

RESOLUTION NO. _____

BOARD OF SUPERVISORS, COUNTY OF SAN MATEO, STATE OF CALIFORNIA

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**RESOLUTION SUPPORTING EQUITY INITIATIVES BY PUBLIC TRANSPORTATION
AGENCIES SERVING SAN MATEO COUNTY RESIDENTS**

WHEREAS, the County of San Mateo is dedicated to advancing equity, with the goal of just and fair inclusion into a society in which all can participate, prosper, and reach their full potential; and

WHEREAS, communities of color, low-income communities, immigrant and refugee communities, people with disabilities, people experiencing homelessness, youth, and seniors often rely on public transit; and

WHEREAS, access to affordable, reliable transportation plays a key role in the ability of individuals facing disadvantages in obtaining and retaining employment; and

WHEREAS, low-income workers in San Mateo County often rely on public transit to reach their workplace; and

WHEREAS, high gas prices disproportionately impact low-income workers in San Mateo County, who often face long commute times to reach their place of employment, and may force increasing reliance on public transit; and

WHEREAS, San Mateo County Transit District (SamTrans) provides bus and paratransit services to many County residents; and

WHEREAS, CalTrain and the Bay Area Rapid Transit (BART) District provide heavy-rail public transit connecting County residents to destinations within the County and the greater Bay Area;

NOW, THEREFORE, IT IS HEREBY RESOLVED that the Board of Supervisors of San Mateo County recognizes the importance of providing public transportation services that support social equity principles and supports the integration of equity principles in public transit planning. The Board of Supervisors further resolves to affirm its commitment to supporting equity programs launched by public transit agencies like SamTrans, BART, Caltrain, and the Metropolitan Transportation Commission, and to encourage the continuation and expansion of such programs.

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