



RESOLUTION ADOPTING A SUPPORT POSITION FOR THE SEAMLESS TRANSIT PRINCIPLES

WHEREAS, The Transportation Authority 's mission is to make travel safer, healthier, and easier for all; and

WHEREAS, The San Francisco Bay Area is facing a series of interrelated crises, including increasing congestion, rising pollution, decreasing affordability, and widening inequality, which are exacerbated by an inadequate public transportation system; and

WHEREAS, There are currently 27 transit agencies operating in the Bay Area, and residents have consistently identified the lack of coordinated information and difficult transfers between operators as a barrier to increasing their use of transit; and

WHEREAS, Using public transit in the Bay Area can require using multiple transit systems operated independently, paying multiple separate fares, and navigating different wayfinding systems; and

WHEREAS, Climate change is a significant challenge facing the Bay Area, and reducing greenhouse gas emissions from the transportation sector will require a significant increase in the number of residents and workers taking transit rather than a single occupancy vehicle for more of their trips; and

WHEREAS, Low-income transit riders are more reliant on public transit, with 60% percent of low-income households in the region not having access to a private vehicle, and low-income transit riders make more intra-agency transit transfers than high-income riders; and

WHEREAS, A more seamless-to-the-customer public transit system with integrated transit fares has the potential to both benefit low-income transit riders and attract new riders; and

WHEREAS, The Seamless Transit Principles proposed by Seamless Bay Area, are as follows:

1. Run all Bay Area transit as one easy-to-use system
2. Put riders first
3. Make public transit equitable and accessible to all



4. Align transit prices and passes to be simple, fair, and affordable
5. Connect effortlessly with other sustainable transportation
6. Plan communities and transportation together
7. Prioritize reforms to create a seamless network; and

WHEREAS, Seamless Bay Area is simultaneously sponsoring Assembly Bill (AB) 2057 (Chiu), currently a spot bill, with the intent of establishing a task force to develop recommendations that would improve coordination and oversight of the Bay Area's regional transit system; and

WHEREAS, It is imperative that the region's largest jurisdictions and transit operators' interests are appropriately represented on this task force given that the region's three largest transit operators - Muni, BART and AC Transit, carry 80% of the region's transit riders; and

WHEREAS, There is risk that reconciling the region's disparate transit fare and subsidy policies could inadvertently harm these core systems; and

WHEREAS, Should the task force recommend the creation or designation of a Transit Network Manager, the governance of that body should also reflect the strong transit ridership in the region's core; and

WHEREAS, At its February 26, 2020 meeting, the Transportation Authority Citizens Advisory Committee reviewed and discussed the Seamless Transit Principles proposed by Seamless Bay Area and unanimously adopted a motion of support for the adoption of the subject resolution of support for those principles; and

WHEREAS, At its February 11, 2020 meeting, the Board reviewed and discussed the Seamless Transit Principles; now therefore, let it be

RESOLVED, That the Transportation Authority hereby adopts a support position for the Seamless Transit Principles listed herein, and agrees to be publicly listed as a supporter; and be it further

RESOLVED, That the Transportation Authority recommends that any Task Force or Transit Network Manager formed through legislation be structured in a way that reflects where transit ridership is strong and be guided by a principle to enhance and optimize, and



avoid harming, the region's core transit systems (Muni, BART, AC Transit); and be it further

RESOLVED, That the Transportation Authority affirms its commitment to working collaboratively with State agencies, the Metropolitan Transportation Commission, Bay Area transit operators, and other local and regional agencies and stakeholders to develop a highly integrated regional transit system that provides convenient, seamless, and affordable transit for customers.



The foregoing Resolution was approved and adopted by the San Francisco County Transportation Authority at a regularly scheduled meeting thereof, this 14th day of April, 2020, by the following votes:

**Ayes:** Commissioners Fewer, Haney, Mandelman, Peskin, Preston, Ronen, Safai, Stefani, and Walton (9)

**Nays:** (0)

**Absent:** Commissioners Mar and Yee (2)

*Aaron Peskin* 5-8-20

Aaron Peskin  
Chair

Date

ATTEST:

*Tilly Chang* 5/13/20

Tilly Chang  
Executive Director

Date