SAN FRANCISCO BAY AREA RAPID TRANSIT DISTRICT

MEMORANDUM

TO:

Board of Directors

DATE: January 15, 2020

FROM: General Manager

RE:

Resolution in Support of Proposition B in the City and County of San Francisco

At the request of Director Dufty, attached is a proposed resolution in support of the 2020 Earthquake Safety and Emergency Response (ESER) Bond in the City and County of San Francisco.

ESER is the City's bond program that funds upgrades and improvements to capital infrastructure and first responder facilities, bolstering San Francisco's resiliency and allowing the City to quickly respond to a major earthquake or other disasters and to recover from its aftermath.

The 2020 ESER bond will be on the March 2020 ballot as Proposition B.

If you have any questions, please contact Rodd Lee, Assistant General Manager of External Affairs, at (510) 464-6235.

cc:

Board Appointed Officers Deputy General Manager **Executive Staff**

BEFORE THE BOARD OF DIRECTORS OF THE SAN FRANCISCO BAY AREA RAPID TRANSIT DISTRICT

In the Matter of Support of 2020 Earthquake Safety and Emergency Response Bond (ESER)

Resolution No.

WHEREAS, the U.S. Geological Survey has determined there is a 72% chance of an earthquake in San Francisco measuring a magnitude of 6.7 or greater, measured by the Richter scale, in the next 20 years; and

WHEREAS City and County of San Francisco (CCSF) continues to upgrade its public safety facilities to ensure the utmost safety for their first responders and residents during times of catastrophic and other emergencies; and

WHEREAS, San Francisco voters overwhelmingly approved the first ESER bond in 2010 to enhance emergency preparedness efforts, and the second ESER bond in 2014 to enhance its efforts and prepare for the next major earthquake and other disasters; and

WHEREAS, CCSF recognizes that more strategic improvements must be made to ensure the safety of first responders and the residents and visitors of San Francisco during an emergency; and

WHEREAS, CCSF has placed a 2020 ESER bond on the March 2020 ballot for \$628.5 million to fund upgrades and improvements for its capital infrastructure and first responder facilities; and

WHEREAS, the ESER 2020 components include \$275 million for Neighborhood Fire Stations and Support Facilities, \$120.8 million for District Police Stations and Support Facilities, \$153.5 million for Emergency Firefighting Water System, \$70 million for Disaster Response Facilities, and \$9 million for 9-1-1 Call Center Renovation; and

WHEREAS, San Francisco property tax rates will not increase as a result of ESER 2020; and

WHEREAS, the San Francisco Bay Area Rapid Transit (BART) District provides critical transportation services for residents, visitors, and workers using its seven stations located in San Francisco; and

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED by the Board of Directors of the San Francisco Bay Area Rapid Transit District that it hereby supports the City and County of San Francisco's 2020 Earthquake Safety and Emergency Response Bond as it vital to ensure public safety systems are ready for the next major disaster.

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