

SAN FRANCISCO
MUNICIPAL TRANSPORTATION AGENCY
BOARD OF DIRECTORS

RESOLUTION No. 240806-096

WHEREAS, Charter Section 8A.102 (b) (1) states that “[t]he Agency shall have exclusive authority over the acquisition, construction, management, supervision, maintenance, extension, operation, use and control of all property, as well as the real, personal and financial assets of the Agency; and,

WHEREAS, The “Naming Policy for SFMTA Assets” states the following regarding rolling stock, physical facilities, and other assets:

Consideration may be given to name such facilities after individuals or a group of individuals who have made an extraordinary contribution to local public transportation or based on their achievements either at a local, state, or national level or because they have broadly recognized social, historical, cultural or political significance; and,

WHEREAS, The SFMTA finds that this dedication is consistent with its naming policy and wishes to dedicate historic streetcar Boston PCC #1059, operating on the F-Market line, in memory of the late Muni operator, Michael “Mr. Boston” Delia; and,

WHEREAS, on August 31, 2023, SFMTA operator and beloved colleague Mr. Delia passed away after a long and difficult battle with cancer, where he was known throughout the SFMTA and the city as “Mr. Boston”; and,

WHEREAS, Mr. Delia became a transit enthusiast at just five years old, when he rode the bus with his father, who was an operator. He liked to say he “moved for Muni” when he left his hometown of Boston for San Francisco and became an SFMTA operator in 2014, demonstrating his commitment to work at Muni by meeting all aspects of hiring while 3000 miles away; and,

WHEREAS, Mr. Delia started his career as an operator out of the Presidio Division and ended it at the Green Division, where he spent time driving trolley coaches and later historic street cars; and,

WHEREAS, Mr. Delia was known to the public for driving the F-line historic streetcar in full-dress uniform and a special operator’s eight-point cap from the 1950s, where he delighted passengers with his smile, warm welcome and willingness to share his knowledge about San Francisco, and shared Mr. Boston baseball cards to share stats about himself; and,

WHEREAS, Mr. Delia was known for supporting and inspiring his SFMTA family and encouraging his fellow operators to try new modes, expand their experience and change things up; and

WHEREAS, Mr. Delia also contributed significantly to Agency internal communications as part of his work as a public relations assistant for the Chief of Staff's office; and,

WHEREAS, Mr. Delia gave his all to this agency and was a role model in customer service and respect for his fellow SFMTA employees; and,

WHEREAS, On April 23, 2024, the SFMTA determined that the Dedication of Boston PCC No. 1059 to Michael Delia is not a "project" under the California Environmental Quality Act (CEQA) Guidelines Sections 15060(c) and 15378(b) because the action would not result in a direct or a reasonably foreseeable indirect physical change to 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 San Francisco Municipal Transportation Agency Board of Directors dedicates Boston PCC No. 1059 to the memory of Muni Operator Michael Delia and remember him as he would want to be remembered as "Mr. Boston," smiling from the driver's seat of an F-line streetcar, welcoming his passengers to ride on a beautiful San Francisco day.

I certify that the foregoing resolution was adopted by the San Francisco Municipal Transportation Agency Board of Directors at its meeting of August 6, 2024.



Secretary to the Board of Directors
San Francisco Municipal Transportation Agency