

RESOLUTION APPROVING \$1,035,626 IN SAN FRANCISCO LIFELINE
TRANSPORTATION PROGRAM CYCLE 2 FUNDS FOR THE BAY AREA RAPID TRANSIT
DISTRICT'S ELEVATOR ATTENDANT PROGRAM

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, 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, In Fiscal Years (FYs) 2018/19 and 2019/20, San Francisco received a total of \$7.7 million in STA County Block Grant funds and the Board directed \$3.1 million (40%) to the San Francisco Municipal Transportation Agency (SFMTA) for its paratransit program and \$4.7 million (60%) to the San Francisco LTP (SF LTP) Cycle 1 program of projects, including to the Bay Area Rapid Transit District's (BART's) Elevator Attendant Program, to address transportation needs of low-income populations; and

WHEREAS, Considering the significant decline in transit fare and other operating revenues due to the COVID-19 pandemic, in April 2020, the Transportation Authority Board approved up to \$3,794,000 in FY 2020/21 funds and up to \$3,012,914 in FY 2021/22 funds in April 2021, to support SFMTA's paratransit program operations; and

WHEREAS, Annual STA revenues are projections and annual amounts may be



higher or lower when confirmed at the end of each fiscal year following the State's reconciliation of actual revenues generated; and

WHEREAS, The \$1,035,626 in available STA funding for San Francisco's LTP Cycle 2 program is a combination of \$875,772 from the State collecting or expecting to collect more STA revenues than the Transportation Authority Board programmed in FYs 2020/21 and 2021/22, and \$159,854 that Transportation Authority staff recommends reprogramming from the SFMTA's Potrero Hill Pedestrian Safety and Transit Stop Improvements Regional LTP project which will be completed under budget by Fall 2022; and

WHEREAS, There are no new STA revenues for FY 2022/23 since MTC suspended the STA Block Grant program for one year to fund recommendations from the Blue Ribbon Transit Recovery Task Force; and

WHEREAS, The SFMTA's FY 2022/23 paratransit program operations are fully funded including an increased amount of Prop K sales tax funds; and

WHEREAS, As part of the SF LTP Cycle 2, Transportation Authority staff recommend programming \$1,035,626 to BART's Elevator Attendant Program, to help improve safety, mobility, and accessibility for customers who rely on elevators to access the four downtown BART and SFMTA shared stations: Civic Center/UN Plaza, Powell Street, Montgomery Street, and Embarcadero; and

WHEREAS, The elevator attendants help to discourage undesirable behaviors, improve elevator cleanliness and performance, decrease fare evasion, and reduce maintenance costs; and

WHEREAS, BART and SFMTA are in agreement on cost sharing and the funding strategy for the project, and the two agencies will evenly split the responsibility to provide \$1,964,374 in local match funds; and

WHEREAS, The LTP program is one of the few programs where the



Transportation Authority can direct funds to support an operating program rather than to capital infrastructure investments; and

WHEREAS, At its May 25, 2022 meeting the Community Advisory Committee considered this item and unanimously adopted a motion of support for the staff recommendation; now, therefore be it

RESOLVED, That the Transportation Authority hereby approves \$1,035,626 in San Francisco's Lifeline Transportation Program Cycle 2 funds for BART's Elevator Attendant Program; 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.



The foregoing Resolution was approved and adopted by the San Francisco County Transportation Authority at a regularly scheduled meeting thereof, this 28th day of June 2022, by the following votes:

Ayes: Commissioners Chan, Dorsey, Mandelman, Mar, Melgar,

Peskin, Preston, Ronen, Stefani, and Walton (10)

Nays: (0)

Absent: Commissioner Safai (1)

Rafael Mandelman

Chair

Docusigned by:

Tilly Chang

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Executive Director

7/18/2022

7/21/2022

Date