

OAKLAND CITY COUNCIL

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RESOLUTION No. _____ C. M. S.

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INTRODUCED BY COUNCILMEMBER Nancy J. Nadel



SUPPORTING INCREASED FINANCIAL SUPPORT OF AC TRANSIT FOR THE EQUITABLE BENEFIT OF ITS PASSENGERS BY THE METROPOLITAN TRANSPORTATION COMMISSION

WHEREAS, transportation is fundamental for the ability of Oakland residents to gain access to necessities of every kind, from jobs to school, and from health care facilities to shops that sell healthy foods; and

WHEREAS, Alameda-Contra Costa Transit District (AC Transit) bus service enables Oakland residents to meet their transportation needs without the use of automobiles, which contribute to worsening air quality, global warming and congested roads and freeways, and which prolong our nation's extraordinary dependence on fossil fuels; and

WHEREAS, nearly eighty percent of the passengers of AC Transit are people of color, and more than seventy percent of AC Transit's riders live in households with very-low incomes; and

WHEREAS, more than 60% of AC Transit's riders do not have any means, other than public transit, to get to jobs, schools, medical care, shops and markets, and municipal and other governmental facilities, including meetings of the Oakland City Council; and

WHEREAS, the Metropolitan Transportation Commission (MTC) is the transportation planning, coordinating and financing agency for the nine-county San Francisco Bay Area, and is responsible for allocating hundreds of millions of dollars of public transit funds each year; and

WHEREAS, MTC's funding decisions over many years have provided AC Transit passengers with a public subsidy of \$2.78 per trip, while at the same time providing BART passengers with more than double that subsidy (\$6.14) and Caltrain passengers with nearly five times that subsidy (\$13.79); and

WHEREAS, MTC's funding decisions have enabled BART and Caltrain to dramatically expand the level and quality of their service over the years for the benefit of their passengers; and

WHEREAS, MTC's funding decisions have led AC Transit to implement multiple service reductions and fare increases, and have restricted improvements that would benefit its passengers; and

WHEREAS, AC Transit has adopted a cost-effective "Strategic Vision" plan that calls for many service improvements in Oakland along Telegraph Avenue, International Boulevard, San Pablo Avenue, Foothill Boulevard, Market Street, MacArthur Boulevard, Shattuck Avenue, College Avenue and Broadway, and which would improve the quality of life for Oakland residents; and

WHEREAS, the "Strategic Vision" plan requires funds that MTC could provide and which would lead to implementation within a few years; and

WHEREAS the plaintiffs in the civil rights action entitled *Darensburg v. Metropolitan Transportation Commission* seek to finally put an end to MTC's inequitable funding practices so that AC Transit riders are no longer relegated to second-class status; now therefore be it

RESOLVED that the City Council of the City of Oakland requests that the Metropolitan Transportation Commission allocate public funds for transit equitably so that minority and low-income AC Transit passengers receive the same subsidy per transit trip from MTC that MTC provides to other transit operators having wealthier and whiter passengers, and so that AC Transit is able to move forward with the improvements contemplated in its Strategic Vision"; and be it

FURTHER RESOLVED, that the City Council of the City of Oakland encourages the AC Transit Board of Directors to continue to strive to seek equitable funding from MTC that will lead to improvements of service for the benefit of AC Transit's minority and low-income passengers; and be it

FURTHER RESOLVED, that the City Council of the City of Oakland shall forward a certified copy of this resolution and any accompanying supporting materials to the Metropolitan Transportation Commission.

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IN COUNCIL, OAKLAND, CALIFORNIA, _____, 20__

PASSED BY THE FOLLOWING VOTE:

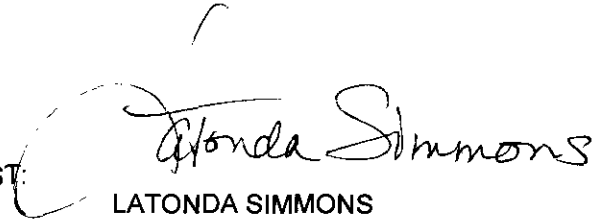
AYES- BROOKS, BRUNNER, CHANG, KERNIGHAN, NADEL, QUAN, REID AND
PRESIDENT DE LA FUENTE,

NOES-

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ATTEST:



LATONDA SIMMONS
City Clerk and Clerk of the Council
of the City of Oakland, California