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SPECIAL BOARD OF DIRECTORS MEETING

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WEDNESDAY, MAY 5, 2021

3:00 pm or following Item #15 of the regular Board meeting, whichever is later

1. CALL TO ORDER
2. CONSIDER RESOLUTION EXPRESSING WILLINGNESS AND DESIRE TO CONTRIBUTE FUNDS FOR FISCAL YEAR 2021-22 CALTRAIN CAPITAL BUDGET
3. ADJOURN

Note: All items appearing on the agenda are subject to action by the Board. Staff recommendations are subject to change by the Board.

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RESOLUTION NO. 2021-

**BOARD OF DIRECTORS, SAN MATEO COUNTY TRANSIT DISTRICT
STATE OF CALIFORNIA**

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**EXPRESSING A WILLINGNESS AND DESIRE TO CONTRIBUTE FUNDS TO THE
FISCAL YEAR 2021-22 CALTRAIN CAPITAL BUDGET**

WHEREAS, the Peninsula Corridor Joint Powers Board (JPB) is a joint exercise of powers authority formed pursuant to a 1996 joint powers agreement between the City and County of San Francisco, the San Mateo County Transit District (District), and the Santa Clara Valley Transportation Authority (together, the "Member Agencies"); and

WHEREAS, the JPB operates the Caltrain passenger rail service between San Francisco, California and Gilroy, California, currently serving 32 stations along the 77-mile corridor; and

WHEREAS, since its inception, the JPB has had no dedicated source of funding other than passenger fares and, instead, has relied on contributions from its Member Agencies to fulfill minimum financial requirements in its operating and capital budgets under two different funding formulas; and

WHEREAS, historically, each of the Member Agencies has (a) contributed an equal amount of capital funding each year (most recently in the range of \$5-7.5 million per Member Agency per year) and (b) supplemented operating funding based on the percentage of system ridership originating in each County; and

WHEREAS, the levels of both capital and operating funding have been determined by the funding capacity of the Member Agency with the least ability to provide its share of funding in any given year, and the amount that Member Agency

has been willing to make available has become the standard against which the contributions of the other Member Agencies have been calculated; and

WHEREAS, in November 2020, the voters of San Francisco, San Mateo and Santa Clara Counties adopted Measure RR to authorize the first ever dedicated non-fare funding source for Caltrain: a new 1/8-cent transactions and use tax, which will begin to be collected on July 1, 2021; and

WHEREAS, Measure RR was placed on the ballot with the understanding that tax revenues would be prioritized to: support the operation of enhanced Caltrain service levels; support the infrastructure, rolling stock, and capital projects necessary to advance the expansion of Caltrain, including by helping leverage other local, state and federal investments; and develop and implement programs to expand access to the Caltrain service; and

WHEREAS, before Measure RR could be put to the voters, each of the Member Agencies was required to approve advancement of a ballot measure; however, that process was not predicated upon a consistent understanding of whether, to what extent or when tax revenues might supplant Member Agencies' contributions to the JPB; and

WHEREAS, the District understands that the JPB's Preliminary Fiscal Year 2021-22 (FY 2022) Capital and Operating Budgets include no Member Agency contributions; and

WHEREAS, the District Board of Directors (Board) has been informed that the JPB's FY 2022 Operating Budget is based on deficit financing that is anticipated to be eliminated by the JPB's anticipated receipt of special federal subsidies made available to transportation agencies to help cover shortfalls suffered due to the loss of fare

revenues and the slow return of riders to the Caltrain commuter rail system stemming from the COVID-19 pandemic; and

WHEREAS, the Board further understands that the elimination of Member Agency contributions from the Capital Budget will hamper implementation of the JPB's already-fiscally-constrained capital program, despite anticipated draw-downs from initial Measure RR revenues during the second part of the fiscal year; and

WHEREAS, the Board is deeply concerned that even when Measure RR funds become available part-way through the upcoming fiscal year, revenue will still not be sufficient in FY 2022 to meet ongoing capital costs nor advance long-term Caltrain service enhancement goals; and

WHEREAS, the District has a long history of leading our region as a steadfast supporter of the Caltrain service and system, and takes pride in this leadership role on a number of levels, including policy, political, administrative and financial; and

WHEREAS, San Mateo County, through the District and the San Mateo County Transportation Authority, has consistently contributed its fair share of Caltrain financial support, and has created and received voter approval of county-wide sales tax expenditures plans to enable such contributions on an ongoing basis; and

WHEREAS, the Board finds that robust Caltrain services will be essential to the Bay Area's COVID-19 recovery, as commuters and other travelers return to work and play in San Francisco, San Jose and everywhere in between; and

WHEREAS, the Board further finds that Caltrain capital projects are also essential to and enhance the Bay Area's transportation infrastructure and future projects will greatly expand rail service levels as identified in the Service Vision adopted by the JPB on October 3, 2019 as part of the Caltrain Business Plan; and

WHEREAS, the Board desires for each of the Member Agencies to continue to contribute to the JPB's capital program in FY 2022 at a level consistent with Member Agencies' annual contributions in recent years, and the Board is willing to commit the District to making a \$5 million contribution to the Caltrain capital program in FY 2022.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that the San Mateo County Transit District desires and is willing to continue contributing its \$5 million to support the JPB's Fiscal Year 2021-22 Capital Budget.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the Board directs the Acting General Manager/CEO to transmit a copy of this resolution to the Boards of Directors of the Peninsula Corridor Joint Powers Board, San Francisco Municipal Transportation Agency and Santa Clara Valley Transportation Authority and ask that the other Member Agencies match the District's proposed contribution in the amount of \$5 million to the JPB's capital program budget for FY 2022.

Regularly passed and adopted this 5th of May, 2021 by the following vote:

AYES:

NOES:

ABSENT:

Chair, San Mateo County Transit District

ATTEST:

District Secretary