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Completed by: Alisa Miller **Date** November 15, 2012
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[Urging Muni to Prioritize Eligible Funds for Maintenance]

Resolution urging Muni to prioritize funding for vehicle and equipment maintenance, rehabilitation, and purchase in light of deteriorating Muni service.

WHEREAS, The San Francisco Municipal Railway (Muni) provides critical transportation services in San Francisco, carrying hundreds of thousands of people every day, in accordance with the City's Transit First policy; and

WHEREAS, Many San Franciscans rely on Muni service for critical daily needs, including getting to work, going to school, attending doctor visits, shopping, running errands, and generally living their lives; and

WHEREAS, Particularly for low-income and working-class San Franciscans, Muni may provide their only means of transportation, such that an unreliable system has dramatic negative impacts on them; and

WHEREAS, For decades, Muni has under-invested in maintenance, resulting in vehicles that break down regularly, and switches, signals, and other infrastructure that fail more than they should; and

WHEREAS, These equipment and vehicle breakdowns, resulting from inadequate maintenance, have dramatic negative consequences for service levels and reliability; and

WHEREAS, Muni has a number of vehicles that are so broken down that they are completely unavailable for service, some for years; and

WHEREAS, Muni cannot afford to repair, maintain, or rehabilitate all of its vehicles and only has resources to address the most urgent maintenance/repair needs; and

WHEREAS, Muni has approximately $420 million in vehicle rehabilitation and repair needs; and

WHEREAS, Muni does not have enough vehicles, particularly light rail vehicles (LRVs), to provide reliable service, and has no LRVs in reserve, such that if an LRV breaks down, it typically cannot be replaced, resulting in gaps in service and one-car trains where there should be two-car trains; and

WHEREAS, Muni's long-term under-investment in maintenance, inability to repair and rehabilitate its vehicles, and lack of sufficient vehicles have undermined service levels and reliability, including a 57.2% on-time performance for August 2012 and 602 runs (approximately 43 per day) missed in the second half of October 2012; and

WHEREAS, There are numerous examples of overall system failure due to broken down vehicles, and in a particularly egregious example, on October 24, 2012, the day of the first game of the World Series, between 4:30 and 6:00 p.m., three separate LRVs broke down in the subway, resulting in a subway meltdown; and

WHEREAS, Service failures frustrate the public, undermine confidence, and reduce support for public transportation; and

WHEREAS, It is Muni's top responsibility to provide "reliable, safe, timely, frequent, and convenient transit service to all neighborhoods," as mandated by the voters in the City Charter; and

WHEREAS, Muni must invest in system maintenance and reliability now – not later – to stop the system's hemorrhaging; and

WHEREAS, Muni is about to receive $6.7 million in Transit Performance Initiative (TPI) regional funding, which is to be used to increase ridership and improve the system's productivity; and

WHEREAS, The optimal way to achieve the goals of increased ridership and improved system productivity is to provide service that is reliable enough that people use the system, resulting in an increase in ridership; the best way to achieve that reliability is to maintain,

rehabilitate, and purchase new vehicles and related equipment for which Muni does not have nearly enough resources; now, therefore be it

RESOLVED, That the Board of Supervisors calls on Muni to prioritize the use of TPI funds and similar flexible fund to improve the Muni system – specifically, maintenance, rehabilitation, and purchase of vehicles and related equipment – pursuant to its mandated responsibility to the riding public codified in the City Charter; and, be it

FURTHER RESOLVED, That the Board of Supervisors calls on the management and Board of Directors of the Municipal Transportation Agency to send a clear message to the riding public that it takes service improvement seriously, by dedicating all available eligible and flexible funding, including the TPI funds, towards maintenance, rehabilitation, and purchase of vehicles and related equipment.

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MEMORANDUM

TO: Ed Reiskin, Executive Director, Municipal Transportation Agency

FROM: Alisa Miller, Clerk, Government Audit and Oversight Committee
Board of Supervisors

DATE: November 7, 2012

SUBJECT: LEGISLATION INTRODUCED

The Board of Supervisors' Government Audit and Oversight Committee has received the following proposed legislation, introduced by Supervisor Wiener on October 30, 2012, which is being forwarded to your department for informational purposes.

File No. 121071

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If you have any reports or comments to be included with the file, please forward them to me at the Board of Supervisors, City Hall, Room 244, 1 Dr. Carlton B. Goodlett Place, San Francisco, CA 94102.

c: Kate Breen, Municipal Transportation Agency
Janet Martinsen, Municipal Transportation Agency

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Introduction Form

By a Member of the Board of Supervisors or the Mayor

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I hereby submit the following item for introduction (select only one):

☒ 1. For reference to Committee: Government Audits and Oversight
An ordinance, resolution, motion, or charter amendment.

☐ 2. Request for next printed agenda without reference to Committee.

☐ 3. Request for hearing on a subject matter at Committee:

☐ 4. Request for letter beginning "Supervisor _____ inquires"

☐ 5. City Attorney request.

☐ 6. Call File No. _____ from Committee.

☐ 7. Budget Analyst request (attach written motion).

☐ 8. Substitute Legislation File No.

☐ 9. Request for Closed Session (attach written motion).

☐ 10. Board to Sit as A Committee of the Whole.

☐ 11. Question(s) submitted for Mayoral Appearance before the BOS on

Please check the appropriate boxes. The proposed legislation should be forwarded to the following:

☐ Small Business Commission ☐ Youth Commission ☐ Ethics Commission

☐ Planning Commission ☐ Building Inspection Commission

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Sponsor(s):

Supervisor Wiener

Subject:

Urging Muni to Prioritize Eligible Funds For Maintenance

The text is listed below or attached:

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Signature of Sponsoring Supervisor:

For Clerk's Use Only:

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