

SAN FRANCISCO
MUNICIPAL TRANSPORTATION AGENCY
BOARD OF DIRECTORS

RESOLUTION No. 15-018

WHEREAS, On April 15, 2014, the SFMTA Board of Directors approved the SFMTA's FY 2015 and FY 2016 Operating and Capital Budget which included a provision requiring the Board's review of the Agency's fiscal health in January 2015 to confirm the Agency's ability to financially support four proposed budget items; and

WHEREAS, Based on this review, the SFMTA Board of Directors will decide to pursue these programs for FY 2015 and FY 2016: (1) providing Free Muni for low and moderate income seniors and/or disabled customers who use a Clipper® card effective March 1, 2015; (2) a seven percent transit service increase supporting Muni Forward to be phased in during FY 2015 and 2016; (3) additional funding in FY 2015 and for FY 2016 for transit vehicle fleet cleaning and appearance effective April 1, 2015; and (4) eliminating the telephone and on-line computer transaction fee effective May 1, 2015; and

WHEREAS, The SFMTA FY 2015 and FY 2016 Operating Budget includes the financial impact of the four items under consideration; and

WHEREAS, The Director of Transportation recommends that the SFMTA Board of Directors approve all of four programs; and

WHEREAS, The proposed amendment to the Transportation Code eliminates the payment of telephone and on-line computer transaction fee effective May 1, 2015; and

WHEREAS, Pursuant to Charter Section 16.112 and the SFMTA Board's Rules of Order, advertisements were placed in the City's official newspaper, the San Francisco Chronicle, to provide published notice of the change in the implementation dates for Free Muni for low and moderate income seniors and/or disabled customers who use a Clipper® card, the seven percent transit service increase, and the elimination of the on-line payment and telephone transaction fee for the January 20th public hearing which ran starting on December 29, 2014, for five consecutive days; and

WHEREAS, Review of the Agency's fiscal health was included as part of SFMTA's FY 2015 and 2016 Operating and Capital Budget, approved on April 15, 2014, and determined to be statutorily exempt from further review under the California Environmental Quality Act pursuant to California Public Resources Code Section 21080(b)(8); and,

WHEREAS, At this time, the SFMTA is proposing a change in the implementation dates for Free Muni for low and moderate income seniors and/or disabled customers who use a Clipper® card, the seven percent transit service increase, and the elimination of the on-line payment and telephone transaction fee; and,

WHEREAS After reviewing these changes, the Planning Department's Environmental Review Officer determined that these three minor modifications to the implementation dates were not substantial modifications under S.F. Administrative Code Chapter 31 section 31.08(i)(1); and

WHEREAS, New information is now available nine months after the approval of the FY 2015 and FY 2016 Operating and Capital Budgets including the financial impact of the completed labor negotiations, the results of the November 2014 election, the strength of the local economy and the City General Fund, Federal and State funding, the Agency's bond ratings and fund balance; and

WHEREAS, The SFMTA FY 2015 year end projections based on November 2015 actual results indicate revenues will be above budget and expenditures will be at budget; now therefore be it

RESOLVED, That the SFMTA Board of Directors authorizes the Director of Transportation to implement a seven percent transit service to be phased in during FY 2015 and FY 2016 as part of the Transit Effectiveness Project/Muni Forward service increase; and be it further

RESOLVED, That the SFMTA Board of Directors allocates additional funding in FY 2015 and FY 2016 for transit fleet cleanliness and appearance effective April 1, 2015; and be it further

RESOLVED, That the SFMTA Board of Directors authorizes free Muni for low and moderate income seniors and disabled customers who use a Clipper® card for FY 2015 and FY 2016 effective March 1, 2015; and be it further

RESOLVED, That the SFMTA Board amends Transportation Code Division II, Section 309 to eliminate the payment of telephone and on-line computer transaction fee effective May 1, 2015.

I certify that the foregoing resolution was adopted by the San Francisco Municipal Transportation Agency Board of Directors at its meeting of January 20, 2015.



Secretary to the Board of Directors
San Francisco Municipal Transportation Agency