

SAN FRANCISCO MUNICIPAL TRANSPORTATION AGENCY
BOARD OF DIRECTORS
CITY AND COUNTY OF SAN FRANCISCO

RESOLUTION No. 13-214

WHEREAS, The San Francisco Municipal Transportation Agency (SFMTA) and the San Francisco County Transportation Authority (SFCTA) are partnered in the development of Bus Rapid Transit (BRT) for Van Ness Avenue (the Project); and,

WHEREAS, The goals of BRT are robust and stable ridership, efficient, effective and equitable transit service, neighborhood livability and community vitality, and links to a citywide rapid transit network; and,

WHEREAS, The SFCTA released the draft Environmental Impact Statement / Environmental Impact Report (EIS/EIR) for public review and comment from November 4 – December 23, 2011, which included a public meeting where comments could be submitted, and information about the project provided at a webinar and at neighborhood briefings; and,

WHEREAS, After a long period of analysis by staff at SFMTA and SFCTA, and after considering the information in the draft EIS/EIR and incorporating public comments received during the review period of the draft EIS/EIR, the staff recommendation for the locally preferred alternative (LPA) for the Project, for analysis in the Final EIS/EIR, was “The Center-running BRT with Right Side Boarding Platforms Single Median and Limited Left Turns,” which combines key elements contained in Alternatives 3 and 4; and,

WHEREAS, On May 15, 2012, the Municipal Transportation Agency Board of Directors adopted Resolution No. 12-070, which identified and endorsed the LPA for the Van Ness Avenue Bus Rapid Transit Project, “The Center-running BRT with Right Side Boarding Platforms Single Median and Limited Left Turns” for further analysis in the Final EIS/EIR; and,

WHEREAS, The SFCTA has completed a combined Final EIS/EIR, which analyzes the environmental impacts of the LPA; and,

WHEREAS, The Final EIS/EIR analyzed the LPA, “The Center-running BRT with Right Side Boarding Platforms Single Median and Limited Left Turns,” and determined that it has the transit performance attributes of a center-running BRT (e.g., faster, more reliable service), while avoiding the need to acquire left-right door vehicles and completely rebuild the median, and is therefore the preferred alternative for project implementation; and,

WHEREAS, The Final EIS/EIR was prepared to respond to comments on the Draft EIS/EIR and was distributed on July 5, 2013; and,

WHEREAS, The Vallejo Northbound Station Variant described in the Final EIS/EIR would provide enhanced access for residents in the northern part of the project corridor; and

WHEREAS, The SFCTA certified the EIS/EIR as adequate, accurate and objective and reflecting the independent judgment of the SFCTA on September 10, 2013, including an amendment to include the Vallejo Northbound Station Variant in the approval of the LPA; and,

WHEREAS, The SFMTA Board has reviewed and considered the information contained in the EIS/EIR; now, therefore, be it

RESOLVED, That the San Francisco Municipal Transportation Agency Board of Directors approves the Van Ness Avenue Bus Rapid Transit Project, analyzed as the Locally Preferred Alternative (LPA) in the Final EIS/EIR for the Project, including the Vallejo Northbound Station Variant; and be it further

RESOLVED, That the SFMTA Board adopts the CEQA Findings and Statement of Overriding Considerations for the EIS/EIR, attached to this Resolution as Attachment A and incorporated herein as those fully set forth; and adopts the Mitigation Monitoring and Reporting Plan attached to this Resolution as Exhibit 1 to Attachment A; and be it further

RESOLVED, That the SFMTA Board authorizes the Director of Transportation to direct staff to continue with obtaining otherwise necessary approvals and to carry out the actions to implement the Project.

I certify that the foregoing resolution was adopted by the Municipal Transportation Agency Board of Directors at its meeting of September 17, 2013.

Secretary, Board of Directors
San Francisco Municipal Transportation Agency