

SAN FRANCISCO  
MUNICIPAL TRANSPORTATION AGENCY  
BOARD OF DIRECTORS

RESOLUTION No. 180320-047

WHEREAS, SFMTA wants to expand rail service to address the single biggest customer complaint - overcrowding; realign service based on ridership needs and expected demand; and integrating Equity Strategy principles and recommendations into all Muni service programs; and,

WHEREAS, Implementing the proposed service and route changes would increase daily service hours approximately 4% system wide, and, as a result, most of the proposed service and route changes do not meet the SFMTA's definition of a major service change and no SFMTA Board approval is required; and,

WHEREAS, Realigning the T Third Light Rail Vehicle (LRV) line as a result of the opening of the Central Subway, and increasing LRV service along the N Judah meets the definition of a major service change and requires further Title VI analysis; and,

WHEREAS, Pursuant to the requirements contained in the Federal Transit Administration's (FTA) Circular 4702.1B, "Title VI Requirements and Guidelines for Federal Transit Administration Recipients," the SFMTA has analyzed the impacts of the proposed service and route changes to the T Third resulting from the Central Subway opening and adding additional service on the N Judah line on minority and low-income communities in San Francisco and has determined that these changes do not result a disparate impact on minority communities or a disproportionate burden on low income communities under Title VI; and,

WHEREAS, The expanded service hours associated with realigning the T Third LRV line as a result of the opening of the Central Subway, and increasing LRV service along the N Judah are subject to the California Environmental Quality Act (CEQA); and,

WHEREAS, The realignment of the T Third LRV line and associated expanded service hours were reviewed in the Central Subway Final Supplemental Environmental Impact Statement / Supplemental Environmental Impact Report (Central Subway SEIS/SEIR), certified by the San Francisco Planning Commission on August 7, 2008, and on August 19, 2008, the SFMTA Board of Directors approved Resolution 08-150 adopting Central Subway Project Alternative 3B as the Locally Preferred Alternative, the CEQA Findings, Statement of Overriding Considerations, and the Mitigation Monitoring and Reporting Plan; and,

WHEREAS, Since the Central Subway SEIS/SEIR was finalized, there have been no substantial project changes and no substantial changes in project circumstances that would require major revisions to the SEIS/SEIR due to the involvement of new significant environmental effects or an increase in the severity of previously identified significant impacts, and there is no new information of substantial importance that would change the conclusions set forth in the SEIS/SEIR; and,

WHEREAS, The N Judah Muni light rail increase in service is subject to CEQA; CEQA provides a statutory exemption from environmental review for the institution or increase of passenger or commuter service on rail or highway rights-of-way already in use, including the

modernization of existing stations and parking facilities, as defined in Title 14 of the California Code of Regulations Section 15275 and 21080(b)(10); For the purpose of this paragraph, “highway” shall have the same meaning as defined in section 360 of the Vehicle Code; and,

WHEREAS On March 1, 2018, the SFMTA, under authority delegated by the Planning Department, determined (Case Number 2018-002870ENV) that this increase in Muni light rail service on the N Judah is statutorily exempt from environmental review under Title 14 of the California Code of Regulations Sections 15275 and 21080(b)(10); and,

WHEREAS, The proposed action for the increase in service on the N-Judah is the Approval Action as defined by the S.F. Administrative Code Chapter 31; and,

WHEREAS, A copy of the CEQA determination is on file with the Secretary to the SFMTA Board of Directors, and may be found in the records of the Planning Department at 1650 Mission Street in San Francisco, and is incorporated herein by reference; and,


WHEREAS, Pursuant to Charter Section 16.112, an advertisement was placed on March 15, 2018, in the City’s official newspaper to provide notice that the SFMTA Board of Directors would hold a public hearing on March 20, 2018; and therefore be it

RESOLVED, That the SFMTA Board approves the Title VI service equity analysis for the T Third realignment resulting from the opening of the Central Subway in 2019 and additional service on the N Judah line that meet the SFMTA’s definition of a major service change, which found that these service and route changes do not result a disparate impact on minority communities or a disproportionate burden on low income communities under Title VI; and be it further

RESOLVED, That the SFMTA Board of Directors has reviewed and considered the Central Subway SEIS/SEIR and record as a whole and finds that the SEIS/SEIR is adequate for its use for the approval of the T Third realignment, and incorporates the CEQA findings contained in Resolution 08-150, including the statement of overriding considerations by this reference as though set forth in this Resolution, and finds that no subsequent or supplemental environmental review is required; and, be it further

RESOLVED, That the SFMTA approves the proposed service and route changes for realignment of the T Third LRV line and an increase in LRV service for the N Judah contingent upon approval of the SFMTA’s FY19 and FY20 operating budget for LRV service expansion.

I certify that the foregoing resolution was adopted by the San Francisco Municipal Transportation Agency Board of Directors at its meeting of March 20, 2018.

  
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Secretary to the Board of Directors  
San Francisco Municipal Transportation Agency