

# SAN FRANCISCO BAY AREA RAPID TRANSIT DISTRICT

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## MEMORANDUM

**TO:** Board of Directors

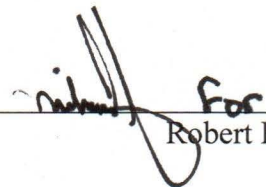
**DATE:** October 16, 2020

**FROM:** General Manager

**SUBJECT:** Resolution in Support of Renaming Road at Millbrae Station to Harriet Tubman Way

At the request of President Simon, Director Dufty and Director Li, attached is a proposed resolution in support of renaming South Station Road at the Millbrae Station to Harriet Tubman Way. The resolution will be presented for consideration at the Board of Directors meeting on October 22, 2020.

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

  
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Robert Powers

cc: Board Appointed Officers  
Deputy General Manager  
Executive Staff

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

Resolution No. \_\_\_\_\_

In the Matter of Renaming a roadway at  
the Millbrae BART Station Property \_\_\_\_\_

WHEREAS, the Board of Directors of the San Francisco Bay Area Rapid Transit District ("District") is aware that the City of Millbrae submitted a request to rename "South Station Road" located at 37.599775, -122.384908 on the south side of the Millbrae BART station after Harriet Tubman, a brave abolitionist, nurse, Union spy, and women's suffrage supporter; and

WHEREAS, the subject road, an existing throughway, is currently named South Station Road; and

WHEREAS, the District owns the subject property; and

WHEREAS, the District has worked collaboratively with the Millbrae City Council and staff, most recently on a Transit Oriented Development project currently under construction at the Millbrae BART station; and

WHEREAS, the District respects the City of Millbrae's request and desires to honor the memory of Harriet Tubman and commemorate her legacy, which continues to inspire generations of Americans advocating for civil rights; and

WHEREAS, the renaming of this roadway would honor a woman who led enslaved people to freedom along the Underground Railroad, it is fitting that our railroad honor her name and continue to remind the community of her contribution to freedom; and

WHEREAS, the District recognizes that this opportunity to rename the roadway after Harriet Tubman comes at a time when we, as a nation, are learning from our past, embracing humanity and recognizing racial inequities; and

WHEREAS, the renaming of an existing public access roadway is exempt from the California Environmental Quality Act; and

WHEREAS, Republic Urban Properties, LLC, the developer of the Gateway at Millbrae Station Transit Oriented Development project currently under construction is interested in the incorporation of public art in concert with the renaming of South Station Road to Harriet Tubman Way;

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that the Board of Directors of the San Francisco Bay Area Rapid Transit District hereby approves the renaming of "South Station Road" located at 37.599775, -122.384908 on the south side of the Millbrae BART station to "Harriet Tubman Way"; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that District staff is directed to erect street signs identifying the roadway as Harriet Tubman Way.

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October 2, 2020

The Honorable Lateefah Simon  
President, Board of Directors  
Bay Area Rapid Transit District (BART)  
P.O. Box 12688  
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Dear President Simon and Honorable Board Members:

I respectfully support the renaming of South Station Road at the Millbrae BART station as Harriet Tubman Way. It is my understanding that Millbrae may be able to dedicate funding for interpretive signage should the road be renamed.

Tens of thousands will annually use the station, post-pandemic, and they will all be reminded of Harriet Tubman's extraordinary contributions to human rights and human dignity. Naming a street after Ms. Tubman seems not only appropriate but overdue in our community.

Thank you for your consideration of this message.

All the best,



Jackie Speier  
KJS/bp