

1 [Rejecting the San Francisco Municipal Transportation Agency’s Proposed Fare Changes to
2 Create New Premium Monthly MUNI Passes]

3 **Motion rejecting the San Francisco Municipal Transportation Agency’s proposed fare**
4 **changes to create Premium Monthly San Francisco Municipal Railway Passes for**
5 **express bus routes and cable cars.**
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7 WHEREAS, The San Francisco Municipal Transportation Agency (SFMTA) is
8 responsible for providing safe, reliable, clean, and accessible public transit services to San
9 Franciscans; and

10 WHEREAS, Proposition E of November 1999 and Proposition A of November 2007
11 vested the SFMTA Board of Directors with the responsibility to advocate for San Francisco
12 transit riders in the annual budget process; and

13 WHEREAS, The SFMTA is facing at least a \$12.1 million budget deficit for fiscal year
14 2009-2010 and a projected \$56.4 million budget deficit for fiscal year 2010-2011; and

15 WHEREAS, To address these shortfalls, the SFMTA Board of Directors recently
16 approved fare changes to create more expensive Premium Monthly San Francisco Municipal
17 Railway (Muni) passes for express bus routes and cable cars; and

18 WHEREAS, These new Premium Monthly passes are projected to generate \$1.8
19 million annually in additional revenue for the SFMTA; and

20 WHEREAS, On January 1, 2010, the SFMTA instituted a tiered monthly fare structure
21 for Muni-only passes and passes that allow for BART trips within San Francisco; and

22 WHEREAS, The proposed creation of additional tiers of monthly fares will cause further
23 confusion among riders and violates the SFMTA’s mission of providing transit services
24 accessible to all San Franciscans; and
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1 WHEREAS, At the SFMTA Board of Directors meetings on February 26, 2010 and
2 March 2, 2010 where these fare changes were reviewed, there was much less focus on the
3 premium monthly passes than on the proposed service cuts and fare increases to the senior,
4 youth, and disabled monthly passes; and

5 WHEREAS, The proposed Premium Monthly Pass applies to all peak hour express
6 routes except for the 8A, 8AX, 8BX; and

7 WHEREAS, This exemption of a single route-grouping from the proposed Premium
8 Monthly Pass has not been fully vetted; and

9 WHEREAS, On Tuesday, March 23, 2010, Governor Schwarzenegger signed
10 Assembly Bills ABX8 6 and ABX8 9 to restore gas tax funding for public transit, which are
11 expected to provide \$36 million for Muni for Fiscal Year 2009-2010 and \$31 million for Fiscal
12 Year 2010-2011; and

13 WHEREAS, This unexpected funding source could be used to offset the loss of the
14 projected revenue from the Premium Monthly Passes; and

15 WHEREAS, San Francisco Charter Section 8A.106(d) provides for the Board of
16 Supervisors to reject an SFMTA budget amendment by a seven-elevenths' vote taken within
17 30 days after its submission to the Board of Supervisors, now, therefore, be it

18 MOVED, That pursuant to Charter Section 8A.106(d), the Board of Supervisors of the
19 City and County of San Francisco rejects the SFMTA's proposed fare changes to create
20 Premium Monthly Muni passes for express bus routes and cable cars; and be it

21 FURTHER MOVED, That the Board of Supervisors will continue to evaluate future
22 changes to Muni fares or service and will act to ensure that Muni fares and service remain as
23 fair and effective as possible.

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