

Date: June 24, 2020

ABSTRACT

MTC Resolution No. 4435

Resolution stating the Metropolitan Transportation Commission's conviction that Black Lives Matter and reaffirming its commitment to advancing justice, equity, diversity and inclusion in the nine-county Bay Area.

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RE: MTC's conviction that Black Lives Matter and reaffirming its commitment to advancing justice, equity, diversity and inclusion in the nine-county Bay Area

METROPOLITAN TRANSPORTATION COMMISSION  
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WHEREAS, the Commission is charged with bringing the Bay Area's diverse residents together, with unifying the region by increasing access to both transportation and opportunity, and with overcoming the Bay Area's chronic and punishing housing shortage; and

WHEREAS communities across the Bay Area and nationwide continue to express their anguish and outrage over the recent violent deaths of Ahmaud Arbery, Breonna Taylor and George Floyd, as well as the systemic injustice revealed by their deaths and those of far too many more people; and

WHEREAS, the compounding impacts of a pandemic and deep economic disruption have in recent months starkly displayed the disproportionate burdens that exist in our society; and

WHEREAS, the Commission acknowledges the historic role local governments and the planning profession have played in systematically denying opportunities to Black people and other minorities through redlining, urban highways that uprooted too many neighborhoods, exclusionary zoning, redevelopment and outright discrimination and segregation; and

WHEREAS, the Commission seeks to repair the damage caused by the inequitable policies of the past; building on its Equity Platform to frame intentional actions to reform systems of injustice and exclusion that persist today; and

WHEREAS, the Commission has a role to play in making the Bay Area a more just, inclusive place where everyone can participate and prosper regardless of race, color, age, disability, religion, sexual orientation, gender or gender expression or identity, or national origin; now therefore be it

RESOLVED, that the Commission stands side-by-side with those working toward a fair and just society, and with those calling for systemic change and for the breaking down of barriers that reduce opportunity and undermine the Bay Area's shared prosperity; and that the Commission reaffirms its commitment to meaningfully advance justice, equity, diversity and inclusion while redoubling its outreach efforts to lift up the voices of those who historically have been kept away from the decision-making table; and declares its confidence that the nearly eight million people who call the Bay Area home can meet this moment together.

METROPOLITAN TRANSPORTATION COMMISSION

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Scott Haggerty, Chair

The above resolution was entered into by the Metropolitan Transportation Commission at a duly called and noticed meeting held in San Francisco, California and at other remote locations, on June 24, 2020.