

LEGISLATIVE DIGEST

[Exempting Certain Municipal Transportation Agency Projects from From Fiscal Feasibility Ordinance]

Ordinance amending the Administrative Code to exempt from the Fiscal Feasibility Ordinance capital improvements projects under the jurisdiction of the San Francisco Municipal Transportation Agency that will support an increase or improvement in Municipal Railway service.

Existing Law

Chapter 29 of the Administrative Code (“Chapter 29”) requires, prior to initiating environmental review, that a City department, board or commission proposing a project as defined by the California Environmental Quality Act that is estimated to have implementation and/or construction costs exceeding twenty-five million dollars (\$25,000,000) and to use in excess of one million dollars (\$1,000,000) in public monies for predevelopment, planning, or construction costs prepare a financial feasibility study and submit it to the Board of Supervisors for a determination that the plan for undertaking and implementing the proposed project is fiscally feasible and responsible.

Amendments to Current Law

This ordinance would amend Chapter 29 to exempt certain capital improvement projects under the jurisdiction of the San Francisco Municipal Transportation Agency (SFMTA) from the Chapter 29 requirements for a fiscal feasibility study to the extent such projects will support an increase or improvement in Municipal Railway Service.

Background Information

The SFMTA engages in numerous rail, facility, and transit-related infrastructure projects to support or improve Municipal Railway service and such projects often rely on regional, state, and federal sources of funding. Preliminary planning and design are often prerequisites for submitting a competitive funding application.

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