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## MEMORANDUM

# BUDGET AND FINANCE SUB-COMMITTEE SAN FRANCISCO BOARD OF SUPERVISORS

TO:

Supervisor Mark Farrell, Chair

**Budget and Finance Sub-Committee** 

FROM:

Linda Wong, Assistant Clerk

DATE:

July 18, 2016

SUBJECT:

COMMITTEE REPORT, BOARD MEETING

Tuesday, July 19, 2016

The following file should be presented as a **COMMITTEE REPORT** at the Board meeting on Tuesday, July 19, 2016. This item was acted upon at the Special Sub-Committee Meeting today, July 18, 2016, at 10:30 a.m., by the votes indicated.

#### Item No. 74 File No. 160670

Ordinance amending the Business and Tax Regulations Code to impose a transactions (sales) and use tax at the rate of one-half of one percent (0.5%) for 25 years, to be imposed by the San Francisco County Transportation Authority and administered by the State Board of Equalization; adopt the San Francisco Transportation Expenditure Plan; designate the Transportation Authority as the independent agency to oversee implementation of the San Francisco Transportation Expenditure Plan; authorize the issuance of bonds or other obligations to finance the projects identified in the Expenditure Plan; and establish an appropriations limit; and directing submission of the tax for voter approval at the November 8, 2016 general municipal election.

#### REFERRED WITHOUT RECOMMENDATION AS COMMITTEE REPORT

Vote: Supervisor Mark Farrell - Aye Supervisor Katy Tang - Aye Supervisor Norman Yee - Aye

c: Board of Supervisors

Angela Calvillo, Clerk of the Board
Jon Givner, Deputy City Attorney

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# AMENDED IN COMMITTEE 7/13/16 ORDINANCE NO.

Initiative Ordinance - Business and Tax Regulations Code - Half-Cent Sales Tax Increase for

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Transportation]

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Be it ordained by the People of the City and County of San Francisco:

Section 1. The Board of Supervisors hereby submits the following ordinance to the voters of the City and County of San Francisco, at the general municipal election to be held on November 8, 2016.

Section 2. The Business and Tax Regulations Code is hereby amended by adding Article 14-A, consisting of Sections 1430 through 1446, to read as follows:

#### SEC. 1430. TITLE.

This Article 14-A shall be known as the San Francisco Transportation Expenditure Plan

Ordinance. The San Francisco County Transportation Authority hereinafter shall be called

"Authority." This Article shall be applicable in the City and County of San Francisco, which shall be referred to herein as "District" or "City."

#### SEC. 1431. OPERATIVE DATE.

"Operative Date" means the first day of the first calendar quarter commencing more than 120 days after the effective date of this Article 14-A.

#### SEC. 1432. PURPOSES.

This Article 14-A is adopted to achieve the following, among other purposes, and directs that the provisions hereof be interpreted in order to accomplish those purposes:

- (a) To impose a retail transactions and use tax in accordance with the provisions of Part 1.6 (commencing with Section 7251) of Division 2 of the Revenue and Taxation Code and Section 131000 et seq. of the Public Utilities Code, which authorize the City to adopt this tax ordinance which shall be operative if a two-thirds majority of the electors voting on the measure vote to approve the imposition of the tax at an election called for that purpose.
- (b) To adopt a retail transactions and use tax ordinance that incorporates provisions identical to those of the Sales and Use Tax Law of the State of California insofar as those provisions are not inconsistent with the requirements and limitations contained in Part 1.6 of Division 2 of the Revenue and Taxation Code.
- (c) To adopt a retail transactions and use tax ordinance that imposes a tax and provides a measure therefor that can be administered and collected by the State Board of Equalization in a manner that adapts itself as fully as practicable to, and requires the least possible deviation from

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the existing statutory and administrative procedures followed by the State Board of Equalization in administering and collecting the California State Sales and Use Taxes.

- (d) To adopt a retail transactions and use tax ordinance that can be administered in a manner that will be, to the greatest degree possible, consistent with the provisions of Part 1.6 of Division 2 of the Revenue and Taxation Code, minimize the cost of collecting the transactions and use taxes, and at the same time, minimize the burden of recordkeeping upon persons subject to taxation under the provisions of this Article 14-A.
- (e) To adopt an appropriations limit, as required by Article XIII B of the California Constitution, of \$500,000,000.

#### SEC. 1433. CONTRACT WITH STATE.

Prior to the operative date, the Authority shall contract with the State Board of Equalization to perform all functions incident to the administration and operation of this Article 14-A; provided, that if the Authority shall not have contracted with the State Board of Equalization prior to the operative date, it shall nevertheless so contract and in such a case the operative date shall be the first day of the first calendar quarter following the execution of such a contract.

#### SEC. 1434. TRANSACTIONS TAX RATE.

For the privilege of selling tangible personal property at retail, a tax is hereby imposed upon all retailers in the District at the rate of 0.5% of the gross receipts of any retailer from the sale of all tangible personal property sold at retail in said District on and after the operative date of this Article

14-A. This tax is additional to any other existing or future sales and use tax imposed under the authority of Revenue and Taxation Code Division 2, Parts 1.6 or 1.7.

#### SEC. 1435. PLACE OF SALE.

For the purposes of this Article 14-A, all retail sales are consummated at the place of business of the retailer unless the tangible personal property sold is delivered by the retailer or his agent to an out-of-state destination or to a common carrier for delivery to an out-of-state destination. The gross receipts from such sales shall include delivery charges, when such charges are subject to the state sales and use tax, regardless of the place to which delivery is made. In the event a retailer has no permanent place of business in the State or has more than one place of business, the place or places at which the retail sales are consummated shall be determined under rules and regulations to be prescribed and adopted by the State Board of Equalization.

SEC. 1436. USE TAX RATE.

An excise tax is hereby imposed on the storage, use, or other consumption in the District of tangible personal property purchased from any retailer on and after the operative date of this Article 14-A for storage, use, or other consumption in said District at the rate of 0.5% of the sales price of the property. This tax is additional to any other existing or future sales and use tax imposed under the authority of Revenue and Taxation Code Division 2, Parts 1.6 or 1.7. The sales price shall include delivery charges when such charges are subject to state sales or use tax regardless of the place to which delivery is made.

SEC. 1437. ADOPTION OF PROVISIONS OF STATE LAW.

Except as otherwise provided in this Article 14-A and except insofar as they are inconsistent with the provisions of Part 1.6 of Division 2 of the Revenue and Taxation Code, all of the provisions of Part 1 (commencing with Section 6001) of Division 2 of the Revenue and Taxation Code are hereby adopted and made a part of this Article 14-A as though fully set forth herein.

