

SAN FRANCISCO
MUNICIPAL TRANSPORTATION AGENCY
BOARD OF DIRECTORS

RESOLUTION No. 220405-030

WHEREAS, The SFMTA would like to reform and modernize taxicab rules and regulations to ensure a high standard of public safety and customer service while updating requirements to better allow innovation and competition; and,

WHEREAS, On September 7, 2021, the SFMTA Board of Directors approved an Upfront Fare Pilot Program (Pilot) to test upfront fare concept which would provide customers a set fare in advance of a trip based on estimated meter rate; and,

WHEREAS, The SFMTA wants to expand the Pilot to test upfront fare concept using third-party dispatch entities, which would provide customers a set fare in advance of trip and extend the implementation date for the Pilot by 90 days; and,

WHEREAS, Taxi trips generated by third-party dispatch entities benefit San Francisco taxi riders and the taxi industry; and,

WHEREAS, The California Environmental Quality Act (CEQA) applies to “projects” that have the potential for resulting in either a direct physical change in the environment, or a reasonably foreseeable indirect change in the environment; and,

WHEREAS, On February 25, 2022, the SFMTA, under authority delegated by the Planning Department, determined that the proposed Transportation Code legislation 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; and be it further

RESOLVED, That the San Francisco Municipal Transportation Agency Board of Directors amend the Transportation Code, Division II, Article 1100, Section 1124(b)(5) to expand the Taxi Upfront Fare Pilot Program to allow Taxi E-Hail applications to dispatch trips that originate with third-party entities, which may offer upfront fares that are not based on Taximeter rates and extend the implementation date of the Pilot by 90 days; and be in further

RESOLVED, That the San Francisco Municipal Transportation Agency Board of Directors direct staff to continue to create informal opportunities for key stakeholders to provide input on the pilot.

I certify that the foregoing resolution was adopted by the San Francisco Municipal Transportation Agency Board of Directors at its meeting of April 5, 2022.



Secretary to the Board of Directors
San Francisco Municipal Transportation Agency

[Transportation Code – Taxi Fares Under the Upfront Fare Pilot Program]

Resolution amending the Transportation Code to remove the requirement that fares in the Upfront Fare Pilot Program be based on the estimated meter amount, and require that the Upfront Fare Pilot Program for taxi fares be implemented by August 5, 2022 rather than by an April 2022 date.

NOTE: Additions are single-underline Times New Roman;
deletions are ~~strike-through Times New Roman~~.

The Municipal Transportation Agency Board of Directors of the City and County of San Francisco enacts the following regulations:

Section 1. Article 1100 of Division II of the Transportation Code is hereby amended by revising Section 1124, to read as follows:

SEC. 1124. TAXI FARES AND FEES; GATE FEES.

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(b) Taxi Fares.

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(5) Establishment of Upfront Fare Pilot Program. By no later than August 5, 2022, ~~Within six months of the effective date of the resolution in SFMTA File No. _____, making numerous changes to Article 1100,~~ the Director of Transportation shall create a one-year Upfront Fare Pilot Program ("Pilot Program") intended to test the concept of providing customers with a flat rate fare estimate through an e-hail application. Under the Pilot Program, the customer will have the option of choosing the advance, upfront fare or paying for the trip based on the meter amount. The upfront fare estimate will be calculated using ~~based on the estimated meter amount, using an algorithm to calculate the upfront fare estimate based on trip distance and time.~~

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Section 2. Effective Date. This ordinance shall become effective 31 days after enactment. Enactment occurs when the San Francisco Municipal Transportation Agency Board of Directors approves this ordinance.

Section 3. Scope of Ordinance. In enacting this ordinance, the San Francisco Municipal Transportation Agency Board of Directors intends to amend only those words, phrases, paragraphs, subsections, sections, articles, numbers, letters, punctuation marks, charts, diagrams, or any other constituent parts of the Transportation Code that are explicitly shown in this ordinance as additions or deletions in accordance with the "Note" that appears under the official title of the ordinance.

APPROVED AS TO FORM:
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Secretary to the Board of Directors
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