

**PUBLIC TRANSPORTATION COMMISSION
CITY AND COUNTY OF SAN FRANCISCO**

RESOLUTION No. 98-071

WHEREAS, MUNI's paratransit program has achieved compliance with the mandated requirements of the Americans with Disabilities Act, thus providing comparable paratransit taxi and van services to individuals with disabilities who are prevented from independently using MUNI bus and light rail services; and,

WHEREAS, Although MUNI provides extensive paratransit services to seniors and individuals with disabilities, the ADA paratransit program does not completely serve the broad continuum of transportation needs in the senior and disability community, such as shopping trips for individuals that have a high level of difficulty negotiating the bus and light rail system, or door-to-door services for frail seniors; and,

WHEREAS, MUNI conducted a needs assessment which included input from a cross-section of community agencies serving the senior and disability community to help define the scope of unmet transportation needs that exist in the senior and disability community as well as barriers that exist for effective travel on bus and light rail services for some seniors and persons with disabilities; and,

WHEREAS, MUNI worked closely with the Paratransit Coordinating Council to plan a limited expansion of paratransit services to provide transportation services above and beyond those mandated by the Americans with Disabilities Act, and to pilot this program specifically to serve the frail senior community aged 85 and over and the population of individuals who are undergoing the paratransit recertification process and possess a high level of difficulty utilizing MUNI's bus and light rail services; and,

WHEREAS, funding is available in the budget for paratransit services to fund a limited pilot program to expand door-to-door services beyond the mandated requirements of the Americans with Disabilities Act; now therefore be it

RESOLVED, that the Public Transportation Commission approves the establishment of a pilot program for a limited expansion of door-to-door paratransit services beyond mandated requirements of the Americans with Disabilities Act, and that this pilot program will be established as an adjunct to the established ADA program and will provide services to a limited target population.

I hereby certify that the foregoing resolution was adopted by the Public Transportation Commission at its meeting of AUG 25 1998



Secretary, Public Transportation Commission