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## MEMORANDUM

TO: Jeffrey Tumlin, Executive Director, Municipal Transportation Agency

FROM: Erica Major, Assistant Clerk, Land Use and Transportation Committee

DATE: February 18, 2020

SUBJECT: LEGISLATION INTRODUCED

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The Board of Supervisors' Land Use and Transportation Committee has received the following proposed legislation, introduced by Supervisor Preston on February 11, 2020:

**File No. 200147**

**Resolution urging the Municipal Transportation Agency to refrain from any Muni fare increases for the FY2021-2022 budget cycle.**

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: [erica.major@sfgov.org](mailto:erica.major@sfgov.org).

cc: Kate Breen, Municipal Transportation Agency  
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1 [Urging Municipal Transportation Agency to Refrain from Any Muni Fare Increases]

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3 **Resolution urging the Municipal Transportation Agency to refrain from any Muni fare**  
4 **increases for the FY2021-2022 budget cycle.**

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6 WHEREAS, The City of San Francisco adopted in 1973 a “Transit First” policy under  
7 which the City government shall prioritize incentivizing public transit ridership in order to build  
8 a more equitable transit system and stronger economy that strives for clean streets and clean  
9 air; and

10 WHEREAS, Transit fare increases have consistently been found to discourage and  
11 diminish transit ridership while disproportionately impacting those potential riders who can  
12 afford increases the least; and

13 WHEREAS, Transit fare increases impose an undue burden on transit riders –  
14 particularly those City residents who do not have access to or cannot afford access to  
15 alternative methods of transportation; and

16 WHEREAS, It is estimated that every 10% increase in transit fares decreases transit  
17 ridership by 2%, according to a January 2018 University of California Institute of  
18 Transportation Studies Mobility Research Program study on *Falling Transit Ridership in*  
19 *California* prepared for the United States Department of Transportation and the Southern  
20 California Association of Governments; and

21 WHEREAS, Muni fares have doubled in the last 12 years, and the cost of a monthly  
22 Muni pass has risen 80% during that time period; and

23 WHEREAS, The typical Muni rider pays nearly a \$1000 each year for a monthly pass,  
24 and parents/guardians pay more than \$1000 each year to travel on Muni with their children;  
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WHEREAS, The Municipal Transit Agency (SFMTA) uses an Automatic Indexing Implementation Plan (AIIP) to create a more predictable and transparent mechanism for setting charges; and

WHEREAS, The proposed SFMTA transit fares from the AIIP indexing formula will, according to SFMTA, increase fares by \$.25, a 10% increase over current fares; and

WHEREAS, The Board of Supervisors affirms its commitment to increasing transit ridership and increasing service commensurate with rising demand for public transportation, and ensuring equity, affordability, and reliability of Muni in furtherance of our Transit First policy; and, be it

RESOLVED, The San Francisco Board of Supervisors urges the SFMTA to refrain from including any fare increases in the upcoming FY2021-2022 budget cycle.