

RESOLUTION NO. RES-2022-213

RESOLUTION OF THE COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF SANTA ROSA APPROVING THE EXTENSION OF CITYBUS UNLIMITED RIDES—YOUTH (UR FREE) PILOT PROGRAM AND PARTICIPATION IN A COUNTYWIDE PROGRAM

WHEREAS the UR Free youth fare-free pilot program on Santa Rosa CityBus aligns with the Council and region's goals of promoting increased transit use, affordability, and reduction of greenhouse gas emissions from the transportation sector; and

WHEREAS the UR Free pilot program has been successful in increasing ridership on CityBus, supporting students' school attendance and school district educational programs, and decreasing greenhouse gas emissions as families make fewer car trips; and

WHEREAS the Bay Area Air Quality Management District passes through Transportation Fund for Clean Air (TFCA) funds to the Sonoma County Transportation Authority (SCTA) which are then annually allocated by formula to CityBus; and

WHEREAS, Santa Rosa CityBus has available TFCA funds, restricted for programs that improve air quality in the Bay Area, in the amount of \$135,000 to extend the UR Free program and youth fare subsidy through June 30, 2023; and

WHEREAS, Santa Rosa CityBus has the opportunity to participate in a joint application to the Sonoma County Climate Resiliency Fund with Sonoma County Transit and Petaluma Transit for funding to extend fare-free transit for youth for an additional two-year period beginning July 1, 2023.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that the Council of the City of Santa Rosa approves the extension of the UR Free pilot program for TK-12th grade youth through June 30, 2023.

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BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that Council authorizes the City's participation in a countywide unlimited youth program for two-year period, beginning July 1, 2023, if awarded funding from the Sonoma County Climate Resiliency Fund.

IN COUNCIL DULY PASSED this 25th day of October, 2022.

AYES: (7) Mayor C. Rogers, Vice Mayor Alvarez, Council Members Fleming, MacDonald, N. Rogers, Sawyer, Schwedhelm

NOES: (0)

ABSENT: (0)

ABSTAIN: (0)

ATTEST: _____ APPROVED: _____
City Clerk Mayor

APPROVED AS TO FORM: _____
City Attorney