



RESOLUTION APPROVING UP TO \$3,012,914 IN SAN FRANCISCO'S ESTIMATED FISCAL YEAR 2021/22 STATE TRANSIT ASSISTANCE COUNTY BLOCK GRANT FUNDS FOR PARATRANSIT

WHEREAS, In 2018, the Metropolitan Transportation Commission (MTC) established a transit-focused State Transit Assistance (STA) County Block Grant program, combining funds that were previously distributed via a regional paratransit program, a regional Lifeline Transportation Program (LTP), and a northern counties/small transit operators' program; and

WHEREAS, As the Congestion Management Agency (CMA) for San Francisco, the Transportation Authority is responsible for administering San Francisco's STA County Block Grant program; and

WHEREAS, MTC requires that by May 1 of each year, CMAs submit the distribution policy for STA population-based funds; and

WHEREAS, STA funds come from the state sales tax on diesel fuel and have been a volatile source of funding even before the COVID-19 pandemic; and

WHEREAS, Annual STA revenues are projections and annual amounts may be higher or lower when confirmed at the end of each FY following the State's reconciliation of actual revenues generated; and

WHEREAS, MTC's current projection for San Francisco's FY 2021/22 STA County Block Grant funds, total \$3,012,914; and

WHEREAS, Given the uncertainty of forecasting STA revenues, MTC recommends that CMAs program 95% of their county's estimated STA amount; and

WHEREAS, In April 2020, in anticipation of a decline in STA revenues and other revenues upon which the San Francisco Municipal Transportation Agency (SFMTA) relies for its operating budget and having fulfilled prior STA Block Grant



funding commitments, the Transportation Authority Board approved up to \$3,794,000 (the entire estimated amount of San Francisco's FY 2020/21 STA County Block Grant funds at the time, subsequently revised downward to \$3,066,371) to support SFMTA's paratransit program operations, which provides transit trips for seniors, persons with disabilities and others who are unable to use SFMTA's fixed route service; and

WHEREAS, Since the COVID-19 pandemic continues to have significant impacts on the funding sources that SFMTA relies upon for its operating budget, Transportation Authority staff is again recommending programming up to the entire estimated \$3,012,914 in FY 2021/22 STA County Block Grant funds to support SFMTA's paratransit program operations including the Essential Trip Card, a program to help older adults and people with disabilities pay for essential trips in taxis during the COVID-19 pandemic; and

WHEREAS, At its March 24, 2021 meeting the Citizens Advisory Committee considered this item and adopted a motion of support for the staff recommendation; now, therefore be it

RESOLVED, That the Transportation Authority hereby approves up to \$3,012,912 in San Francisco's estimated FY 2021/22 STA County Block Grant funds to support SFMTA's paratransit program operations; and be it further

RESOLVED, That the Executive Director is hereby authorized to communicate this information to the MTC, other relevant agencies, and interested parties.



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RESOLUTION NO. 21-42

The foregoing Resolution was approved and adopted by the San Francisco County Transportation Authority at a regularly scheduled meeting thereof, this 27th day of April, 2021, by the following votes:

Ayes: Commissioners Chan, Haney, Mandelman, Mar, Melgar, Preston, Ronen, Stefani, and Walton (9)

Nays: (0)

Absent: Commissioners Peskin and Safai (2)

 5/19/21

Rafael Mandelman Date
Chair

ATTEST:  5/19/21

Tilly Chang Date
Executive Director