

RESOLUTION NO. RES-2021-091

RESOLUTION OF THE COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF SANTA ROSA APPROVING THE ESTABLISHMENT OF THE CITYBUS UNLIMITED PASS PROGRAM AND YOUTH UNLIMITED ACCESS PILOT PROGRAM

WHEREAS, the existing free-fare programs operated by CityBus, which include paratransit registrants, Veterans, children 4 and under, City employees and Santa Rosa Junior College Students, have provided stable income to CityBus, increased ridership, and provided valuable transportation access to these populations; and

WHEREAS, increasing access to transit provides economic support for Santa Rosa residents and promotes ridership recovery on transit as a safe and reliable City service; and

WHEREAS, the Unlimited Pass program and youth fare subsidy aligns with the Council and region's goals of affordability and sustainability; 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, CityBus has programmed TFCA funds, restricted for programs that improve air quality in the Bay Area, in the amount of \$250,000 for the Unlimited Pass program and youth fare subsidy.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that the Council of the City of Santa Rosa approves the establishment of the CityBus Unlimited Pass Program allowing the Transit Division to seek additional community partnerships to provide fare-free transit access and develop a Memorandum of Understanding, subject to approval as to form by the City Attorney.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that Council adopts a methodology based on an average cost per rider per trip for calculating Unlimited Pass Program costs for participating entities as provided in Exhibit A to this resolution.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that Council delegates authority for executing Unlimited Pass Program partnership agreements up to \$100,000 to the City Manager or designee, where such partnership agreements are in a form approved by the City Attorney.

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BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED City Council authorizes the Transit Division to initiate an 18-month grant-funded Unlimited Pass Pilot program for TK-12th grade youth.

IN COUNCIL DULY PASSED this 8th day of June, 2021.

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

NOES: (0)

ABSENT: (0)

ABSTAIN: (0)

ATTEST: \_\_\_\_\_ APPROVED: \_\_\_\_\_  
City Clerk Mayor

APPROVED AS TO FORM: \_\_\_\_\_  
City Attorney

Exhibit A – Proposed Methodology for Calculating Unlimited Pass Program Costs