

[MTA budget to be accountable to Mayor and Board of Supervisors; shared jurisdiction; compliance with voter-approved ordinances; Controller to administer MTA quality review.]

CHARTER AMENDMENT

PROPOSITION ____

Describing and setting forth a proposal to the qualified voters of the City and County of San Francisco to amend the Charter of the City and County of San Francisco by amending Sections 8A.102, 8A.106, and 8A.107, to provide that: the Municipal Transportation Agency’s budget shall be subject to the City’s normal budget process; the Municipal Transportation Agency shall be subject to regulation by the Board of Supervisors; the Municipal Transportation Agency must comply with voter-approved ordinances; and, the Controller, rather than the Agency, shall administer the biennial municipal transportation quality review survey and study.

The Board of Supervisors hereby submits to the qualified voters of the City and County, at an election to be held on November 6, 2007, a proposal to amend the Charter of the City and County by amending Sections 8A.102, 8A.106, and 8A.107 to read as follows:

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Deletions are ~~*strikethrough italics Times New Roman*~~.

SEC. 8A.102. GOVERNANCE AND DUTIES.

(a) The Agency shall be governed by a board of seven directors appointed by the Mayor and confirmed after public hearing by the Board of Supervisors. All initial appointments must be made by the Mayor and submitted to the Board of Supervisors for confirmation no later than February 1, 2000. The Board of Supervisors shall act on those initial appointments no later than March 1, 2000 or those appointments shall be deemed confirmed.

At least four of the directors must be regular riders of the Municipal Railway, and must continue to be regular riders during their terms. The directors must possess significant knowledge of, or professional experience in, one or more of the fields of government, finance, or

labor relations. At least two of the directors must possess significant knowledge of, or professional experience in, the field of public transportation. During their terms, all directors shall be required to ride the Municipal Railway on the average once a week.

Directors shall serve four-year terms, provided, however, that two of the initial appointees shall serve for terms ending March 1, 2004, two for terms ending March 1, 2003, two for terms ending March 1, 2002, and one for a term ending March 1, 2001. Initial terms shall be designated by the Mayor. No person may serve more than three terms as a director. A director may be removed only for cause pursuant to Article XV. The directors shall annually elect a chair. The chair shall serve as chair at the pleasure of the directors. Directors shall receive reasonable compensation for attending meetings of the Agency which shall not exceed the average of the two highest compensations paid to the members of any board or commission with authority over a transit system in the nine Bay Area counties.

(b) The Agency shall:

1. Have *exclusive* charge of the construction, management, supervision, maintenance, extension, operation, use, and control of all property, as well as the real, personal, and financial assets of the Municipal Railway; and have *exclusive* authority over contracting, leasing, and purchasing by the Municipal Railway, provided that any Agency contract for outside services shall be subject to Charter Sections 10.104(12) and 10.104(15). Ownership of any of the real property of the City and County shall not be transferred to any private entity pursuant to any such contract;

2. Have the sole power and authority to enter into such arrangements and agreements for the joint, coordinated, or common use with any other public entity owning or having jurisdiction over rights-of-way, tracks, structures, subways, tunnels, stations, terminals, depots, maintenance facilities, and transit electrical power facilities;

3. Have the sole power and authority to make such arrangements as it deems proper to provide for the exchange of transfer privileges, and through-ticketing arrangements, and such

arrangements shall not constitute a fare change subject to the requirements of Sections 8A.106 and 8A.108;

4. Have the authority to arrange with other transit agencies for bulk fare purchases, provided that if passenger fares increase as a result of such purchases, the increase shall be subject to review by the Board of Supervisors pursuant to Sections 8A.106 and 8A.108;

5. Notwithstanding Section 2.109, and except, as provided in Sections 8A.106 and 8A.108, have exclusive authority to fix the fares charged by the Municipal Railway and all other rates, fees, and charges for services provided by the Agency;

6. Have the authority to conduct investigations into any matter within its jurisdiction through the power of inquiry, including the power to hold public hearings and take testimony, and to take such action as may be necessary to act upon its findings; ~~and~~

7. Exercise such other powers and duties as shall be prescribed by ordinance of the Board of Supervisors; and

8. Notwithstanding Section 8A.102(b)(1), the Agency shall comply with such other duties as shall be prescribed by ordinance of San Francisco voters.

(c) The Agency's board of directors shall:

1. Appoint a director of transportation, who shall serve at the pleasure of the board. The director shall be employed pursuant to an individual contract. His or her compensation shall be comparable to the compensation of the chief executive officers of the public transportation systems in the United States which the directors, after an independent survey to be conducted by the Controller, determine most closely resemble the Agency in size, mission, and complexity. In addition, the Agency shall provide an incentive compensation bonus plan for the director of transportation based upon the Agency's achievement of the milestones adopted pursuant to Section 8A.103.

2. Appoint an executive secretary who shall be responsible for administering the affairs of the directors and who shall serve at the pleasure of the board.

