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**SAN FRANCISCO
MUNICIPAL TRANSPORTATION AGENCY**

DIVISION: Transit

BRIEF DESCRIPTION:

Authorizing the donation of retired and surplus original Cable Car No. 28 to the Branford Electric Railway Association, a Connecticut charitable 501(c)(3) non-profit corporation, dba the Shore Line Trolley Museum.

SUMMARY:

- Due to its deteriorated condition, the original Cable Car No. 28 was retired from service in approximately 2000, and the SFMTA commissioned a new Cable Car No. 28 to replace it in 2004. The new Cable Car No. 28 is currently in service.
- The original Cable Car No. 28 is not in serviceable condition and is stored outdoors in the Marin Yard. The SFMTA has no available indoor space to store it.
- The Shore Line Trolley Museum in East Haven, Connecticut has requested that the SFMTA donate original Cable Car No. 28 so that the Museum can perform restoration work on it and put it on static display in the Museum.
- SFMTA staff believes that donating the original Cable Car No. 28 is the best possible use of this historic resource, which is surplus to the Agency's needs.
- The Planning Department has determined that the proposed donation is categorically exempt from the California Environmental Quality Act (CEQA).
- The proposed action is the Approval Action under S.F. Administrative Code Chapter 31.

ENCLOSURES:

1. SFMTA Board Resolution

APPROVALS:

DATE

DIRECTOR



3/26/2018

SECRETARY



3/26/2018

ASSIGNED SFMTAB CALENDAR DATE: April 3, 2018

PURPOSE:

The purpose of this calendar item is to authorize the donation of retired and surplus original Cable Car No. 28 to the Branford Electric Railway Association, a Connecticut charitable 501(c)(3) non-profit corporation, dba the Shore Line Trolley Museum.

STRATEGIC PLAN GOALS AND TRANSIT FIRST PRINCIPLES:

The goal of this amendment is to increase equipment availability and reliability in order to meet the following goals and objectives of the SFMTA's Strategic Plan:

- Goal 3: Improve the environment and quality of life in San Francisco.
- Objective 3.3: Allocate capital resources effectively.

The Marin Yard location made available for new SFMTA equipment helps fulfill Transit First Policy Principle 8:

- 8. New transportation investment should be allocated to meet the demand for public transit generated by new public and private commercial and residential developments.

DESCRIPTION:

The original Cable Car No. 28 was built in 1887 by Mahoney Bros. as open car No. 544. It was rebuilt as standard car No. 501 in 1929, and renumbered 28 in 1973. Due to its deteriorated condition, the original Cable Car No. 28 was retired from service in approximately 2000, and the SFMTA commissioned a new Cable Car No. 28 to replace it in 2004. The new Cable Car No. 28 is currently in service.

The original Cable Car No. 28 is not in serviceable condition and has been stored outdoors at the Marin Yard, exposed to the elements. The SFMTA has no available indoor space to store it.

The Shore Line Trolley Museum of East Haven, Connecticut (Museum) has requested that the SFMTA donate the original Cable Car No. 28 so that the Museum can perform restoration work on it and put it on static display inside the museum. The Museum, at its' own expense, will arrange for pick up of Cable Car No. 28 from the SFMTA and shipment to the Museum.

SFMTA staff believes that donating the original Cable Car No. 28 to the Shore Line Trolley Museum, rather than letting it continue to deteriorate in the weather, is the best possible use of this historic resource. Moreover, space in the Marin Yard is needed for new buses. Donating the original Cable Car No. 28 will help free up needed space.

In 2017, the SFMTA purchased two Presidents Conference Committee cars (PCCs) from Shoreline for \$196,000 (Nos. 18 and 21). Shoreline had requested the donation of Cable Car No. 28 at that time, but the parties agreed to proceed with the PCC transaction and delay the donation of Cable Car No. 28 to a later date. The SFMTA's contractor for restoration of the PCCs, Brookville Equipment Corporation, picked up the two PCCs from Shoreline in June 2017 so they could be rehabilitated under the Brookville contract.

