

1 [Reducing the cost of adult MUNI Fast Passes for 18-24 year olds]

2 **Resolution urging the Municipal Transportation Agency (MTA) to reduce the cost of**
3 **monthly adult MUNI fast passes for transitional aged young adults ages 18 to 24 years**
4 **old.**

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6 WHEREAS, 18-24 year olds comprise 5.4% of San Francisco's total population yet
7 make up 16.5% of MUNI ridership according to a forthcoming report from the Office of the
8 Legislative Analyst at the San Francisco Board of Supervisors (OLA); and,

9 WHEREAS, This demographic contributes \$11.7 million annually to the MTA in the
10 purchase of adult MUNI Fast Passes and frequent 34 million trips according to the
11 forthcoming report from the OLA; and,

12 WHEREAS, All 18-24 year olds are considered adults but often have limited resources
13 to afford such an expenditure due to their transition to adulthood, personal and community
14 obligations, and continuing educational and career attainment; and,

15 WHEREAS, Those 18-24 year olds who identify as transitional aged adults may likely
16 be young parents, have dropped out of high school, are unemployed or work in low waged
17 jobs, and/or have recently exited systems of care such as juvenile justice, mental health and
18 drug/substance abuse treatment, foster care, or have disabilities; and,

19 WHEREAS, The most economically disadvantaged 18-24 year olds are most
20 dependent on public transportation to conduct and fulfill responsibilities; and,

21 WHEREAS, An increase in age does not reflect an increase in income; and,

22 WHEREAS, A variety of transportation decision-making bodies have expressed
23 support of similar efforts to acknowledge the financial concerns of special populations,
24 including youth, such as the Board of Supervisor's resolution urging the Public Transportation
25 Commission to negotiate with BART to allow use of the discount Fast Passes for seniors and

1 people with disabilities on BART trips within San Francisco in 1997; the MTA Citizen's
2 Advisory Council (CAC)'s resolution urging that an agreement be negotiated by which the
3 youth Discount Fast Pass can be used for trips between BART stations within San Francisco
4 in 2003; adoption of MTA CAC's resolution that MTA to investigate reducing the cost of
5 Lifeline Pass to the same level as Senior, Disabled, and Youth Fast Passes in 2005; and,

6 WHEREAS, Research indicates that a 30% discount to the Adult Fast Pass for 18-24
7 year olds would result in a 7.2% increase in ridership according to the forthcoming report from
8 the OLA; and,

9 WHEREAS, The fiscal impact of having this discount on adult MUNI Fast Passes for
10 18-24 year olds would be approximately \$5.7 million annually according the forthcoming
11 report from the OLA; and,

12 WHEREAS, This measure would illustrate San Francisco's greater civic responsibility
13 to its environment through increased MUNI ridership, lower gas emissions and decreased
14 congestion from vehicular traffic; and,

15 WHEREAS, This would further reaffirm San Francisco's commitment to serving all of its
16 citizens and offer tactile retention efforts of its youth and young adults who increasingly cannot
17 afford to live in the City, and aid in raising the general quality of life concerns; now, therefore
18 be it

19 RESOLVED, That the MTA should work with the Board of Supervisors and the City and
20 County of San Francisco to continually investigate the best alternatives in providing
21 discounted adult MUNI Fast Passes for this particular population, and;

22 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, That the MTA should subsidize the transition of youth to
23 financially self-sufficient individuals by allocating approximately \$5.7 million to provide
24 discounted adult Fast Passes to young adults ages 18-24 in order for all transitional aged
25 youth to be guaranteed this service so that they can transition successfully into adulthood.