfer agreement for up to \$300,000 in discretionary funding programmed by the California Department of Transportation for the SFMTA's District 11 Neighborhood Greenway Planning Project.

SAN FRANCISCO  
MUNICIPAL TRANSPORTATION AGENCY  
BOARD OF DIRECTORS

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

WHEREAS, The San Francisco Municipal Transportation Agency (SFMTA) is eligible to receive Federal and/or State funding for certain transportation planning programs through the California Department of Transportation (Caltrans); and,

WHEREAS, The SFMTA submitted a grant for the District 11 Neighborhood Greenway Planning Project to Caltrans through its Sustainable Transportation Planning Grant Program, which Caltrans selected for \$300,000 in funding; and,

WHEREAS, The SFMTA must execute a fund transfer agreement with Caltrans before such funds can be claimed through the aforementioned grant program; and,

WHEREAS, Caltrans requires a resolution from the SFMTA's governing board authorizing execution of a fund transfer agreement; and,

WHEREAS, On September 15, 2016, the SFMTA, under authority delegated by the Planning Department, determined that the proposed fund transfer agreement 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) because the action would not result in a direct physical change in the environment, or a reasonably foreseeable indirect physical change in the environment; 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 authorizes the Director of Transportation, or his designee, to execute a fund transfer agreement for up to \$300,000 in discretionary funding programmed by the California Department of Transportation for the SFMTA's District 11 Neighborhood Greenway Planning Project.

I certify that the foregoing resolution was adopted by the San Francisco Municipal Transportation Agency Board of Directors at its meeting of October 18, 2016.

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Secretary to the Board of Directors  
San Francisco Municipal Transportation Agency