1	(b) The word "District" shall be substituted for the word "State" in the phrase
2	"retailer engaged in business in this State" in Section 6203 and in the definition of that phrase in
3	Section 6203 of the Revenue and Taxation Code.
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5	SEC. 1439. PERMIT NOT REQUIRED.
6	If a seller's permit has been issued to a retailer under Section 6067 of the Revenue and Taxation
7	Code, an additional transactor's permit shall not be required by this Article 14-A.
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9	SEC. 1440. EXEMPTIONS AND EXCLUSIONS.
10	(a) There shall be excluded from the measure of the transactions tax and the use tax
11	the amount of any sales tax or use tax imposed by the State of California or by any city, city and county
12	or county pursuant to the Bradley-Burns Uniform Local Sales and Use Tax Law or the amount of any
13	state-administered transactions or use tax.
14	(b) There are exempted from the computation of the amount of transactions tax the
15	gross receipts from:
16	(1) Sales of tangible personal property, other than fuel or petroleum
17	products, to operators of aircraft to be used or consumed principally outside the County in which the
18	sale is made and directly and exclusively in the use of such aircraft as common carriers of persons or
19	property under the authority of the laws of this State, the United States, or any foreign government.
20	(2) Sales of property to be used outside the District which is shipped to a
21	point outside the District, pursuant to the contract of sale, by delivery to such point by the retailer or
22	his agent, or by delivery by the retailer to a carrier for shipment to a consignee at such point. For the
23	purposes of this subsection (b)(2), delivery to a point outside the District shall be satisfied:
24	(A) With respect to vehicles (other than commercial vehicles) subject
25	to registration pursuant to Chapter 1 (commencing with Section 4000) of Division 3 of the Vehicle

1	Code, aircraft licensed in compliance with Section 21411 of the Public Utilities Code, and
2	undocumented vessels registered under Division 3.5 (commencing with Section 9840) of the Vehicle
3	Code by registration to an out-of-District address and by a declaration under penalty of perjury, signed
4	by the buyer, stating that such address is, in fact, his or her principal place of residence; and
5	(B) With respect to commercial vehicles, by registration to a place of
6	business out-of-District and declaration under penalty of perjury, signed by the buyer, that the vehicle
7	will be operated from that address.
8	(3) The sale of tangible personal property if the seller is obligated to furnish
9	the property for a fixed price pursuant to a contract entered into prior to the operative date of this
10	Article 14-A.
11	(4) A lease of tangible personal property which is a continuing sale of such
12	property, for any period of time for which the lessor is obligated to lease the property for an amount
13	fixed by the lease prior to the operative date of this Article 14-A.
14	(5) For the purposes of subsections (b)(3) and (b)(4) of this Section 1440, the
15	sale or lease of tangible personal property shall be deemed not to be obligated pursuant to a contract
16	or lease for any period of time for which any party to the contract or lease has the unconditional right
17	to terminate the contract or lease upon notice, whether or not such right is exercised.
18	(c) There are exempted from the use tax imposed by this Article 14-A, the storage,
19	use, or other consumption in this District of tangible personal property:
20	(1) The gross receipts from the sale of which have been subject to a
21	transactions tax under any state-administered transactions and use tax.
22	(2) Other than fuel or petroleum products purchased by operators of aircraft
23	and used or consumed by such operators directly and exclusively in the use of such aircraft as common
24	carriers of persons or property for hire or compensation under a certificate of public convenience and
25	necessity issued pursuant to the laws of this State, the United States, or any foreign government. This

exemption is in addition to the exemptions provided in Sections 6366 and 6366.1 of the Revenue and Taxation Code.

- (3) If the purchaser is obligated to purchase the property for a fixed price pursuant to a contract entered into prior to the operative date of this Article 14-A.
- (4) If the possession of, or the exercise of any right or power over, the tangible personal property arises under a lease which is a continuing purchase of such property for any period of time for which the lessee is obligated to lease the property for an amount fixed by a lease prior to the operative date of this Article 14-A.
- (5) For the purposes of subsections (c)(3) and (c)(4) of this section, storage, use, or other consumption, or possession of, or exercise of any right or power over, tangible personal property shall be deemed not to be obligated pursuant to a contract or lease for any period of time for which any party to the contract or lease has the unconditional right to terminate the contract or lease upon notice, whether or not such right is exercised.
- (6) Except as provided in subsection (c)(7), a retailer engaged in business in the District shall not be required to collect use tax from the purchaser of tangible personal property, unless the retailer ships or delivers the property into the District or participates within the District in making the sale of the property, including, but not limited to, soliciting or receiving the order, either directly or indirectly, at a place of business of the retailer in the district or through any representative, agent, canvasser, solicitor, subsidiary, or person in the District under the authority of the retailer.
- (7) "A retailer engaged in business in the District" shall also include any retailer of any of the following: vehicles subject to registration pursuant to Chapter 1 (commencing with Section 4000) of Division 3 of the Vehicle Code, aircraft licensed in compliance with Section 21411 of the Public Utilities Code, or undocumented vessels registered under Division 3.5 (commencing with Section 9840) of the Vehicle Code. That retailer shall be required to collect use tax

1	from any purchaser who registers or licenses the vehicle, vessel, or aircraft at an address in the
2	District.
3	(d) Any person subject to use tax under this Article 14-A may credit against that tax
4	any transactions tax or reimbursement for transactions tax paid to a district imposing, or retailer liable
5	for a transactions tax pursuant to Part 1.6 of Division 2 of the Revenue and Taxation Code with respect
6	to the sale to the person of the property the storage, use, or other consumption of which is subject to the
7	use tax.
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9	SEC. 1441. AMENDMENTS.
10	All amendments subsequent to the effective date of this Article 14-A to Part 1 of Division 2 of
11	the Revenue and Taxation Code relating to sales and use taxes and which are not inconsistent with Part
12	1.6 and Part 1.7 of Division 2 of the Revenue and Taxation Code, and all amendments to Part 1.6 and
13	Part 1.7 of Division 2 of the Revenue and Taxation Code, shall automatically become a part of this
14	Article 14-A, provided however, that no such amendment shall operate so as to affect the rate of tax
15	imposed by this Article 14-A.
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17	SEC. 1442. ENJOINING COLLECTION FORBIDDEN.
18	No injunction or writ of mandate or other legal or equitable process shall issue in any suit,
19	action, or proceeding in any court against the State or the Authority, or against any officer of the State
20	or the Authority, to prevent or enjoin the collection under this Article 14-A, or Part 1.6 of Division 2 of
21	the Revenue and Taxation Code, of any tax or any amount of tax required to be collected.
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23	SEC. 1443. ADOPTION AND ADMINISTRATION OF SAN FRANCISCO TRANSPORTATION
24	EXPENDITURE PLAN; EXPENDITURE OF PROCEEDS.

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The Authority shall administer, in accordance with Division 12.5 of the California Public

Utilities Code and other applicable law, the San Francisco Transportation Expenditure Plan adopted

by the San Francisco Board of Supervisors. Proceeds of the tax imposed by this Article 14-A shall be

spent only to implement the project components set forth in the Expenditure Plan, or as required or

permitted by law.

#### SEC. 1444. AUTHORIZATION TO ISSUE BONDS.

The Authority is hereby authorized to issue bonds as may be provided for in the adopted Expenditure Plan and in compliance with applicable law ("Limited Tax Bonds" or "Bonds"). The total outstanding aggregate amount of Bonds shall not exceed \$2,000,000,000, and shall be payable solely from the proceeds of the tax imposed under this Article 14-A.

#### SEC. 1445. SEVERABILITY.

If any provision of this Article 14-A or the application thereof to any person or circumstance is held invalid, the remainder of the Article 14-A and the application of such provision to other persons or circumstances shall not be affected thereby.

#### SEC. 1446. TERMINATION DATE.

The authority to levy the tax imposed by this Article 14-A shall expire 25 years from the Operative Date.

