



RESOLUTION URGING THE SAN FRANCISCO MUNICIPAL TRANSPORTATION AGENCY TO INCORPORATE SAFE ROUTES TO ALL SCHOOLS IN THE SAN FRANCISCO UNIFIED SCHOOL DISTRICT IN THE ACTIVE COMMUNITIES PLAN

WHEREAS, The City and County of San Francisco first adopted a Transit-First Policy 50 years ago in 1973 in order to promote a safe and efficient transportation system. This includes promoting active mobility by encouraging safe streets for riding, convenient access to transit, and bicycle lanes; and

WHEREAS, The City and County of San Francisco began developing the Active Communities Plan in 2022 to direct investments towards active mobility, including biking, scooting, and rolling, which reduces both congestion on the streets of San Francisco and the impact of transit on our climate; and

WHEREAS, The City and County of San Francisco Board of Supervisors adopted a Climate Action Plan on July 20, 2021, and said plan committed us to decreasing our collective dependence on gasoline fueled vehicles by shifting 80% of trips to sustainable modes of transportation; and

WHEREAS, The Board of Supervisors unanimously enacted the Better Streets Policy in 2006, which requires City departments to adhere to principles for the use of street space, including "Decisions regarding the design and use of the City's limited public street space shall prioritize space for pedestrians, bicycles, and public transit over space for automobiles"; and

WHEREAS, The Transportation Authority prepared the San Francisco School Access Plan, which aims to improve the quality, availability, and safety of transportation options to school and after-school activities while reducing greenhouse gas emissions, localized congestion, and air pollution around school sites. The Plan found that over 70% of K-5 San Francisco Unified School District students had school commutes of two miles or less, distances well-suited for active



transportation if safe infrastructure is available; and

WHEREAS, Studies have shown that young individuals who learn to walk, bike, and roll for their transit needs carry these habits into adulthood, resulting in improved health outcomes, a commitment to sustainable transportation methods, and increased sense of belonging. Providing opportunities for young people to safely travel within San Francisco will create a new generation of residents dedicated to sustainable transportation networks; and

WHEREAS, Throughout the history of the United States, lack of access to educational institutions has served to withhold opportunities for advancement from specific communities, including people of color, women, and indigenous communities. Advancing racial and economic justice requires the City and County of San Francisco to actively work to equalize access to a high-quality education, including through ensuring safe passage for all students; and

WHEREAS, The San Francisco Municipal Transportation Agency (SFMTA) has been completing an average of 5 school assessments per year. San Francisco's commitment to the safety and success of our students and our climate action goals requires a vast acceleration of that timeline; now, therefore, be it

RESOLVED, The Transportation Authority urges the SFMTA to include necessary infrastructure ensuring safe connections to all schools in the San Francisco Unified School District within the Active Communities Plan by May 2024 in order to encourage lifelong San Franciscans dedicated to sustainable and active transportation; now, therefore, be it

RESOLVED, That the SFMTA shall implement the necessary physical infrastructure improvements that provide physical separation from, slow, and divert vehicle traffic to ensure safe passage for all students who walk, bike, and roll to school. Implementation of these improvements shall prioritize middle schools and high schools so older students may travel independently to schools; and be it further

RESOLVED, That this Resolution shall take effect from and after its adoption



and approval.