



RESOLUTION AFFIRMING THE SAN FRANCISCO COUNTY TRANSPORTATION AUTHORITY'S COMMITMENT TO SUPPORTING EFFORTS TO IMPROVE COST-EFFECTIVENESS AND TO ADVANCE EQUITY IN PROJECT DEVELOPMENT AND DELIVERY FOR CERTAIN SAN FRANCISCO PROJECTS PROPOSED FOR INCLUSION IN PLAN BAY AREA 2050

WHEREAS, Every four years, the Metropolitan Transportation Commission and the Association of Bay Area Governments (MTC/ABAG) are required to develop and adopt a Regional Transportation Plan and Sustainable Communities Strategy, called Plan Bay Area or PBA, to guide the region's long-term transportation investments and establish land-use priorities across all nine counties; and

WHEREAS, The next PBA, known as PBA 2050, must establish a strategy to meet the region's greenhouse gas emission reduction targets and accommodate the region's projected household and employment growth through 2050; and

WHEREAS, As Congestion Management Agency (CMAs) for San Francisco, the Transportation Authority is responsible for coordinating with local and regional partner agencies to establish San Francisco's priorities for inclusion in PBA; and

WHEREAS, On July 23, 2019, through Resolution 20-06, the Transportation Authority approved goals to guide San Francisco's work on PBA 2050 (Attachment 1) and throughout the process, staff has worked in close coordination with local transportation agencies and regional transit providers to develop San Francisco's input into PBA 2050; and

WHEREAS, On April 14, 2020, through Resolution 2043, the Transportation Authority approved a draft list of projects from San Francisco to submit to MTC for inclusion in PBA 2050; and

WHEREAS, Consistent with MTC/ABAG guidance, most projects are included in PBA through programmatic categories and typically, projects are only listed as specific named projects when required to do so for air quality conformity purposes (e.g. for major transit or roadway expansion projects); and

WHEREAS, As one part of its process, MTC staff conducted a project



performance assessment on large, regionally transformative projects, defined as projects over \$250 million in capital costs and that increase capacity on the region's transportation system; and

WHEREAS, Among other aspects, the project performance assessment included a cost/benefit analysis and identification of equity challenges defined as projects for which MTC's model shows high- and moderate-income residents receiving more transportation benefits than low-income residents; and

WHEREAS, Based on its project performance assessment, MTC staff identified high-profile, regionally-significant projects that have potential cost-effectiveness and/or equity challenges including the six San Francisco project priorities shown in Attachment 2; and

WHEREAS, As a prerequisite for these projects to seek regional discretionary funds, MTC has requested that each CMA affirm through a board action its commitment to supporting efforts to improve cost-effectiveness and to advance equity in the project development and delivery phases; and

WHEREAS, Transportation Authority staff worked closely with project sponsors including the San Francisco Municipal Transportation Agency, San Francisco Public Works, the Transbay Joint Powers Authority, Caltrain, and MTC to document existing and future efforts to improve cost-effectiveness and to advance equity for the projects as shown in Attachment 2; and

WHEREAS, MTC staff also asked the eight agencies collaborating on the Regional Express Lanes project, which includes the US-101/I-280 Express Lanes and Bus Project, to approve a joint letter making commitments to improve the project's greenhouse gas emission, cost effectiveness, and equity performance (Attachment 3); and

WHEREAS, The Citizens Advisory Committee was briefed at its July 22, 2020 meeting, on the Transportation Authority's commitment to supporting efforts to improve cost-effectiveness and advance equity in project development and delivery for certain San Francisco projects proposed for inclusion in PBA 2050 as described in Attachments 2 and 3; now; therefore, be it



RESOLVED, That the Transportation Authority hereby affirms its commitment to working collaboratively with project sponsors, MTC and other agencies and to supporting efforts to improve cost-effectiveness and to advance equity in project development and delivery for certain San Francisco projects proposed for inclusion in PBA 2050 as described in Attachments 2 and 3; and, be it further

RESOLVED, That the Executive Director is directed to submit this resolution to MTC/ABAG and other interested parties.

Attachments:

- Attachment 1 - San Francisco Goals for PBA 2050
- Attachment 2 - Efforts to Improve Cost Effectiveness and Advance Equity for Certain San Francisco Project Priorities Proposed for PBA 2050
- Attachment 3 - Joint Letter of Project Performance Commitments for the Regional Express Lanes Project



**San Francisco  
County Transportation  
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RESOLUTION NO. 21-05

The foregoing Resolution was approved and adopted by the San Francisco County Transportation Authority at a regularly scheduled meeting thereof, this 28th day of July, 2020, by the following votes:

**Ayes:** Commissioners Fewer, Mandelman, Mar, Peskin, Preston, Safai, Stefani, Walton, Yee (9)

**Nays:** (0)

**Absent:** Commissioners Haney, Ronen (2)

 8-17-20

Aaron Peskin  
Chair

Date



08/17/2020

ATTEST:

Tilly Chang  
Executive Director

Date