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Committee Item No. 8

Board Item No. \_\_\_\_\_

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Prepared by: John Carroll

Date: January 22, 2026

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## MEMORANDUM

TO: Julie Kirschbaum, Acting Director of Transportation

FROM: John Carroll, Assistant Clerk, Land Use and Transportation Committee

DATE: July 24, 2025

SUBJECT: LEGISLATION INTRODUCED

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The Board of Supervisors' Land Use and Transportation Committee has received the following hearing request, introduced by Supervisor Sauter on July 15, 2025.

**File No. 250761**

Hearing on the status and performance of the Central Subway, including ridership, station conditions, train frequencies and reliability, and future plans for extension; and requesting the Municipal Transportation Agency to report.

If you have 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 or by email at: [john.carroll@sfgov.org](mailto:john.carroll@sfgov.org).

cc:

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**Subject:** CENTRAL SUBWAY EXTENSION: BAD OPTICS BEFORE ELECTIONS  
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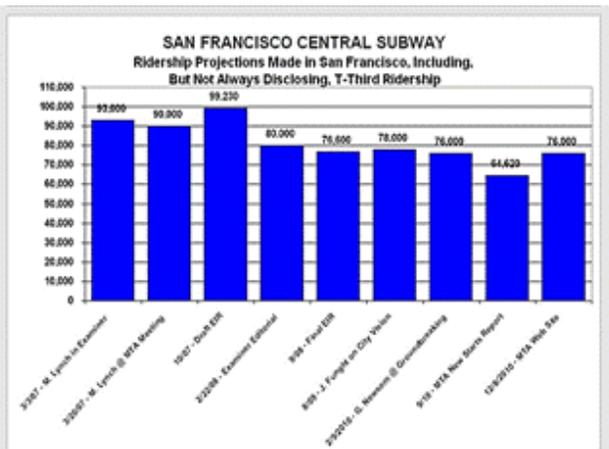
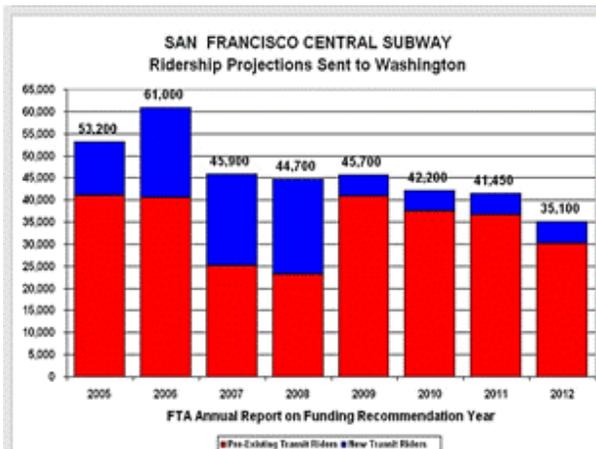
## CENTRAL SUBWAY: Alarming talk about extension (spending billions of dollars more) just before elections

**Monday, January 26, 2026, 1:30 PM at City Hall Rm. 250**

### LAND USE & TRANSPRTATION COMMITTEE:

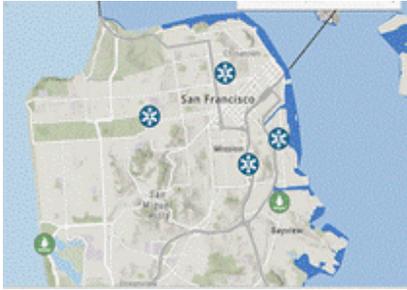
[https://sfbos.org/sites/default/files/lut012626\\_agenda.pdf](https://sfbos.org/sites/default/files/lut012626_agenda.pdf) Item 8: Possibly at 2:00 PM--[Hearing - Central Subway Performance and Extension Plans] Sponsor: Sauter  
 Hearing on the status and performance of the Central Subway, including ridership, station conditions, train frequencies and reliability, and future plans for extension; and requesting the Municipal Transportation Agency to report.

**GENERAL: Bad optics to talk about Central Subway extension (spending billions of dollars more)---when voters are about to vote on new taxes.** Muni has long-term structural budget deficits, even if voters approve transit funding measures. The Central Subway has already taken \$2 billion from the rest of the Muni system—causing citywide service cuts, eliminated bus lines, shortened routes, deferred maintenance and infrastructure upgrades. The subway has never met new ridership projections, and most riders are merely diverted from the #8,30 and 45 bus lines. Some Muni bus stops have more daily riders than Central Subway stations. The subway has one of the highest operating costs per rider. Its \$15 million annual operating budget could restore multiple bus lines.



