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From: barry@hermansons.com Wednesday, November 28, 2018 2:58 PM Sent: Board of Supervisors, (BOS) To: Cc: Major, Erica (BOS); Fewer, Sandra (BOS); Stefani, Catherine (BOS); Peskin, Aaron (BOS); Tang, Katy (BOS); Brown, Vallie (BOS); Kim, Jane (BOS); Yee, Norman (BOS); Mandelman, Rafael (BOS); Ronen, Hillary; Cohen, Malia (BOS); Safai, Ahsha (BOS); MTABoard@sfmta.com Land Use and Transportation

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San Francisco Green Party 25 Fair Oaks Street San Francisco, CA 94110

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Contact: Barry Hermanson barry@hermansons.com 415-255-9494

November 28, 2018

San Francisco Board of Supervisors San Francisco City Hall, Room 240 1 Dr. Carlton Goodlett Plaza SF, CA 94102

Dear Supervisors:

The San Francisco Green Party opposes opening transit-only lanes to private, for-profit buses such as tech shuttle buses, casino buses, tour buses, Chariots, and other vehicles that we cannot yet imagine, without any study to show such permission won't harm MUNI and without compensation to the City for the use of a scarce public resource (city streets).

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Sincerely,

SFGP County Council

From:	Cautn1 <cautn1@aol.com></cautn1@aol.com>
Sent:	Tuesday, November 27, 2018 1:12 PM
То:	Board of Supervisors, (BOS); Major, Erica (BOS); Fewer, Sandra (BOS); Stefani, Catherine (BOS); Peskin, Aaron (BOS); Tang, Katy (BOS); Brown, Vallie (BOS); Kim, Jane (BOS); Yee, Norman (BOS); Mandelman, Rafael (BOS); Ronen, Hillary; Cohen, Malia (BOS); Safai, Ahsha (BOS); MTABoard@sfmta.com
Cc:	Breed, Mayor London (MYR)
Subject:	Red Lanes

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### **Bay Area Transportation Working Group**

Dear Supervisors:

First, BATWG strongly supports the view that the SFBOS should have a say in how the Red Lanes are used.

We do not rule out placing needed privately-operated buses providing legitimate transportation service in transit-only lanes. Busloads of people are what keep SF moving, and this applies regardless of who owns the bus. So our preference would be for you to permit only buses, and jitney's carrying at least a dozen people, to operate in the red lanes. All low capacity vehicles including taxis should be banned. It should be the type **and functionality** of the vehicle that counts, not ownership.

To this end we strongly support the following statement: Nothing should be permitted to interfere with or slow down Muni. Loading and unloading takes longer with private buses than it does with Muni and this could be a real problem. Muni has all door boarding. Private buses have one front door and double-decker buses maybe a second door leading to a difficult to negotiate spiral staircase. This means that boardings and departures are significantly slower with these buses than with Muni buses....."

Private vehicles of whatever stripe that operate in expensive tax-paid special transit lanes **cannot** be allowed to slow down or otherwise impede Muni.

Gerald Cauthen, President, **BATWG** 

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From:	Hene Kelly <henekelly@aol.com></henekelly@aol.com>
Sent:	Thursday, November 08, 2018 5:53 PM
То:	Board of Supervisors, (BOS); Major, Erica (BOS); Fewer, Sandra (BOS); Stefani, Catherine
	(BOS); Peskin, Aaron (BOS); Tang, Katy (BOS); Brown, Vallie (BOS); Kim, Jane (BOS); Yee,
	Norman (BOS); Mandelman, Rafael (BOS); Ronen, Hillary; Cohen, Malia (BOS); Safai,
	Ahsha (BOS); MTABoard@sfmta.com
Subject:	Transit-only/red lanes File #180876.
Attachments:	Geary BRT EnvironmentalImpact.docx

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Dear Supervisor,

Attached is a letter from the California Alliance for Retired Americans(CARA) on Transit-only/red lanes File #180876.

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In Solidarity,

Hene Kelly CARA Legislative Director 415-533-5244



November 8, 2018

San Francisco City Hall, Room 240 1 Dr. Carlton Goodlett Plaza SF, CA 94102

Dear Supervisors:

The California Alliance for Retired Americans (CARA) opposes opening transit-only lanes to private, for-profit buses such as tech shuttle buses, casino buses, tour buses, Chariots, and other vehicles that we cannot yet imagine, without any study to show such permission won't harm MUNI and without compensation to the City for the use of a scarce public resource (city streets). CARA is California's largest grassroots senior advocacy organization, representing over 1,000,000 seniors and their families through our 275 affiliated organizations. We have a very strong presence in San Francisco.

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Moreover state and local law prohibit access to these lanes by private, for-profit buses. State law defines a "transit bus" as "any bus owned or operated by a publicly owned or operated transit system …" (CVC I.A.642). It logically follows that transit-only lanes are

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#### CARA calls on the Board of Supervisors to assert its power and reaffirm that transit-only lanes are for public transit only vehicles.

Sincerely,

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Hene Kelly CARA Legislative Director

Bonnie K <bjkastle@gmail.com> Sunday, November 04, 2018 3:42 PM Board of Supervisors, (BOS); Major, Erica (BOS); Fewer, Sandra (BOS); Stefani, Catherine (BOS); Peskin, Aaron (BOS); Tang, Katy (BOS); Brown, Vallie (BOS); Kim, Jane (BOS); Yee, Norman (BOS); Mandelman, Rafael (BOS); Ronen, Hillary; Cohen, Malia (BOS); Safai,

Subject:

From:

Sent:

To:

Transit-only Red lanes should just be for public transit only vehicles.