Section 3. Pursuant to Public Utilities Code § 131108, the Board of Supervisors hereby adopts the following Transportation Expenditure Plan. The Board of Supervisors further directs the Department of Elections to include in the voter information pamphlet mailed to the voters the full proposition, as set forth in this ordinance, and the entire adopted San Francisco

Transportation Expenditure Plan, set forth in this Section 3 of this ordinance, but inserting the ballot letter designation in place of the term "TBD."

#### SAN FRANCISCO TRANSPORTATION EXPENDITURE PLAN

#### 1. INTRODUCTION

#### A. SUMMARY

The San Francisco Transportation Expenditure Plan (SFTEP or Expenditure Plan) identifies transportation improvements to be funded from a new half-cent transportation sales tax. The projects and programs included in the Expenditure Plan are designed to be implemented over the next 25 years. Provisions are also made for amendments to the SFTEP. The SFTEP includes investments in six major categories: Muni Transit Service and Affordability; Muni Fleet, Facilities and Infrastructure Repair and Improvement; Transit Optimization and Expansion; Regional Transit and Smart System Management; Vision Zero Safe and Complete Streets; and Street Resurfacing.

#### B. CONTEXT

In May 2016, the San Francisco Board of Supervisors (BOS) asked the San Francisco County Transportation Authority (SFCTA) working in partnership with the Mayor's Office and the San Francisco Municipal Transportation Agency (SFMTA), which is administering the Transportation 2030 program, to lead development of a SFTEP to specify the use of revenues from a potential new half-cent sales tax for transportation for potential consideration for the November 2016 ballot. Further, the BOS called for the SFTEP to build and expand on the recommendations of the San Francisco Transportation Plan (SFTP, also known as the Countywide Transportation Plan) and the Transportation 2030 (T2030) Report, including

priorities that emerged after T2030, including strategies to support equity, service improvements and traffic safety.

In 2013, the SFCTA adopted the most recent update of the Countywide Transportation Plan, which establishes the 30-year vision for San Francisco's transportation system. As documented in the SFTP, San Francisco's needs for transportation funding far exceed expected revenue from federal, state, regional and local sources. The SFTP, through its investment scenarios and policy recommendations proposed ways to invest the dollars we expect to have to most effectively make progress towards San Francisco's goals, but analysis showed that this progress is limited unless new revenues are identified. Therefore, the SFTP recommended a two-pronged revenue strategy: positioning San Francisco to compete well for new regional, state and federal sources, and seeking new locally-controlled sources.

Building on the SFTP analysis and recommendations, the Mayor's T2030 Task Force investigated what San Francisco could do to fix the transportation network and prepare it for the future; confirming that anticipated revenues were inadequate to meet those needs. The T2030 Report recommended a series of local funding sources (including two general obligation bonds, a sales tax, and a vehicle license fee) that, if approved by voters, would provide about \$3 billion to complete a suite of critical transportation infrastructure projects by 2030. San Francisco voters approved the first of the T2030 recommended measures in November 2014 by approving \$500 million general obligation bond, which will fund a range of projects that will reduce Muni travel time, make Muni less crowded and more reliable, and enhance safety on San Francisco's streets. At the same election, San Francisco voters approved Proposition B, which requires the city to adjust funding for transportation each year based on population growth, and these funds are helping to improve transit and make our streets safer for all.

While San Francisco is making real improvements in transit reliability, building safer streets, and improving the pavement condition of the street network, the transportation system is still in a need of significant investment to bring it into a state of good repair and to sustain it at such a level, and there is an urgent need to invest in near and long-term projects that relieve severe overcrowding on our local and regional transit systems such as Muni, BART and Caltrain to better serve current residents, employees and visitors, as well as an urgent need for the resources to efficiently expand service to fully utilize these capital resources and to ensure equitable provision of transit service and infrastructure investment to our community. These investments can be complemented with efforts and improvements to promote equitable transit-oriented development. Lastly, there remains a need for stable augmentation of funding to continue to invest in street resurfacing, safety improvements, and the pedestrian and bicycle networks.

The SFTEP for the use of Prop TBD funds was developed by the SFCTA in close coordination with the SFMTA, with technical assistance and input from other city agencies, regional transit operators serving San Francisco, the Metropolitan Transportation Commission, and others serving on the SFCTA Technical Working Group. The Expenditure Plan was endorsed by the SFCTA Board on July 12, 2016.

By providing the required local match, Prop TBD is anticipated to leverage about \$12 to \$19 billion in federal, state, regional and other local funding for transportation projects in San Francisco.

The SFTEP is a list of transportation projects and programs that will be given priority for Prop TBD funding. As such the SFTEP shall be amended into the Capital Improvement Program of the Congestion Management Program, developed pursuant to section 65089 of the California Government Code. These projects and programs are intended to help

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implement the long-range vision for the development and improvement of San Francisco's transportation system, as articulated in the SFTP and its updates.

The SFTP, San Francisco's Countywide Transportation Plan is a living document, updated on a regular basis with input from San Francisco agencies, regional transit operators, and regional and state transportation agencies, the public and other interested stakeholders to identify and address changing needs and regional trends, and align them with available funding.

#### C. GOALS

The purpose of the SFTEP is to implement the priorities of the Countywide

Transportation Plan and the Transportation 2030 Report through investment in a set of
projects and programs that include planning, maintenance and rehabilitation of, and
improvements to the city's multi-modal transportation system. Goals of the plan include:

- Maintain existing assets in a state-of-good repair;
- Improve travel time and reliability;
- Reduce costs and geographic and socio-economic disparities;
- Serve planned growth; and
- Improve safety and accessibility of the system.

In addition to the above goals, development of the SFTEP was guided by the following four SFTEP Principles and two Funding Principles.

### **SFTEP Principles**

- Build on the SFTP (2013) and the T2030 Report.
- Embrace City and agency initiatives passed since T2030, including strategies to support equity, affordability and traffic safety.
- Address progress and changes to project/program information.

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• Increase focus on core capacity, system resiliency and equity given rapid growth and affordability pressures.

#### **Funding Principles**

- Provide a bridge between 2017 and future revenue measures
  - o Amended Prop K Expenditure Plan (as early as November 2023)
  - o Vehicle License Fee (recommended by T2030, as early as 2018)
  - o General Obligation Bond (recommend by T2030, estimated 2024)
  - o New bridge toll (Regional Measure 3, estimated as early as 2018)
- Consider funding eligibility, particularly for those projects and programs that are not eligible for other key funding sources (e.g. Muni light rail vehicles and BART cars are not eligible to be funded by general obligation bonds.

#### D. STRUCTURE

The SFTEP is organized into six sections. Section 1: Introduction provides background on the Plan's purpose and goals. Section 2: Plan Summary provides the Plan's investment detail by category. Section 3: General Provisions provides further context on the Plan's policies and administration. Section 4: Description of Programs contains detailed descriptions of the programs and the types of items that are eligible for funding under each of them.

Section 5: Implementation Provisions describes the process for prioritizing and allocating funds following adoption of the Plan. Section 6: Amendment Process, deals with the mechanisms for amending the Expenditure Plan.

#### PLAN SUMMARY

Table 1 summarizes the half-cent sales tax revenue allocations by program in constant 2016 dollars. The SFTEP is fiscally constrained to the total funding expected to be available for each category. If revenues are higher or lower, the amount of funding available to each

category shall be consistent with the program percentages over the life of the Expenditure Plan period.

Adoption of an ordinance to establish an additional one-half of one-percent sales tax is necessary in order to fund the programs listed in Table 1. The tax shall be continued for the period of implementation of the SFTEP, but not to exceed 25 years.