(d) The director of transportation shall appoint all subordinate personnel of the Agency, including a deputy director for the Municipal Railway, and, upon its incorporation into the Agency, a deputy director for Parking and Traffic. The deputy directors shall serve at the pleasure of the director of transportation. The director of transportation may serve as the deputy director for the Municipal Railway, but shall not be entitled to any greater compensation or benefits on that basis.

(e) Upon recommendation of the city attorney and the approval of the board of directors, the city attorney may compromise, settle, or dismiss any litigation, legal proceedings, claims, demands or grievances which may be pending for or on behalf of, or against the Agency relative to any matter or property solely under the Agency's jurisdiction. Unlitigated claims or demands against the Agency shall be handled as set forth in Charter Section 6.102. Any payment pursuant to the compromise, settlement, or dismissal of such litigation, legal proceedings, claims, demands, or grievances, unless otherwise specified by the Board of Supervisors, shall be made from the Municipal Transportation Fund.

(f) The Agency's board of directors, and its individual members, shall deal with administrative matters solely through the director of transportation or his or her designees. Any dictation, suggestion, or interference by a director in the administrative affairs of the Agency, other than through the director of transportation or his or her designees, shall constitute official misconduct; provided, however, that nothing herein contained shall restrict the directors' powers of hearing and inquiry as provided in this Section.

(g) Except to the extent otherwise provided in this Article, the Agency shall be subject to the provisions of this Charter applicable to boards, commissions, and departments of the City and County, including Sections 2.114, 3.105, 4.101, 4.103, 4.104, 4.113, 9.118, 16.100, and A8.346. Sections 4.102, 4.126, and 4.132 shall not be applicable to the Agency.

SEC. 8A.106. BUDGET.

The Agency shall be subject to the provisions of Article IX of this Charter except:

(a) No later than March 1 of each year, after professional review, public hearing and after receiving the recommendations of the Citizens' Advisory Council, the Agency shall submit its proposed budget for the next fiscal year. ~~to the Mayor and the Board of Supervisors for their review and consideration.~~ The Agency shall propose a base budget that is balanced without the need for additional funds over the Base Amount, but may include fare increases and decreases, and reductions or abandonment of service. ~~The Mayor shall submit the base budget to the Board of Supervisors, without change.~~ Should the Agency request additional support over the Base Amount, it shall submit an augmentation request for those funds in the standard budget process and subject to normal budgetary review and amendment.

(b) At the time the budget is proposed ~~adopted~~, the Agency shall certify that the budget is adequate in all respects to make substantial progress towards meeting the goals, objectives, and performance standards established pursuant to Section 8A.103 for the fiscal year covered by the budget.

(c) The Mayor and the Board shall have the same authority under Section 3.100 and Section 9.103 respectively over the Agency's base budget that they have over the proposed budgets of other City departments, including the authority to increase, decrease, or eliminate any individual expenditure item, so long as the aggregate changes do not cause the resulting total expenditures to exceed the total amount proposed for expenditures in the Agency's base budget. The Board may also augment the Agency's base budget using any legally-available funds, subject to Section 9.103. Funds dedicated to Agency uses under Section 8A.105 must still only be used for Agency operations. No later than August 1, the Board of Supervisors may allow the Agency's base budget to take effect without any action on its part or it may reject but not modify the Agency's base budget by a two thirds' vote. Any fare or service change proposed in the base budget shall be considered accepted unless rejected by a two thirds' vote on the entire base budget. Should the Board reject the base budget, it shall make additional interim

~~appropriations to the Agency from the Municipal Transportation Fund sufficient to permit the Agency to maintain all operations through the extended interim period until a base budget is adopted. Any request for augmentation funding shall be approved, modified, or rejected under the general provisions of Article IX.~~

SEC. 8A.107. MUNICIPAL TRANSPORTATION QUALITY REVIEW.

(a) The Controller Agency shall biennially contract with a nationally recognized management or transportation consulting firm with offices in the City and County for an independent review of the quality of the Agency's ~~its~~ operations. The contract shall be funded by the Agency. It shall be competitively bid and approved by the Controller and the Board of Supervisors. The review shall contain:

1. A detailed analysis of the extent to which the Agency has met the goals, objectives, and performance standards it is required to adopt under Section 8A.103, and the extent to which the Agency is expected to meet those goals, objectives, and performance standards in the two fiscal years for which the review is submitted, and independent verification of the Agency's reported performance under the performance measures adopted pursuant to Section 4 of this measure; and

2. Such recommendations for improvement in the operation of the Agency as the firm conducting the review deems appropriate.

(b) The results of the review shall be presented promptly to the Citizens' Advisory Council, the Agency, the Board of Supervisors, and the Mayor by the reviewing firm; and the Citizens' Advisory Council, the Agency, and the Board of Supervisors shall each promptly hold at least one public hearing thereon.

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