

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 9<sup>th</sup>  
8 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  
11 vehicles prevent transit vehicles from pulling to the curb to provide unobstructed boarding and  
12 alighting; 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 to  
17 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,

21 WHEREAS, in 2018 the SFMTA committed to installing new stop signage at all of the  
22 3,500+ bus stops, but data obtained from the SFMTA in 2022 revealed that only 58 of over  
23 3,500 new signs had been installed; and

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

5           WHEREAS, allowing parking at transit stops undermines San Francisco’s Transit First  
6 Policy; and

7           WHEREAS, in response to a resolution from the Board of Supervisors urging the San  
8 Francisco Municipal Transportation Agency (SFMTA) to prevent parking of vehicles in all public  
9 transit stops, including “flag stops” the SFMTA stated they would individually review each of the  
10 1,200 flag stops which would take over 7 years to complete which fails to meet the urgent need  
11 for bus stop accessibility improvements; and

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

16           RESOLVED, that the 2022-2023 Youth Commission of the City and County of San  
17 Francisco acknowledges, that removing parking from all San Francisco public transit stops,  
18 including all “flag stops”; would be beneficial to public transit riders, many of whom are youth;  
19 and, be it

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

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

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

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

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