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Date: March 7, 2019

To: Members of City Council and Members of the Public
From: Council President Kaplan, Thao, and Bas
Re: Resolution To Provide Transportation To Schools By Allocating \$500,000 In Unexpended Fiscal Year 2018-2019 City of Oakland Measure B ACTIA Funds (2211) To AC Transit To Cover Oakland Unified School District Transportation Costs As Follows: \$500,000 For FY 2019-2020

Dear Colleagues on the City Council and Members of the Public,

The ability for children to get to school and to get there on time is paramount to their learning, their safety, and for equity. Busing, itself, was the foundation of many early school integration policies until the 1970s. Now school districts in urban areas across the country have increasingly relied on their local transit agencies to provide transportation for a myriad of reasons.

Many families can't afford a vehicle and lack of adequate bus service and affordability may deny them access to school or a safe commute. In a 2005 survey, sixty-one percent of Oakland youth reported sometimes using lunch money to pay for the bus to school.¹ AC Transit has worked with OUSD to change routes and times to accommodate students and been in communication about affordability. Some of our schools are located in hard to get areas, and AC Transit has provided specific transportation options for these schools. Investing in our local public transit to fit the needs of our school age children is key to seeing our Oakland kids succeed. A study of improvements made to the Metro Transit in Minneapolis/St. Paul's Student Pass program for school age students showed a decrease in truancy of 23%² and a higher GPA.

This resolution seeks to allocate \$500,000 in unexpended fiscal year 2018- 2019 City of Oakland Measure B ACTIA Funds (2211) to AC Transit for OUSD transportation needs for FY 2019-20. Measure B clearly sought the allocation of funds for essential transportation services, and providing funding to cover transportation costs of our students is a priority.

Sincerely,

Rebecca Kaplan
Council President

Sheng Thao
Councilmember, D4

Nikki Fortunato Bas
Councilmember, D2

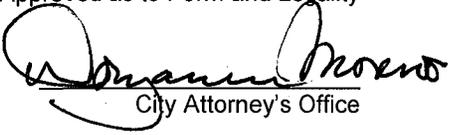
¹ Siegel-Stechler, Kelly. (May 5, 2017) *Solving the School-Transportation Challenge: What Cities can do to Help* Retrieved from <http://edpolicy.education.jhu.edu/wp-content/uploads/2017/05/SchooltransportationonmastheadFINAL.pdf>

² TransLoc Marketing (Sept. 2016) *The Benefits and Challenges of Students Using Public Transit.* <https://blog.transloc.com/blog/the-benefits-and-challenges-of-students-using-public-transit>

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OAKLAND CITY COUNCIL

RESOLUTION NO. _____ C.M.S.

INTRODUCED BY COUNCIL PRESIDENT KAPLAN, COUNCILMEMBER THAO AND
COUNCILMEMBER BAS

RESOLUTION TO PROVIDE TRANSPORTATION TO SCHOOLS BY ALLOCATING \$500,000 IN UNEXPENDED FISCAL YEAR 2018-2019 CITY OF OAKLAND MEASURE B ACTIA FUNDS (2211) TO AC TRANSIT TO COVER OAKLAND UNIFIED SCHOOL DISTRICT TRANSPORTATION COSTS AS FOLLOWS: \$500,000 FOR FY 2019-2020

WHEREAS, the Oakland Unified School District (OUSD) does not operate school bus service for its students and as a result, in April 1997, the AC Transit District ("AC Transit") entered into a Memorandum of Understanding (MOU) with OUSD to provide transportation related services; and

WHEREAS, in 2012, the state terminated an estimated \$2.5 million in transportation funding through AB 2972 that OUSD relied on to pay for the costs associated with the MOU and whereas by the 2013-2014 fiscal year, OUSD no longer received "separately identifiable transportation funding, resulting in the termination of the source of funding for the 1997 MOU between the District and AC Transit"; and

WHEREAS, since that time OUSD and AC Transit have streamlining services, adjusting start times, and eliminating services and arrived at an agreement "to maintain transportation for District students for the 2017-2018 and 2018-2019 school years per OUSD Resolution No. 1718-0034; and

WHEREAS, many OUSD students and families are struggling to provide transportation or do not have cars, and lack of bus service would deny many access to school; and

WHEREAS, in the last few years, OUSD's fiscal situation has come into question as it struggles to balance its budget, threatening cuts to bus service; and

WHEREAS, the City of Oakland wishes to ensure the safety of, and access to school, for OUSD students as they travel to and from school; and

WHEREAS, Measure B, approved by Alameda County voters in 2000, allocates funds for deliver essential transportation services; now, therefore, be it

RESOLVED: That the City of Oakland shall allocate \$500,000 in unexpended fiscal year 2018- 2019 City of Oakland Measure B ACTIA Funds (2211) to AC Transit for OUSD transportation needs as agreed upon by AC Transit and OUSD in the following amount of: \$500,000 for FY 2019-20; and be it

FURTHER RESOLVED: That the City Administrator or her designee is hereby authorized to amend the appropriation for the FY 2018-19 Measure B ACTIA Funds (2211) funds in the amount of \$500,000 to AC Transit for these services.

IN COUNCIL, OAKLAND, CALIFORNIA,

PASSED BY THE FOLLOWING VOTE:

AYES - FORTUNATO BAS, GALLO, GIBSON MCELHANEY, KALB, REID, TAYLOR, THAO AND
PRESIDENT KAPLAN

NOES -

ABSENT -

ABSTENTION -

ATTEST: _____

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