

SAN FRANCISCO
MUNICIPAL TRANSPORTATION AGENCY
BOARD OF DIRECTORS

RESOLUTION No. 211019-121

WHEREAS, The COVID-19 health crisis has had devastating effects on the people and economy of San Francisco and throughout the world; and

WHEREAS, The City and County of San Francisco is committed to removing any barriers for residents to access this critical health service in order to end the pandemic; and

WHEREAS, In order to support the City-wide vaccination program, beginning on February 23, 2021, the Director of Transportation used his authority under SFMTA Board of Directors' Resolution No. 200630-061 to implement a six-month promotional program waiving Muni and Paratransit Fares for customers traveling to and from locations to receive Covid-19 vaccinations as a short-term experimental fare change; and

WHEREAS, On March 16, 2021, the Board of Directors approved Resolution No. 210316-036 to create a six-month promotional program waiving Muni and Paratransit Fares for customers traveling to and from locations to receive COVID-19 vaccinations through September 16, 2021; and

WHEREAS, There is continued need to support these efforts particularly in light of the expected expansion of vaccine approval for children under 12 years old, as well as the availability of booster shots for vulnerable populations; and

WHEREAS, Pursuant to Charter Section 16.112, advertisements were placed in the City's official newspaper, the San Francisco Examiner, regarding this public hearing which ran on October 10, October 13-15, and October 17, 2021, to provide notice that the SFMTA Board of Directors will hold a public hearing on October 19, 2021, to consider the continuation and expansion of this program; and

WHEREAS, Since the public hearing is not less than five days after the last publication of notice, the SFMTA Board is asked to waive Article 4, Section 10 of the SFMTA Board Rules of Order; and

WHEREAS, On October 1, 2021, the SFMTA, under authority delegated by the Planning Department, determined that the COVID-19 vaccination fare waiver is not a "project" under the California Environmental Quality Act (CEQA) pursuant 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; and

WHEREAS, Title VI of the Civil Rights Act of 1964 applies to programs and services receiving federal funding and prohibits discrimination based on race, color, or national origin from federally funded programs such as transit and in order to remain compliant with Title VI requirements and ensure continued federal funding, the SFMTA must analyze the impacts of fare changes on minority and low-income populations in compliance with the FTA's updated Circular 4702.1B; and

WHEREAS, The SFMTA prepared a Title VI analysis of the impact of the proposed fare change on low-income and minority communities in San Francisco and has determined that there is no disparate impact to minority populations or disproportionate burden to low-income populations; now, therefore be it

RESOLVED, That the SFMTA Board waives Article 4, Section 10 of the SFMTA Board Rules of Order since the scheduled public hearing is not less than five days after the last publication of notice; and be it further

RESOLVED, That the SFMTA Board approves the Title VI analysis of the impact of the proposed fare change on low-income and minority communities in San Francisco, which determined that there is no disparate impact to minority populations or disproportionate burden to low-income populations; and be it further

RESOLVED, That the San Francisco Municipal Transportation Agency Board of Directors approves retroactively an extension of the six-month promotional program waiving Muni and Paratransit Fares for customers traveling to and from COVID-19 vaccination and vaccination booster appointments from September 17, 2021 through September 16, 2022, and expansion of the program to include a parent/guardian when accompanying a minor.

I certify that the foregoing resolution was adopted by the San Francisco Municipal Transportation Agency Board of Directors at its meeting of October 19, 2021.



Secretary to the Board of Directors
San Francisco Municipal Transportation Agency