Table 1: San Francisco Transportation Expenditure Plan Summary 2016 (\$ in Millions)

Program	Total Need <sup>1</sup>	Total Expected Funding <sup>2</sup>	Total Prop TBD Funding <sup>3</sup>	% of Prop TBD Funding <sup>4</sup>
Muni Transit Service and     Affordability	\$705	\$4	\$392	12.4%
2. Muni Fleet, Facilities and Infrastructure Repair and Maintenance	\$6,091	\$5,295	\$594	18.8%
3. Transit Optimization and Expansion	\$7,275	\$1,625	\$297	9.4%
4. Regional Transit and Smart System Management	\$576	\$47	\$446	14.1%
5. Vision Zero Safe and Complete Streets	\$2,036	\$1,628	\$392	12.4%
6. Street Resurfacing	\$1,748	\$198	\$1,040	32.9%
TOTAL	\$18,431	\$8,797	\$3,161	100%

#### Table 1 Notes:

- 1. Total Need is based on project submissions to Plan Bay Area 2040 prepared by project sponsors in coordination with the SFCTA, the Metropolitan Transportation

  Commission's (MTC's) State of Good Repair transit needs assessment for Plan Bay Area 2040, San Francisco Department of Public Works' (SFDPW) needs assessment for street resurfacing to achieve and maintain a Pavement Condition Index of 70, and the SFMTA

  Capital Plan. Total need for the Muni Transit Service and Affordability program does not include SFMTA's existing operating budget but includes unfunded service expansion and growth in costs (e.g. for Muni fare programs). Total need for the Regional Transit and Smart System Management program only includes San Francisco's local contribution for additional BART cars (\$300 million), Caltrain electrification (\$16 million), and conversion of the remainder of Caltrain's vehicle fleet to electric-multiple units and/or additional cars (\$30 million); as well as other eligible projects for this program. The amounts in this column are provided in fulfillment of Sections 131051, subdivisions (a)(1) and (b), of the California Public Utilities Code.
- 2. Total Expected Funding is based on a forecast of expected revenues from existing federal, state, regional and local sources based on MTC's Plan Bay Area 2040 draft revenue forecasts, SFCTA, and SFDPW's revenue forecasts for the Street Resurfacing program. The amounts in this column are provided in fulfillment of Section 131051, subdivisions (a)(1) and (c), of the California Public Utilities Code.
- 3. The amounts shown in the "Total Prop TBD Funding" column are" based on a forecast of \$3.161 billion (2016 \$'s) in new sales tax revenues over the 25-year life of the SFTEP. The amounts in this column are provided in fulfillment of the requirements in Section 131051, subdivisions (a)(1) and (d), of the California Public Utilities Code.

4. The amounts shown in the "% of Prop TBD Funding" column represent the initial percentage allocation of funds to each category. See Section 3.B. below for a description of three triggers that could result in a re-allocation of funds if specific conditions are satisfied.

#### 3. DESCRIPTION OF PROGRAMS

This section contains detailed descriptions of the programs in the SFTEP, and the types of items that are eligible for funding under each of them.

A. PERCENTAGE DISTRIBUTION OF PROP TBD REVENUES TO PROGRAMS
The percentage distribution of Prop K TBD funds and estimated Total Prop TBD (2016
\$s) for each program corresponds to those amounts shown in Section 2, Table 1. See
Section 3.B. below for a description of three triggers that could result in a re-allocation of
funds if specific conditions are satisfied (e.g., if new revenues are secured for street
resurfacing). The program descriptions would not change. This language is also included in
Note 4 to Table 1.

### 1. Muni Transit Service and Affordability......12.4% (\$392 million)

Expenditures in this program shall be used to mitigate identified deficiencies in transit service to low-income and transit-dependent communities and to provide transit service affordability for low- and moderate-income youth, seniors, and people with disabilities, such as to support Free Muni for Low Income Youth, Senior and Disabled Riders Programs; to help implement recommendations from the Muni Equity Strategy (updated on a two-year basis); to fund late night transportation services for night and swing shift workers; and to provide transit service for at-risk populations such as paratransit, mobility management and lifeline programs. Unspent funds in this program shall be used to supplement SFMTA's Rainy Day Reserve to provide protections against service cuts in future years.

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# 2. Muni Fleet, Facilities and Infrastructure Repair and Improvements.....18.8% (\$594 million)

Expenditures in this program shall prioritize measures to mitigate identified deficiencies in transit service to low-income and transit-dependent communities. Expenditures in this program will leverage federal and state funds to help keep Muni's fleet of buses, historic street cars, trains, and paratransit vehicles in a state-of-good repair through timely vehicle replacement and rehabilitation to ensure that the transit system is reliable, and to expand the fleet through additional vehicles to reduce crowding on the most popular routes and meet future demand.

Expenditures in this program also will be used for repair and upgrade of SFMTA facilities, including stations and associated escalators and elevators, which are critical to support the SFMTA's ability to: provide reliable transit service and safe, comfortable and coordinated access to transit; maintain street infrastructure; and store, protect, and maintain its diverse transit fleet.

Further, expenditures in this program will improve reliability and safety on Muni through the replacement and rehabilitation of rails, overhead wires and associated fixed guideway infrastructure for light rail, trolley coaches, historic streetcars, and cable cars.

In any fiscal year in which the SFMTA would otherwise be required to adopt service reductions as part of its budget, the SFMTA shall transfer all or a portion of the annual percentage allocation of funds that would otherwise go to this program to the Muni Transit Service and Affordability program to offset those service reductions, in an amount not to exceed the cost of maintaining the services.

## 3. Transit Optimization and Expansion......9.4% (\$297 million)

Expenditures in this program will be used to plan, design, and deliver projects to improve the efficiency and enhance the service of the existing transit system as well as to

expand the capacity of the system, and to provide funding for planning, design, education, outreach, evaluation, and capital investment in supportive transportation infrastructure for transit-oriented development.

Examples of eligible projects include but are not limited to: Muni Forward, bus rapid transit projects on major corridors (e.g. Geary and Geneva), Better Market Street, rail capacity improvements such as those recommended by the SFMTA Rail Capacity Strategy and the region's Core Capacity Transit Study, major regional projects (e.g., second Transbay crossing and Caltrain Downtown Extension), ferry infrastructure and vessels, Caltrain capacity improvements (e.g., CalMod 2.0) and future subway projects (e.g., T-Third rail extension to Fisherman's Wharf, Geneva Avenue rail service, Geary Avenue Light Rail Transit, Upper Market to Mission Bay/SOMA Light Rail Transit, Muni Subway Expansion, under-grounding existing rail lines) prioritized by the Long Range Transportation Planning Program, the SFTP and its updates, all of which will be developed in collaboration with local and regional agencies.

## 4. Regional Transit and Smart System Management......14.1% (\$446 million)

To improve reliability and reduce overcrowding, as well as to encourage continued use of transit by new residents and employees, regional transit capacity and system resiliency must grow. The priority for expenditures in this program will be to fund San Francisco's contribution to BART expansion vehicles (up to \$300 million) and to support the electrification of Caltrain (\$16 million to complete the current funding commitment). Expenditures in this program could also fund long-range regional network planning and design studies and/or capital improvements such as crossover tracks, passing tracks, turnbacks and station modernization improvements that increase core system reliability and capacity.

