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**Subject:** FW: SUPPORT- Agenda Item 6. Option for 30 Light Rail Vehicles  
**Date:** Monday, September 20, 2021 1:40:24 PM  
**Attachments:** [SPUR-BOS-Item 6 SFMTA LRV.pdf](#)

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**From:** Laura Tolkoff <[ltolkoff@spur.org](mailto:ltolkoff@spur.org)>  
**Sent:** Monday, September 20, 2021 12:05 PM  
**To:** Board of Supervisors, (BOS) <[board.of.supervisors@sfgov.org](mailto:board.of.supervisors@sfgov.org)>  
**Subject:** SUPPORT- Agenda Item 6. Option for 30 Light Rail Vehicles

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Dear President Walton and San Francisco Board of Supervisors:

**SPUR supports moving forward with the request to exercise an option to purchase 30 new light rail vehicles.** These vehicles provide important upgrades to Muni's fleet, including reduced operating costs and more reliable service—both of which are important building blocks for SFMTA's financial future and will help serve San Francisco residents better.

Best regards,

Laura Tolkoff, AICP (she • her)  
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San Francisco Board of Supervisors  
1 Dr. Carlton B. Goodlett Place  
San Francisco, CA 94102

September 19, 2021

**Re: Agenda Item 6. Option for 30 Light Rail Vehicles**

Dear President Walton and San Francisco Board of Supervisors,

**SPUR supports moving forward with the request to exercise an option to purchase 30 new light rail vehicles.** These vehicles provide important upgrades to Muni's fleet, including reduced operating costs and more reliable service—both of which are important building blocks for SFMTA's financial future.

Thank you for providing the opportunity to support this procurement, which will help make Muni better able to support San Francisco's residents. Please do not hesitate to reach out with any questions or concerns.

Sincerely,

Laura Tolhoff  
Transportation Policy Director

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**Subject:** FW: Support for Item 6, Contract Option for Light Rail Vehicles  
**Date:** Tuesday, September 21, 2021 10:11:27 AM  
**Attachments:** [SFTR Comment re Item 6 09.21.21 Light Rail Vehicles.pdf](#)

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**From:** Cat Carter <cat@sftransitriders.org>  
**Sent:** Tuesday, September 21, 2021 9:04 AM  
**To:** Board of Supervisors, (BOS) <board.of.supervisors@sfgov.org>  
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**Subject:** Support for Item 6, Contract Option for Light Rail Vehicles

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Hello,

Find attached our letter of support for the option to purchase light rail vehicles.

Best,  
Cat

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**Cat Carter**  
Communications & Policy Director  
Pronouns: she, her  
San Francisco Transit Riders  
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September 21, 2021

President Shamann Walton  
Members, San Francisco Board of Supervisors  
1 Dr. Carlton B. Goodlett Place  
San Francisco, CA 94102

Re: Item 6, SFMTA Contract Option for 30 Light Rail Vehicles

Dear President Walton and Members of the Board of Supervisors,

San Francisco Transit Riders works for efficient, affordable, and growing public transit to serve all San Franciscans. We urge approval of the proposed contract option to secure savings now to potentially expand SFMTA's fleet of light rail vehicles in the future.

As you are aware, this contract provides flexibility to cancel, while securing significant savings if SFMTA determines to proceed with procurement. Further, SFMTA has until June of 2025 to make the decision and won't incur costs until 2026.

Growing transit ridership is key to our city's efforts to address our declared climate emergency, to make our streets safer, to improve our air quality, and to increase mobility, equity, and access. This option provides flexibility to serve the growing ridership necessary to meet our city's goals, while delivering significant savings.

The increased efficiency of the new vehicles combined with the cost savings of this contract means more resources can be put towards other needs of the Muni system. Since SFMTA faces an enormous backlog in repairs, maintenance, and capital improvements, we urge approval of this contract as a step towards addressing that backlog and building for the future.

Please vote to approve the contract option.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Cat Carter". The signature is fluid and cursive, with the first name "Cat" and last name "Carter" clearly distinguishable.

Cat Carter  
Policy & Communications Director  
San Francisco Transit Riders

Cc: The Honorable London Breed, Mayor of San Francisco  
Board of Directors, SFMTA  
Jeff Tumlin, Director of Transportation, SFMTA  
Julie Kirschbaum, Director of Transit, SFMTA