**ACCURATE DATA NEEDED:** Final costs of the 1.7-mile Central Subway need to be tabulated---accounting for legal settlements, litigation costs, water leak repairs, elevator/escalator repairs, and costs covered elsewhere. The long-term status of the

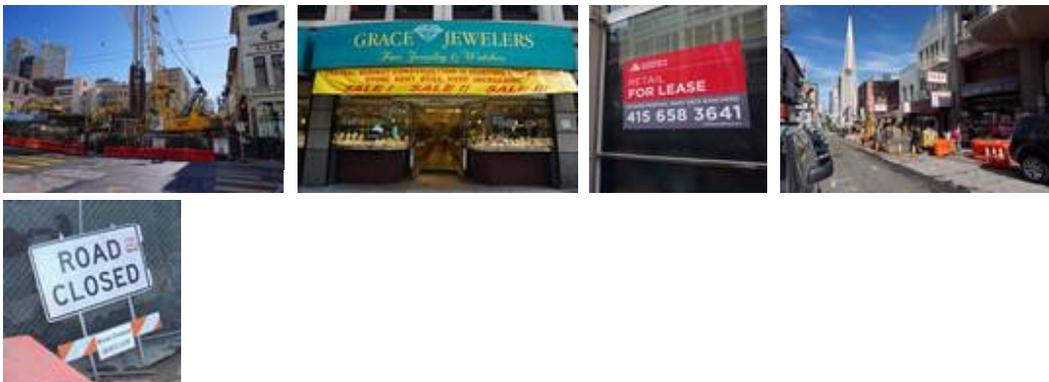
waterproofing system needs clarification---in conditions of high hydraulic pressures.



**CENTRAL SUBWAY EXTENSION RISING COSTS:** It makes no sense to extend a subway into waterfront flood zones---sea level rise, storm surges, tsunami waves, rising coastal groundwater, and high construction/ operating/ maintenance costs.

**PROJECTS:** In the 15-30 years it takes to build a subway, transit technology will have been transformed. Think 24/7 micro-transit, autonomous mobility, water taxis---with flexibility to circumvent flooding. All funding should prevent Muni service cuts/ layoffs, augment bus/ cable car/ streetcar lines/ digital technology, invest in maintenance and state of good repairs. Restore eliminated bus lines, like the 15-Kearny, 41-Union, 20-Columbus, 3-Jackson, 28 Valencia... Restore shortened bus lines: 5-Fulton, 6-Hayes/ Parnassus, 9-San Bruno, and 31-Balboa. Cheaper and effective projects include a free northeast shuttle bus loop and extension of the F-Line to the Marina.

**BETTER TRANSIT**



**NO MORE CONSTRUCTION IMPACTS ON BUSINESSES:** Chinatown/ Downtown/ Union Square businesses have yet to recover from years of Central Subway construction. North Beach, Russian Hill, and Fisherman's Wharf can avoid crippling impacts with the next generation of transit/ mobility.

**MISSION LOCAL:** The Central Subway will cripple Muni for years to come (9-12-22): <https://missionlocal.org/2022/09/central-subway-san-francisco-buttigieg-toonerville-trolley/>

**EXAMINER:** An S.F. transit tragedy: the Central Subway saves no time [https://www.sfexaminer.com/our\\_sections/forum/a-sf-transit-tragedy-the-central-subway-saves-no-time/article\\_404310fa-9858-11ed-b836-6fa9a4b5a5ac.html](https://www.sfexaminer.com/our_sections/forum/a-sf-transit-tragedy-the-central-subway-saves-no-time/article_404310fa-9858-11ed-b836-6fa9a4b5a5ac.html) If you're not on Google, do you really exist? This is the question facing the Central Subway, San Francisco's newest transit line. In my experience, it is almost impossible to get Google Maps to show the line as a means to travel from point A to point B. Which

begs another question: Could the unsparing judgment of algorithms be the undoing of decades of politicking and planning that led to the subway's creation?

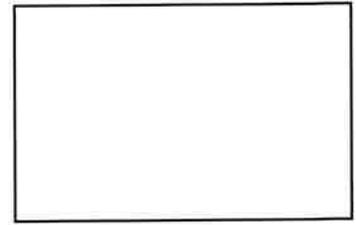
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**Howard Wong, AIA**



## Introduction Form

*(by a Member of the Board of Supervisors or the Mayor)*



I hereby submit the following item for introduction (select only one):

- 1. For reference to Committee (Ordinance, Resolution, Motion or Charter Amendment)
- 2. Request for next printed agenda (For Adoption Without Committee Reference)  
*(Routine, non-controversial and/or commendatory matters only)*
- 3. Request for Hearing on a subject matter at Committee
- 4. Request for Letter beginning with "Supervisor \_\_\_\_\_ inquires..."
- 5. City Attorney Request
- 6. Call File No. \_\_\_\_\_ from Committee.
- 7. Budget and Legislative Analyst Request (attached written Motion)
- 8. Substitute Legislation File No. \_\_\_\_\_
- 9. Reactivate File No. \_\_\_\_\_
- 10. Topic submitted for Mayoral Appearance before the Board on \_\_\_\_\_

The proposed legislation should be forwarded to the following (please check all appropriate boxes):

- Small Business Commission     Youth Commission     Ethics Commission
- Planning Commission     Building Inspection Commission     Human Resources Department

General Plan Referral sent to the Planning Department (proposed legislation subject to Charter 4.105 & Admin 2A.53):

- Yes                       No

*(Note: For Imperative Agenda items (a Resolution not on the printed agenda), use the Imperative Agenda Form.)*

Sponsor(s):

Sauter

Subject:

Central Subway Performance and Extension Plans

Long Title or text listed:

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Signature of Sponsoring Supervisor: