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**SAN FRANCISCO
MUNICIPAL TRANSPORTATION AGENCY**

DIVISION: Sustainable Streets

BRIEF DESCRIPTION:

Approving the San Francisco Municipal Transportation Agency’s (SFMTA) Fiscal Year (FY) 2015 – FY 2030 Short Range Transit Plan (SRTP).

SUMMARY:

- The Metropolitan Transportation Commission (MTC) requires that each public transit operator in the Bay Area region receiving federal funding through the Transportation Improvement Program (TIP), prepare, adopt and submit a Short Range Transit Plan (SRTP).
- The San Francisco Municipal Transportation Agency’s (SFMTA) Fiscal Year (FY) 2015 – FY 2030 Short Range Transit Plan (SRTP) consists of six chapters outlining the current transit system and summarizing the operating and capital funding projections for Fiscal Year (FY) 2015 – FY 2030.
- The Short Range Transit Plan is consistent with all other recent and ongoing transit planning efforts.

ENCLOSURES:

1. FY2015 – FY 2030 SFMTA Short Range Transit Plan
2. SFMTAB Resolution

APPROVALS:

DATE

DIRECTOR _____

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ASSIGNED SFMTAB CALENDAR DATE: June 16, 2015

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PURPOSE

Approving the San Francisco Municipal Transportation Agency's (SFMTA) Fiscal Year (FY) 2015 – FY 2030 Short Range Transit Plan (SRTP).

GOAL

Development of the FY 2015 – FY 2030 Short Range Transit Plan helps the SFMTA meet the following three goals:

- Goal 1: Create a safer transportation experience for everyone.
- Goal 2: Make transit, walking, bicycling, taxi, ridesharing and carsharing the preferred means of travel.
- Goal 3: Improve the environment and quality of life in San Francisco.

DESCRIPTION

In order to comply with Metropolitan Transportation Commission's (MTC) planning and programming requirements, the MTC requires that each public transit operator in the Bay Area region receiving federal funding through the Transportation Improvement Program (TIP), prepare, adopt and submit to MTC a Short Range Transit Plan (SRTP). If the San Francisco Municipal Transportation Agency (SFMTA) does not submit a SRTP to the MTC, the MTC may choose to withhold funding previously programmed for SFMTA transit projects and initiatives.

The SRTP consists of six chapters outlining the current SFMTA transit system and summarizing the operating and capital funding projections for Fiscal Year (FY) 2015 – FY 2030:

1. Overview of the SFMTA Transit System: The SFMTA, a department of the City and County of San Francisco, is responsible for the management of all ground transportation in the city. The SFMTA keeps people connected through the San Francisco Municipal Railway (Muni), the nation's eighth largest public transit system. The agency's additional responsibilities include managing parking and traffic, bicycling, walking, and the regulation of taxis.
2. SFMTA Goals, Objectives & Standards: In 2011-2012, the SFMTA updated the agency's Strategic Plan and developed a new vision for San Francisco's transportation system. This updated plan also better integrates the key elements and performance metrics defined in the long-range transportation plans required by the United States Department of Transportation (USDOT) and the MTC, clarifying objectives and aiding in the prioritization and programming of state and federal funding.
3. Service & System Evaluation: San Francisco is a transit-rich, multimodal city where more and more San Franciscans are choosing to leave their cars behind and use the transit, taxi, bicycle, and pedestrian routes to get around the city. This shift towards more sustainable transportation helps all San Francisco residents and visitors by reducing greenhouse gas emissions and

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improving air quality, reducing congestion, and encouraging increased pedestrian activities. In order to meet the needs of the city's current and future system users, the SFMTA has updated its transit service framework, bringing together technology, technical expertise, and deep community insight to better understand and resolve the challenges that impact Muni.

4. Operations Plan & Budget: The Operations Plan and Budget included in the SRTP outlines the projected revenues and expenses for the SFMTA's Muni transit service as well as other transportation services provided by SFMTA. It provides a 15-year look ahead for the fixed route transit and demand-responsive paratransit services, including the transit service enhancements that are a significant part of the Muni Forward initiative to make transit faster and more reliable for Muni customers. It also includes other efforts that are supportive of transit which are under the purview of the SFMTA.
5. Capital Improvement Program: Over the next ten years, the SFMTA's total unconstrained capital need is \$9.0 billion dollars (including a five percent cost escalation rate in fiscal years 2021-2025). These projects include infrastructure investments as well as various fleet procurements and other one-time initiatives (plans, educational programs, etc.) that improve the safety, reliability and efficiency of the transportation system.
6. Major Expansion Projects: In MTC Resolution No. 3434, the Regional Transit Expansion Program, the MTC identified specific bus, rail and ferry projects as a priority for transit expansion in the Bay Area. This chapter provides information on the two SFMTA expansion projects included in MTC Resolution No. 3434 which are the (1) Central Subway and (2) Van Ness Bus Rapid Transit Project.

PUBLIC OUTREACH

The SRTP is a reference document of existing SFMTA transit plans and information. Specific public outreach for this document is not required since all of the SFMTA transit services and plans referenced in the SRTP were developed through an extensive community engagement process and information regarding the public outreach performed for these services and plans is available on the SFMTA website. SFMTA staff discussed the draft SRTP with the SFMTA Citizen's Advisory Council (CAC) in November 2014, April 2015, and May 2015, and with the CAC's Engineering, Maintenance, and Safety Subcommittee in April 2015. SFMTA has incorporated their feedback in the final document, including providing more data and information on current and future transit service.

ALTERNATIVES CONSIDERED

No alternatives were considered. Federal transportation requirements require that the MTC develop and update a long-range Regional Transportation Plan (RTP), and TIP which implements the RTP by programming federal funds to transportation projects contained in the RTP. The SRTP will inform the development of the next RTP.

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FUNDING IMPACT

Since the SRTP is a reference document for other planning efforts, the SRTP has no funding impact. Operating and capital budget information included in the SRTP was approved by the Board of Directors through the Fiscal Year (FY) 2015 and FY 2016 Operating Budget and the FY 2015 and FY 2016 Capital Budget. Beyond these two-year budgets, projections of future operating needs and expected operating revenues are intended to help the agency and its stakeholders understand the projected financial picture, rather than be a precise forecast for any specific year.

OTHER APPROVALS RECEIVED OR STILL REQUIRED

The City Attorney's Office has reviewed this calendar item.

RECOMMENDATION

SFMTA staff recommends that the SFMTA Board of Directors approve the San Francisco Municipal Transportation Agency's (SFMTA) Fiscal Year (FY) 2015 – FY 2030 Short Range Transit Plan (SRTP).

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BOARD OF DIRECTORS

RESOLUTION No. _____

WHEREAS, The Metropolitan Transportation Commission (MTC) requires that each public transit operator in the Bay Area region receiving federal funding through the Transportation Improvement Program (TIP), prepare, adopt and submit a Short Range Transit Plan (SRTP); and,

WHEREAS, The San Francisco Municipal Transportation Agency's (SFMTA) Fiscal Year (FY) 2015 – FY 2030 SRTP consists of six chapters outlining the current SFMTA transit system and summarizing the operating and capital funding projections for Fiscal Year (FY) 2015 – FY 2030; and,

WHEREAS, The SFMTA Citizen's Advisory Council (CAC) reviewed this document and the SFMTA has incorporated their feedback in the final document; and,

WHEREAS, The Short Range Transit Plan is consistent with all other recent and ongoing SFMTA transit planning efforts; now, therefore, be it

RESOLVED, That the San Francisco Municipal Transportation Agency Board of Directors approves the FY 2015 – FY 2030 SFMTA Short Range Transit Plan.

I certify that the foregoing resolution was adopted by the San Francisco Municipal Transportation Agency Board of Directors at its meeting of June 16, 2015.

Secretary to the Board of Directors
San Francisco Municipal Transportation Agency