



**CITY AND COUNTY OF SAN FRANCISCO**  
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Ms. Angela Calvillo  
Clerk of the Board of Supervisors  
1 Dr. Carlton B. Goodlett Place Room 244  
San Francisco, CA 94102-4689

RE: File 140556 – Charter amendment regarding additional adjustments to the Municipal Transportation Agency given population growth

Dear Ms. Calvillo,

Should the proposed charter amendment be approved by the voters, in my opinion, it would have a significant impact on the cost of government. The proposed measure would set aside additional funds for transit system improvements and capital expenditures that would otherwise be available for any public purpose.

The proposed Charter amendment would, beginning in fiscal year (FY) 2015-16, increase voter-adopted baseline funding for the Municipal Transportation Agency (MTA) by the percentage growth in the city's population growth during the past ten years, or approximately \$22 million. Further, the MTA baseline would be adjusted in future years when city population grows, resulting in additional average annual increases of approximately \$1.5 million given average annual historical population growth. The proposed measure would set aside these funds for transit system improvements and capital expenditures. The proposed baselines adjustments would be in addition to existing voter-adopted set-asides for the MTA, which are generally indexed to changes in City discretionary revenues.

The Controller's Office will work with the Mayor, Board of Supervisors and City departments to clarify the financial effects of the proposed Charter amendment as it is considered for the ballot.

Sincerely,

  
Ben Rosenfield  
Controller

Note: This analysis reflects our understanding of the proposal as of the date shown. At times further information is provided to us which may result in revisions being made to this analysis before the final Controller's statement appears in the Voter Information Pamphlet.