Expenditures in this program will also enable Smart System Management by funding technology-enabled system corridor management strategies for US 101, I-280 and I-80 (and

associated surface arterial approach/distribution streets) to increase reliability for buses and high-occupancy vehicles through carpool/managed lanes and traveler information systems; and by funding a broad countywide toolkit of transportation demand management (TDM) strategies, education, and outreach designed to promote sustainable travel choices such as carpooling, ride-sharing, transit/HOV use and active transportation modes through education campaigns, traveler incentives and fare/pricing strategies, policies and capital investments. Expenditures in this program may also fund evaluation of TDM strategies funded by this program.

#### 5. Vision Zero Safe and Complete Streets......12.4% (\$392 million)

Expenditures in this program will fund improvements primarily on the high-injury network that promote users' safety and complete streets, including implementation of the bike strategy, upgraded traffic signals with pedestrian countdown signals and audible signals to improve accessibility and safety, and improvement of pedestrian safety through data-driven improvements. Safety upgrades, including those primarily for bicycle and pedestrian traffic, may be paired with streetscape enhancements, such as landscaping on curb extensions at bus stops. Examples of work eligible in this program range from corridor-wide improvements, to stand-along pedestrian improvements at individual high-injury intersections and/or freeway ramp/local street connections. Expenditures in this program may also fund Vision Zero public education, outreach, and evaluation.

Expenditures in this program also will optimize movement on San Francisco streets by keeping traffic infrastructure and signals in a state of good repair through replacement and upgrade of deteriorated or obsolete signal hardware; by bringing advanced technology to the traffic signal system allowing real-time traffic management, transit and emergency vehicle signal priority; and by adding pedestrian countdown and audible signals as part of signal upgrades.

6. Street Resurfacing......32.9% (\$1,040 million)

Expenditures in this program will help ensure the city reaches and maintains a Pavement Condition Index (PCI) score of 70, meaning that the majority of city streets will be in good condition. Keeping street surfaces in good repair has safety and financial benefits for people traveling by all modes of transportation citywide. Conversely, deteriorated roadways have a negative impact on all users and the more roads deteriorate, the more costly they become to repair.

Total......100% (\$3,161 million)

B. TRIGGER FOR A REVISED PERCENTAGE DISTRIBUTION OF PROP TBD REVENUES TO PROGRAMS

The proposed distribution of revenues to each of the six programs is based on an assessment of current needs and anticipated revenues, and priorities. The Expenditure Plan provides for a revised allocation of Prop TBD revenues to programs if certain conditions are satisfied (e.g. new revenues are secured for street resurfacing). Three triggers to redistribute revenues are described below. These would not supersede any multi-year funding commitments already approved by the SFCTA Board.

i. In the fiscal year following the adoption by the voters of a vehicle license fee increase, if the City appropriates or the SFCTA allocates from any other legally available sources an amount for street resurfacing equal to the amount that would otherwise be allocated to the street resurfacing program under Section 5.B., the SFCTA shall, for the subsequent term of the measure but not to exceed the term of the vehicle license fee increase, transfer 10% of the street resurfacing program allocation to Regional Transit and Smart System Management, 30% to Muni Transit Service and Affordability and 20% each to the remaining three programs.

- ii. In any fiscal year in which new revenues become available for street resurfacing in the City and the City appropriates or the SFCTA allocates an amount to the street resurfacing program that would otherwise be allocated to the street resurfacing program under Section 5.B., the SFCTA shall, for the subsequent term of the measure but not to exceed the availability of new revenues for street resurfacing in the City, transfer 10% of the street resurfacing program allocation to Regional Transit and Smart System Management, 30% to Muni Transit Service and Affordability and 20% each to the remaining three programs. For the purposes of this subsection 3.B.ii, the SFCTA shall work with the City Controller to measure new revenues by comparing non-General Fund revenues projected to be received by the City and the SFCTA for this purpose in the upcoming fiscal year to those received by the City and the SFCTA in Fiscal Year 2015/16, adjusted for inflation.
- iii. In Fiscal Year 2027/28, the SFCTA Board may, by a two-thirds vote and with the approval of the Mayor, redirect for the remaining term of the Expenditure Plan 10% of the street resurfacing program allocation to Regional Transit and Smart System Management, 30% to Muni Transit Service and Affordability and 20% each to the remaining three programs. The SFCTA Board and the Mayor may not reverse this decision to redirect the street resurfacing allocation pursuant to this subsection 3.B.iii.

#### 4. GENERAL PROVISIONS

#### A. SALES TAX REVENUES

The operative date of the SFTEP shall be established pursuant to Section 131105 of the California Public Utilities Code. The one-half percent local sales tax dedicated to transportation improvements (approved in November 2016 as Proposition TBD) shall be continued for the duration of the SFTEP, but not to exceed 25 years.

Revenues are estimated over the 25-year period of the SFTEP. The conservative projection puts the total revenue level at \$3.161 billion (2016 dollars) and assumes a modest

growth rate. This projection builds in recessions and recoveries based on historical trends and economic conditions as well as tax policy.

#### B. RESTRICTION OF FUNDS

Sales tax revenues shall be used solely for the projects and purposes set forth in the SFTEP and its amendments and for the administration thereof. Sales tax revenues shall be spent on capital projects rather than to fund operations and maintenance of existing transportation services, unless otherwise expressly specified in the Plan Description. In accordance with enabling legislation and adopted principles, sales tax revenues generated pursuant to this plan shall be subject to the following restrictions:

#### NO SUBSTITUTION

- a. In accordance with the legislative intent expressed in California Public Utilities Code Section 131100, sales tax proceeds shall not replace funds previously provided by property tax revenues for public transportation. As a condition for allocation of funds by the SFCTA, the recipient department or agency shall certify to the SFCTA that the funds will not be substituted for property tax funds which are currently utilized to fund existing local transportation programs.
- b. Proceeds from the sale or liquidation of capital assets funded with sales tax revenues shall be returned to the SFCTA in proportion to the contribution of sales tax revenues to the total original cost of the asset, for re-allocation to eligible expenses within the categories from which funds were expended for the original investment.

#### ii. NO EXPENDITURES OUTSIDE SAN FRANCISCO

No sales tax funds shall be spent outside the limits of the City and County of San Francisco, except for cases that satisfy all of the following conditions, and subject to a possible need for amendment of state law:

- a. Quantifiable Benefit: The project, service, or programmatic category is included in the Expenditure Plan, and planning or other studies, developed in order to enable its implementation, demonstrate that there will be a quantifiable benefit to the City and County's transportation program from the expenditure of funds outside the City and County. A quantifiable benefit is defined as a measurable increase in the effectiveness (e.g., cost effectiveness, reliability, transit connectivity, travel time, crowding, capacity, equity) of a project or group of transportation projects and or services at least partially funded with sales tax funds, located along the corridor or in the immediate geographic area of the City and County where the project in question is proposed to occur.
- b. Expenses Matched By Other Counties: The proposed expense is matched by funding from the county or counties where the expenditure of sales tax funds is proposed to be made. Should transportation projects or services contemplated in the plan require the participation of other counties for any phase of project planning or implementation, the SFCTA shall work cooperatively with the Mayor's Office and affected county or counties to ensure coordination and successful project implementation.

