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August 26, 2014

**The Honorable Members of the Board of Supervisors
City and County of San Francisco
1 Dr. Carlton Goodlett Place, Room 244
San Francisco, CA 94102**

***Subject: Request for Approval -- SFMTA Fiscal Year 2015 and 2016 Operating Budget
Amendment to Provide Free Muni Service to 19 to 22 Year Old Students Enrolled in
San Francisco Unified School District's Special Education Services Programs***

Honorable Members of the Board of Supervisors:

The San Francisco Municipal Transportation Agency (SFMTA) requests that the San Francisco Board of Supervisors support an amendment to the SFMTA Fiscal Year 2015 and 2016 Operating Budget to provide free Muni service to 19 to 22 year old students enrolled in the San Francisco Unified School District's (SFUSD) Special Education Services (SES) programs.

Background

On August 19, 2014, the SFMTA Board of Directors adopted Resolution No. 14-133, authorizing Free Muni service for 19 to 22 year old SFUSD students enrolled in the District's Special Education Services program for FY 2015 and FY 2016 and urging the Board of Supervisors to support the fare change.

This budget amendment to revise the Public Transportation and Paratransit Fare Table (attachment A) is being submitted pursuant to Charter Section 8.A.108, requiring all public transit fare changes be submitted to the Board of Supervisors as part of the SFMTA's budget or as a budget amendment.

Published Notice

Pursuant to Charter Section 16.112, advertisements were placed in the City's official newspaper for five consecutive days beginning July 26, 2014 to provide notice of the public hearing held on August 19, 2014, to consider the implementation of free Muni service for 19 to 22 year old students enrolled in SFUSD's SES program by November 1, 2014.

Environmental Review

Modifications to fees, fares, fines, rates and charges are subject to the California Environmental Quality Act (CEQA). Pursuant to the City Charter, revenue from parking related fees, rates and charges support transit service. CEQA provides a statutory exemption from environmental review for the establishment, modification, structuring, restructuring or approval of rates, tolls, and other

charges if these rates, tolls, and other charges will be used to meet operating expenses, including employee wage rates and fringe benefits, or purchase or lease supplies, equipment, or materials.

SFMTA staff, under authority delegated by the Planning Department, determined that the proposed fare change is statutorily exempt from environmental review pursuant to California Public Resources Code section 21080(b)(8) and CEQA implementing guidelines. The SFMTA's determination is on file with the Secretary to the SFMTA Board of Directors. The proposed action is the Approval Action as defined by the S.F. Administrative Code Chapter 31.

It is estimated that approximately 200 students will qualify for this program, reducing annual fare revenue by \$163,300 which has been included in the SFMTA's FY 2015 and FY 2016 Operating Budget.

Recommendation

The SFMTA recommends that the Board of Supervisors support an SFMTA budget amendment for Fiscal Years 2015 and 2016 to provide free Muni service for low and moderate income 19 to 22 year old students enrolled the San Francisco Unified School District's Special Education Services Program.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read 'E. Reiskin', with a stylized, flowing script.

Edward D. Reiskin
Director of Transportation

