

1 [Transit Stop Accessibility]

2 **Resolution urging the San Francisco Municipal Transportation Agency (SFMTA) to**
3 **create a timely and efficient system to remove parking at all transit stops and**
4 **implement transit stop signage and wayfinding improvements.**

5 WHEREAS, the San Francisco Municipal Railway (Muni) provides public transit service
6 to over 3,500 transit stops throughout San Francisco; and,

7 WHEREAS, according to the SFUSD 2019-2020 travel tally survey, 59.2% of SFUSD
8 9th graders used public transportation to get to or from school showing youth in San Francisco
9 depend heavily on public transit and its efficiency, accessibility, and safety; and,

10 WHEREAS, 34% of transit stops are categorized as “flag stops” meaning parked vehicles
11 prevent transit vehicles from pulling to the curb to provide unobstructed boarding and alighting;
12 and,

13 WHEREAS, obstructed transit vehicle access creates disproportionate hardship for
14 families with small children and strollers, and for people with disabilities; and,

15 WHEREAS, the 2015 Muni Forward Implementation Workbook (pg 40) states:
16 “Converting flag stops to transit zones can reduce transit travel times by allowing passengers
17 to be picked up and dropped off at the curb”; and

18 WHEREAS, most flag stops lack important rider information such as route numbers,
19 destinations, hours of service, and real-time transit vehicle arrival information that is critical to
20 making Muni service accessible and understandable; and,

1 WHEREAS, in 2018 the SFMTA committed¹ to installing new stop signage at all of the
2 over 3,500 bus stops, but data² obtained from the SFMTA in 2022 revealed that only 58 of over
3 3,500 new signs had been installed; and

4 WHEREAS, San Francisco has a Transit First policy defined by San Francisco City
5 Charter SEC. 8A.115. which states: "Decisions regarding the use of limited public street and
6 sidewalk space shall encourage the use of public rights of way by pedestrians, bicyclists, and
7 public transit, and shall strive to reduce traffic and improve public health and safety."; and

8 WHEREAS, allowing parking at transit stops undermines San Francisco's Transit First
9 Policy; and

10 WHEREAS, in response to a resolution from the Board of Supervisors urging the San
11 Francisco Municipal Transportation Agency (SFMTA) to prevent parking of vehicles in all public
12 transit stops, including "flag stops," the SFMTA stated they would individually review each of
13 the 1,200 flag stops which would take over seven years to complete and fails to meet the urgent
14 need for bus stop accessibility improvements; and

15 WHEREAS, at the October 17, 2022, Meeting of the Board of Supervisor Land Use and
16 Transportation Committee, Supervisors urged the SFMTA to create a more expedient timeline
17 including an initial 20-foot red zone at every transit vehicle stop with further review of individual
18 locations at a later time; now, therefore, be it

19 RESOLVED, that the 2022-2023 Youth Commission of the City and County of San
20 Francisco acknowledges, that removing parking from all San Francisco public transit stops,

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22 ¹ Benjamin Barnett, "New Bus Stop Signs Coming to a Route Near You", SFMTA, Published February 12, 2018,
<https://www.sfmta.com/blog/new-bus-stop-signs-coming-route-near-you>

² "Muni Forward Project", Public Record Requests City and County of San Francisco, Uploaded September 2,
2022, <https://sanfrancisco.nextrequest.com/documents/15185184>

1 including all “flag stops,” would be beneficial to public transit riders, many of whom are youth;
2 and, be it

3 FURTHER RESOLVED, that the 2022-2023 Youth Commission of the City and County
4 of San Francisco supports BOS Resolution 537-21, passed November 30, 2021, urging the
5 SFMTA to remove vehicle parking at all public transit stops, including “flag stops”; and, be it

6 FURTHER RESOLVED, that the 2022-2023 Youth Commission of the City and County
7 of San Francisco urges the SFMTA to expedite its deployment of improved transit stop signage
8 to all transit stops, prioritizing stops that currently lack bus shelters or other route information
9 signage; and, be it

10 FURTHER RESOLVED, that the 2022-2023 Youth Commission of the City and County
11 of San Francisco urges the SFMTA to create a reasonable, timely, and efficient system to
12 remove parking at all “flag stops”; and, be it

13 FURTHER RESOLVED, that the 2022-2023 Youth Commission of the City and County
14 of San Francisco urges the SFMTA to prioritize the removal of parking at flag stops located near
15 parks, schools, and libraries; and, be it

16 FURTHER RESOLVED, that this resolution be sent to the San Francisco Mayor’s Office,
17 San Francisco Board of Supervisors, San Francisco Municipal Transit Agency Board of
18 Directors and SFMTA Youth Transportation Advisory Board upon approval.