#### C. BONDING AUTHORITY

The SFCTA shall be authorized to issue, from time to time, limited tax bonds pursuant to the provisions of California Public Utilities Code Sections 131109 et seq. in a total outstanding aggregate amount not to exceed \$2.00 billion, payable from the sales tax revenues generated by the local sales and use tax adopted by Prop TBD. The SFCTA's bonding capacity shall be separate and distinct from that of the City and County of San Francisco.

# D. ADMINISTRATION BY THE SAN FRANCISCO COUNTY TRANSPORTATION AUTHORITY

The SFCTA shall allocate, administer and oversee the expenditure of the Prop TBD sales tax funds.

#### E. ELIGIBLE RECIPIENTS OF FUNDS

Only public agencies are eligible to receive allocation of sales tax funds.

#### F. SUPPORT OF ADJACENT COUNTIES

It is deemed unnecessary to seek the support of adjacent counties by requesting them to develop their own Transportation Expenditure Plans because San Mateo, Alameda, Contra Costa and Marin Counties have already adopted Transportation Expenditure Plans.

#### G. ENVIRONMENTAL REVIEW

Environmental reporting, review and approval procedures as provided for under the National Environmental Policy Act (NEPA), and/or the California Environmental Quality Act (CEQA), and other applicable laws shall be carried out as a prerequisite to the implementation of any project to be funded partially or entirely with sales tax funds.

#### H. ACCOUNTABILITY AND TRANSPARENCY

- i. FINANCIAL AUDITS: The SFCTA shall ensure a post audit of its financial transactions and records at least annually by an independent certified public accountant.
- ii. ANNUAL REPORT: Pursuant to California Public Utilities Code Section 131303, the SFCTA shall prepare and adopt an annual report by January 1 of each year on the progress to achieve the objectives of completion of the projects in the SFTP. The public annual report shall summarize revenues collected; expenditures by program, costs related to financing, if applicable; administrative costs; and accomplishments and benefits realized by the program.

iii. REQUIREMENTS FOR FUND RECIPIENTS: All recipients of sales tax funds allocated to Expenditure Plan programs will be required to complete certain requirements as established by the SFCTA including reporting, completing audits, and complying with attribution requirements.

iv. CITIZENS OVERSIGHT COMMITTEE: The SFCTA's Citizens Advisory

Committee shall serve as the Citizens Oversight Committee and will provide independent and public oversight of all expenditures of Prop TBD sales tax funds by SFCTA or recipient agencies. The committee shall assist with defining criteria and priorities for implementing the Expenditure Plan consistent with the intention of Prop TBD; review the allocation of sales tax funds; monitor the SFCTA's programs; and review annual audits.

#### 5. IMPLEMENTATION PROVISIONS

#### A. STRATEGIC PLAN

This Expenditure Plan identifies eligible expenditures for each of the six programs listed in Table 1 in Section 3. Prior to allocation of any sales tax funds, the SFCTA shall prepare, in close coordination with all other affected planning and/or implementation agencies, a Strategic Plan for the use of the sales tax revenues, for review and adoption by the SFCTA Board. The Strategic Plan shall include a 5-year prioritized program of projects (see subsection C of Section 5) for each of the following programs: Muni Fleet, Facilities and Infrastructure Repair and Improvement; Transit Optimization and Expansion; Regional Transit and Smart System Management; and Vision Zero Safe and Complete Streets.

As part of the Strategic Plan development process, the SFCTA shall adopt, issue and update detailed guidelines for the development of prioritized programs of projects.

#### B. CATEGORIES EXEMPT FROM PRIORITIZATION PROCESS

The Muni Transit Service and Affordability and Street Resurfacing categories are exempt from the 5-year prioritization process. In the Strategic Plan, funds shall be

programmed to these categories annually based on the percentage share of annual program revenues shown in sub-section A of Section 3 or as modified by sub-section B of Section 3. Funds will be allocated annually as a lump sum to the San Francisco Municipal Transportation Agency (SFMTA) (or its successor) for the first of the aforementioned programs and to San Francisco Department of Public Works (SFDPW) (or its successor) for the last program. Allocations shall be accompanied by a list of projects that the recipient agency intends to fund with the sales tax revenues. After the first year's allocation, all subsequent fiscal year allocations also must be accompanied by an annual report of expenditures prepared by the recipient agency to be presented to the SFCTA Citizens Advisory Committee and relevant Board committee.

Funds not expended within five years of allocation by the SFCTA Board will automatically be de-obligated by the SFCTA and reprogrammed to the same program in a future year or years. Failure to comply with reporting and auditing requirements may result in the SFCTA withholding annual allocations until such time as the recipient conforms to this requirement.

For programs exempt from the 5-year prioritization process, if SFMTA or SFDPW wish to advance funds for programming and allocation more quickly than on a pay-go basis, the agency must develop a 5-year prioritized program of projects for review and adoption by the SFCTA Board as described in sub-section C below and a corresponding Strategic Plan amendment to support the advancement of funds.

#### C. PRIORITIZATION PROCESS

For programs where more than one agency or department may be an eligible recipient of Prop TBD funds, the SFCTA Board shall designate a lead agency to coordinate development of the 5-year prioritized programs of projects and prior to each of their subsequent updates, for each program.

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Prior to allocation of any sales tax funds, the lead agency shall prepare, in close consultation with all other affected planning and implementation agencies, the SFCTA's Technical Working Group, and the SFCTA, a 5-year prioritized program of projects including budget, scope and schedule; consistent with the Strategic Plan for use of the Prop TBD funds, for review and adoption by the SFCTA Board. Program goals shall be consistent with the current SFTP and with the City's General Plan. Prior to adoption by the SFCTA Board, the lead agency and SFCTA staff will present the draft 5-year prioritized programs of project to the City's Capital Planning Committee for review and input.

The program of projects shall at a minimum address, the following factors:

- i. Project readiness, including schedule for completion of environmental and design phases; well-documented preliminary cost estimates, and documented community support as appropriate;
- ii. Compatibility with existing and planned land uses, and with adopted standards for urban design and for the provision of pedestrian amenities; and supportiveness of planned growth in transit-friendly housing, employment and services.
- iii. A prioritization mechanism to rank projects within the program, addressing, for each proposed project:
  - a. Relative level of need or urgency
  - b. Cost effectiveness
- c. A fair geographic distribution that takes into account the various needs of San Francisco's neighborhoods.
  - iv. Funding plan, including sources other than Prop TBD.

The lead agency shall conduct appropriate public outreach to ensure an inclusive planning process for the development of the program of projects, as well as general plan referral or referral to any City Department or Commission as required.

The lead agency shall also identify appropriate performance measures to ensure that progress is made in meeting the goals and objectives of the program. These performance measures shall be developed in collaboration with the SFCTA and shall be consistent with the SFCTA's Congestion Management Program.

The lead agency shall be eligible for planning funds from this category for the purpose of completing the development of the program of projects.

Lead agencies will also be encouraged to explore alternative and non-traditional methods for project and service delivery where they offer opportunities for increased cost-effectiveness, desirable allocations of risk, and/or shortened project delivery timelines.

#### 6. AMENDMENT PROCESS

The SFCTA Board may, by a 2/3 vote, recommend adoption of an amended Expenditure Plan any time after fifteen years after the effective date of adoption of the SFTEP. The SFCTA Board shall appoint an Expenditure Plan Advisory Committee to provide input on an amended Expenditure Plan. The amendment process shall follow the provisions of Division 12.5 of the California Public Utilities Code, except that the Expenditure Plan shall require the approval by the Mayor of the City and County of San Francisco.

