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SFMTA Board of Directors San Francisco Municipal Transportation Agency One South Van Ness Avenue, Seventh Floor San Francisco, California 94103-5417

Re: SFMTA CAC Recommendation

Dear Directors:

In our Citizens' Advisory Council meeting on September 1, 2022, the Council considered the following recommendation:

CAC MOTION 220901.02

WHEREAS taxi meter rates have not increased in San Francisco since 2011 while the Consumer Price Index has increased by more than 40% during the same timeframe, jeopardizing the long-term viability of the SF taxi industry

WHERAS the taxi fleet in San Francisco is 90% green (hybrid or better), but gas prices have increased by more than 50% since 2011; therefore, be it

RESOLVED that the SFMTA Citizens Advisory Council RECOMMENDS that the SFMTA Board of Directors:

- 1. Adopt the proposed fare increases as proposed by staff as soon as practicable
- 2. Proportionally increase the paratransit and ETC allowance to protect impacted vulnerable riders
- 3. Implement a short-term, tiered fuel surcharge based on trip length (based on fare) until the fare increases can take effect:
 - a. \$1 for rides up to \$20
 - b. \$2 for rides between \$20 and \$40
 - c. \$3 for rides above \$40

Implement an annual indexed review and increase policy to minimize rider "sticker shock" from future increases.

It is the opinion of the SFMTA Citizens' Advisory Council that the proposed recommendation would be of significant benefit to the citizenry of San Francisco and the San Francisco Municipal Transportation Agency.

Sincerely,

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Michael Chen, Chair SFMTA Citizens' Advisory Council

cc: SFMTA Citizens' Advisory Council