Under Section 10.84 of the Administrative Code, this Board must approve the sale or disposal of "vintage transit equipment" after a public hearing. Vintage transit equipment refers to any Municipal Railway rolling stock over 25 years old. Pending approval by this Board, the Director, under his contracting authority, will sign an agreement with the Museum donating Cable Car No. 28.

STAKEHOLDER ENGAGEMENT:

The Market Street Railway is aware of and concurs with the proposed donation of original Cable Car No. 28 to Shoreline.

In June of 2017, the SFMTA Citizens Advisory Council approved a motion supporting the donation of Cable Car No. 28 to the Shore Line Trolley Museum.

ALTERNATIVES CONSIDERED:

The alternative would be to retain original Cable Car No. 28, but with no protected place to store it, it would continue to deteriorate until completely destroyed.

FUNDING IMPACT:

There is no funding impact created by this donation.

ENVIRONMENTAL REVIEW:

The proposed donation of the original Cable Car No. 28 is subject to the California Environmental Quality Act (CEQA). CEQA provides a categorical exemption from environmental review for existing facilities as defined in Title 14 of the California Code of Regulations, Section 15301.

On February 15, 2018, the Planning Department determined (Case No. 2018-001979ENV) that the donation is categorically exempt from CEQA as defined in Title 14 of the California Code of Regulations Section 15301.

The proposed action is the Approval Action under Chapter 31 of the Administrative Code.

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.

OTHER APPROVALS RECEIVED OR STILL REQUIRED:

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

RECOMMENDATION:

Staff recommends that the SFMTA Board authorize the Director of Transportation to donate retired and surplus Cable Car No. 28 to the Branford Electric Railway Association, a Connecticut charitable 501(c)(3) non-profit corporation, dba the Shore Line Trolley Museum.

SAN FRANCISCO
MUNICIPAL TRANSPORTATION AGENCY
BOARD OF DIRECTORS

RESOLUTION No. _____

WHEREAS, Original Cable Car No. 28, built in 1887, was retired in approximately 2000 after having been rebuilt in 1929; and,

WHEREAS, A new Cable Car No. 28 was commissioned and put into service in 2004; and,

WHEREAS, Original Cable Car No. 28 is not in serviceable condition, is surplus to the SFMTA's needs, and continues to deteriorate because it is stored outdoors; and,

WHEREAS, The Shore Line Trolley Museum of East Haven, Connecticut (Museum) has requested that the SFMTA donate original Cable Car No. 28 to the Museum so that the Museum can perform restoration work on it and put it on static display in the Museum; and,

WHEREAS, Under Administrative Code Section 10.84, this Board must approve the sale or disposal of "vintage transit equipment" after a public hearing; vintage transit equipment includes Municipal Railway rolling stock over 25 years old, such as the original Cable Car No. 28; and,

WHEREAS, The Museum, at its own expense, will arrange for pick up of Cable Car No. 28 from the SFMTA and shipment to the Museum; and,

WHEREAS, The SFMTA believes that donating original Cable Car No. 28 to the Museum, rather than letting it continue to deteriorate in the weather, is the best possible use of this historic resource; and,

WHEREAS, The Marin Yard location, currently occupied by original Cable Car No. 28, can then be made available for active SFMTA equipment; and,

WHEREAS, The proposed donation of the original Cable Car No. 28 is subject to the California Environmental Quality Act (CEQA); CEQA provides a categorical exemption from environmental review for existing facilities as defined in Title 14 of the California Code of Regulations Section 15301; and,

WHEREAS, On February 15, 2018, the Planning Department determined (Case No. 2018-001979ENV) that the donation of the original Cable Car No. 28 is categorically exempt from CEQA as defined in Title 14 of the California Code of Regulations Section 15301; and,

WHEREAS, The proposed action is the Approval Action under Chapter 31 of the Administrative Code; 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; now, therefore, be it

RESOLVED, That the SFMTA Board of Directors authorizes the donation of retired and surplus original Cable Car No. 28 to the Branford Electric Railway Association, a Connecticut charitable 501(c)(3) non-profit corporation, dba the Shore Line Trolley Museum.

I certify that the foregoing resolution was adopted by the Municipal Transportation Agency Board of Directors at its meeting of April 3, 2018.

Secretary to the Board of Directors
San Francisco Municipal Transportation Agency