Section 4. Pursuant to Article XIII C of the Constitution of the State of California and Section 7285 of the California Revenue and Taxation Code, this ordinance shall be submitted to the qualified electors of the City and County of San Francisco at the November 8, 2016 general municipal election.

This ordinance shall be effective at the close of the polls of the November Section 5. 8, 2016 general election. APPROVED AS TO FORM: DENNIS J. HERRERA, City Attorney By: Carole F. Ruwart Deputy City Attorney n:\legana\as2016\1600694\01120827.docx 

# AMENDED IN COMMITTEE 7/13/16

FILE NO. 160670

#### LEGISLATIVE DIGEST

[Initiative Ordinance - Business and Tax Regulations Code - Half-Cent Sales Tax Increase for Transportation]

Ordinance amending the Business and Tax Regulations Code to impose a transactions (sales) and use tax at the rate of one-half of one percent (0.5%) for 25 years, to be imposed by the San Francisco County Transportation Authority and administered by the State Board of Equalization; adopt the San Francisco Transportation Expenditure Plan; designate the Transportation Authority as the independent agency to oversee implementation of the San Francisco Transportation Expenditure Plan; authorize the issuance of bonds or other obligations to finance the projects identified in the Expenditure Plan; and establish an appropriations limit; and directing submission of the tax for voter approval at the November 8, 2016 general municipal election.

#### **Existing Law**

Existing Article 12-D of the Business and Tax Regulations Code, known as the "Uniform Local Sales and Use Tax Ordinance of the City and County of San Francisco," establishes and implements a sales tax on retailers for the privilege of selling tangible personal property at retail in the City. Article 12-D incorporates provisions identical to those of the Sales and Use Tax Law of the State of California. Existing law, Part 1.6 (commencing with Section 7251) of Division 2 of the Revenue and Taxation Code, and Division 12.5 (commencing with Section 131000) of the Public Utilities Code, authorizes the San Francisco County Transportation Authority to impose an additional local retail transactions (sales) and use tax, if the tax is approved by the Board of Supervisors and a two-thirds vote of the people. The proceeds of the tax must be spent on transportation projects set forth in a transportation expenditure plan that must be approved by the Board of Supervisors.

#### Amendments to Current Law

This ordinance would add Article 14-A, the San Francisco Transportation Expenditure Plan Ordinance, to the Business and Tax Regulations Code. The San Francisco County Transportation Authority would impose a transactions (sales) and use tax at a rate of 0.5% for 25 years. The tax is a special tax. This ordinance authorizes the Transportation Authority to issue up to \$2 billion in bonds that would be repaid with proceeds from the tax.

Proceeds of the tax would be used for the projects set forth in the San Francisco Transportation Expenditure Plan. By approving this ordinance, the Board of Supervisors would approve the San Francisco Transportation Expenditure Plan.

This ordinance would also increase the Transportation Authority's appropriations limit under Article XIII B of the California Constitution to \$500,000,000.

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# AMENDED IN COMMITTEE 7/13/16

FILE NO. 160670

#### **Background Information**

This tax may only be imposed upon a 2/3 vote of the people.

The combined state and local sales and use tax rate in the City is 8.75%. The 0.25% of the state component of the tax imposed under Article XIII, section 36 of the California Constitution will expire December 31, 2016, reducing the combined rate to 8.5%.

The Transportation Authority has received 0.5% of the combined rate since 1990 (Prop. B, superseded by 2003's Prop. K). The tax imposed by this ordinance is additional to the existing taxes, and would increase the Transportation Authority's portion of the combined rate to 1.00%.

This legislative digest reflects amendments made at the July 13, 2016 Budget and Finance Sub-Committee meeting. The San Francisco Transportation Expenditure Plan was amended to change the proposed expenditures for various programs. A further amendment provides that the Board of Supervisors will, as part of this ordinance, adopt the Plan as required by the Public Utilities Code.

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Ben Rosenfield Controller

Todd Rydstrom **Deputy Controller** 

July 12, 2016

Ms. Angela Calvillo Clerk of the Board of Supervisors 1 Dr. Carlton B. Goodlett Place Room 244 San Francisco, CA 94102-4689

File 160670 - Ordinance amending the Business Tax & Regulations Code - Half-cent RE: sales tax (first draft)

Dear Ms. Calvillo,

Should this ordinance be approved, in my opinion, it would result in an annual tax revenue increase to the City of an estimated \$25 million in fiscal year (FY) 2016-2017 and \$103.4 million in FY 2017-18. The tax is a special tax and proceeds would be used for projects included in the San Francisco Transportation Expenditure Plan (Expenditure Plan) which will be administered by the San Francisco County Transportation Authority (SFCTA).

The Expenditure Plan includes projects for transit services and affordability; Muni fleet, facilities, and infrastructure repair and improvement; transit optimization and expansion; regional transit and smart system management; Vision Zero safer and complete streets; and street resurfacing. The proposed ordinance would authorize the SFCTA to issue bonds as provided for in the San Francisco Transportation Expenditure Plan, not to exceed a total aggregate of \$2 billion, which would be repaid with proceeds from the tax.

The measure would amend the City's Business Tax and Regulations Code to increase the local sales tax rate by 0.5% (one-half of one percent) as of April 2017, for a period of twenty-five years.

Ben Rosenfield Controller

Note: This analysis reflects our understanding of the proposal as of the date shown. At times further information is provided to us which may result in revisions being made to this analysis before the final Controller's statement appears in the Voter Information Pamphlet.



# Increases to the Sales Tax: Economic Impact Report

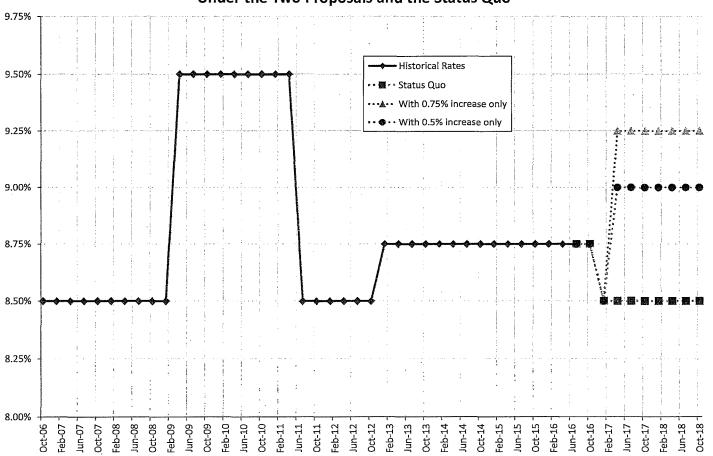
Office of Economic Analysis Items #160670 & #160639 July 12th, 2016

## Introduction

- Two proposed increases to the tax rate applicable to the sale and use of tangible personal property in San Francisco have been proposed for the November 2016 ballot.
- Item #160670, introduced by Mayor Lee, and Supervisors Avalos, Farrell, and Wiener, would apply a 0.75% tax on retail sales transactions. This is a general tax proposal, the revenue from which could be used for any governmental purpose. It would require a simple majority of the voters to be adopted.
- Item #160639, introduced by Supervisors Wiener and Avalos, would raise the sales and use tax rate by 0.5%. This proposal would be a dedicated tax increase, used to fund the City's transportation plan. As a dedicated tax, it would require approval by two-thirds of the voters to become law.
- The Office of Economic Analysis has determined that both items would have a material impact on the city's economy, if adopted. Because the two tax proposals would affect the economy in similar ways, they are considered together in this economic impact report.

## Timeline of Sales Tax Rates in San Francisco

### Historic and Potential Future San Francisco Sales Tax Rates, Under the Two Proposals and the Status Quo



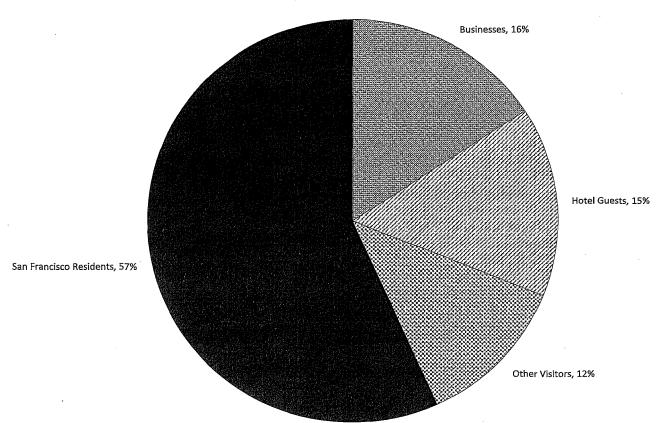
Over the past ten years, the Sales Tax rate in San Francisco has fluctuated between 8.5% and 9.5%.

The rate is currently 8.75%, but will decline to 8.5% on October 1<sup>st</sup> due to the expiration of Proposition 30's temporary sales tax increase.

If the 0.75% proposal becomes law, the rate will rise to 9.25% on April 1, 2017, and the rate will rise to 9.0% if the 0.5% proposal is adopted.

# Who Pays the Sales Tax?

# Estimated Distribution of San Francisco Sales Tax Revenue by Type of Taxpayer, 2015



The distribution of sales tax payments by type of payer can be estimated with data from the Board of Equalization, and a recent of survey of visitor spending produced by San Francisco Travel.

Business-to-business categories constitute 16% of the city's sales tax revenue. Of the remainder, based on SF Travel's data, we estimate hotel guests account for 15%, and other visitors (residents of other Bay Area cities, and outof-town visitors not staying in San Francisco hotels) account for another 12%. The remainder, 57%, is generated by San Francisco residents.

# **Economic Impact Factors**

- The proposed sales tax increases will raise the effective prices paid by consumers for goods and services subject to sales and use tax.
- Higher prices will lead consumers to reduce their consumption of local goods and services subject to the higher taxes, which will reduce sales at local merchants selling these items. Depending on how price-sensitive consumers are, sales at merchants selling non-taxable goods and services may decline as well.
- These negative economic impacts on the private sector are set against the positive economic impacts of higher spending by the City, which will increase public sector employment and spending on City contractors, creating positive multiplier effects in the local economy.
- The net economic impact of the increases depend on the relative importance of these
  positive and negative effects.

## **Economic Impact Assessment**

- The proposed 0.75% sales tax increase is projected to lead to a decline in consumption spending in the city of between \$150 million and \$155 million per year, beginning in 2017.
- However, the tax increase is expected to generate nearly as much tax revenue as it costs in consumption spending – approximately \$154 million by FY17-18.
- Because local government spending has a higher local multiplier than retail trade and services, the net impact of the tax increase on employment is positive: a loss of between 430 and 480 private sector jobs, but a gain of approximately 580 jobs in the public sector, for a net increase of 100 to 150 jobs.
- The proposed 0.5% increase, being two-thirds the size of the proposed 0.75% increase, has two-thirds of the economic impact. Again the private sector job impact is projected to be negative, by between 280 and 320 jobs, but the overall public and private employment impact is expected to be positive, between 65 and 100 jobs.

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### MEMORANDUM

TO:

Regina Dick-Endrizzi, Director, Small Business Commission

FROM:

Linda Wong, Assistant Clerk

**Board of Supervisors** 

DATE:

June 16, 2016

SUBJECT:

REFERRAL FROM BOARD OF SUPERVISORS

**Budget and Finance Sub-Committee** 

The Board of Supervisors' Budget and Finance Sub-Committee has received the following legislation, which is being referred to the Small Business Commission for comment and recommendation. The Commission may provide any response it deems appropriate within 12 days from the date of this referral.

File No. 160670

Ordinance amending the Business and Tax Regulations Code to impose a transactions (sales) and use tax at the rate of one-half of one percent (0.5%) for 25 years, to be imposed by the San Francisco County Transportation Authority and administered by the State Board of Equalization; designate the Transportation Authority as the independent agency to oversee implementation of the San Francisco Transportation Expenditure Plan; authorize the issuance of bonds or other obligations to finance the projects identified in the Expenditure Plan; and establish an appropriations limit; and directing submission of the tax for voter approval at the November 8, 2016, general municipal election.

Please return this cover sheet with the Commission's response to Linda Wong, Assistant Clerk, Budget and Finance Sub-Committee, at the Board of Supervisors, City Hall, Room 244, 1 Dr. Carlton B. Goodlett Place, San Francisco, CA 94102.

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Chairperson, Small Business Commission

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## MEMORANDUM

TO:

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John Arntz, Director, Department of Elections John Rahaim, Director, Planning Department

Tilly Chang, Executive Director, San Francisco County Transportation

Authority

Ed Reiskin, Executive Director, Municipal Transportation Agency

Mohammed Nuru, Director, Department of Public Works

FROM:

Linda Wong, Assistant Clerk, Budget and Finance Sub-Committee

DATE:

June 16, 2016

SUBJECT:

LEGISLATION INTRODUCED

The Board of Supervisors' Budget and Finance Sub-Committee has received the following proposed legislation, introduced by Supervisor Wiener:

File No. 160670

Ordinance amending the Business and Tax Regulations Code to impose a transactions (sales) and use tax at the rate of one-half of one percent (0.5%) for 25 years, to be imposed by the San Francisco County Transportation Authority and administered by the State Board of Equalization; designate the Transportation Authority as the independent agency to oversee implementation of the San Francisco Transportation Expenditure Plan; authorize the issuance of bonds or other obligations to finance the projects identified in the Expenditure Plan; and establish an appropriations limit; and directing submission of the tax for voter approval at the November 8, 2016, general municipal election.

If you have any comments or reports 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: Amanda Kahn Fried, Office of the Treasurer and Tax Collector Scott Sanchez, Planning Department Sarah Jones, Planning Department AnMarie Rodgers, Planning Department Aaron Starr, Planning Department Joy Navarrete, Planning Department

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# **Introduction Form**

By a Member of the Board of Supervisors or the Mayor

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of one and a agence bonds	nance amending the Business and Tax Regulations Code to impose a transactions (sales) and re-half of one percent (0.5%) for 25 years, to be imposed by the San Francisco County Transpudministered by the State Board of Equalization; designate the Transportation Authority as the cy to oversee implementation of the San Francisco Transportation Expenditure Plan; authorizes or other obligations to finance the projects identified in the Expenditure Plan; and establish and directing submission of the tax for voter approval at the November 8, 2016 general mun	ortation Authority e independent e the issuance of an appropriations
	Signature of Sponsoring Supervisor:	CAC
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