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Ahsha (BOS); MTABoard@sfmta.com

San Francisco Board of Supervisors San Francisco City Hall, Room 240 1 Dr. Carlton Goodlett Plaza SF, CA 94102

Dear Supervisors:

I, Bonnie Kirkland, oppose opening transit-only lanes to private, for-profit buses such as tech shuttle buses, casino buses, tour buses, Chariots, and other vehicles that we cannot yet imagine, without any study to show such permission won't harm MUNI and without compensation to the City for the use of a scarce public resource (city streets).

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I, Bonnie Kirkland, call on the Board of Supervisors to assert its power and reaffirm that transit-only lanes are for public transit only vehicles.

Sincerely,

Bonnie Kirkland 109 21st Ave #2 San Francisco, CA 94121

CC: Board.of.Supervisors@sfgov.org, erica.major@sfgov.org, Sandra.Fewer@sfgov.org, Catherine.Stefani@sfgov.org, v.org, Aaron.Peskin@sfgov.org, Katy.Tang@sfgov.org, Vallie.Brown@sfgov.org, Jane.Kim@sfgov.org, Norm an.Yee@sfgov.org, Rafael.Mandelman@sfgov.org, Hillary.Ronen@sfgov.org, Malia.Cohen@sfgov.org, Ahsha .Safai@sfgov.org, MTABoard@sfmta.com

180876 Received via Email 10/26/18

San Francisco Board of Supervisors San Francisco City Hall, Room 240 1 Dr. Carlton Goodlett Plaza SF, CA 94102

October 25, 2018

From: Inner Sunset Action Community (ISAC) Contact: Inner Sunset Action Community@gmail.com

re: opposing private use of public transit lanes

Dear Supervisors:

The **Inner Sunset Action Community** opposes opening transit-only lanes to private, for-profit buses such as tech shuttle buses, casino buses, tour buses, Chariots, and other vehicles that we cannot yet imagine, without any study to show such permission won't harm MUNI and without full compensation to the City for the use and congestion of our scarce public resource, public transit lanes on city streets.

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Respectfully,

#### **Inner Sunset Action Community (ISAC)**

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180870 180870 From: Denis Mosgofian <denismosgofian@gmail.com> Sent: Friday, October 26, 2018 5:28 PM To: Board of Supervisors, (BOS); Major, Erica (BOS); Fewer, Sandra (BOS); Stefani, Catherine (BOS); Peskin, Aaron (BOS); Tang, Katy (BOS); Brown, Vallie (BOS); Kim, Jane (BOS); Yee, Norman (BOS); Mandelman, Rafael (BOS); Ronen, Hillary; Cohen, Malia (BOS); Safai, Ahsha (BOS); SF MTA Subject: opposing private use of public transit lanes Attachments: Microsoft Word - BOS-oppose private use of transit lanes Oct. 25, 2018.docx.pdf

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## San Francisco Board of Supervisors

## San Francisco City Hall, Room 240

#### 1 Dr. Carlton Goodlett Plaza

SF, CA 94102

October 25, 2018

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350 San Francisco <350sanfrancisco@gmail.com> Wednesday, October 31, 2018 4:35 PM Board of Supervisors, (BOS) Major, Erica (BOS); Fewer, Sandra (BOS); Stefani, Catherine (BOS); Peskin, Aaron (BOS); Tang, Katy (BOS); Brown, Vallie (BOS); Kim, Jane (BOS); Yee, Norman (BOS); Mandelman, Rafael (BOS); Ronen, Hillary; Cohen, Malia (BOS); Safai, Ahsha (BOS); MTABoard@sfmta.com Oppose Opening Transit-Only Bus Lanes to For-Profit Buses

Subject:

From: Sent:

To: Cc:

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350 San Francisco Oct 31, 2018 John Anderson, Co-Coordinator

San Francisco Board of Supervisors San Francisco City Hall, Room 240 1 Dr. Carlton Goodlett Plaza SF, CA 94102

RE: Oppose Permitting For-Profit Buses in Transit-Only Bus Lanes

Dear Supervisors:

350 San Francisco opposes opening transit-only lanes to private, for-profit buses such as tech shuttle buses, casino buses, tour buses, Chariots, etc. Such a decision would cause environmental harm, and fails to comply with existing law.

As you know, we are in a climate emergency, and strong public transportation systems are needed everywhere. A system of comprehensive, affordable public transportation is part of San Francisco's laudable effort to combat both climate change and inequitable distribution of the costs of climate change (environmental injustice). Muni supports this effort in the following ways:

- Muni used less than two percent of all the energy consumed in San Francisco for transportation in 2015, demonstrating that expanded public transportation is an excellent way to reduce the City's total carbon emissions, as required by state law.
- Muni offers discount fares to seniors, the disabled, low-income people and youth.
- Muni strives to comply with federal law that requires Muni to serve all neighborhoods and demographics equitably. Private services are not required to do this.

Dedicated transit-only lanes are a critical part of our city's public transportation system. The San Francisco Municipal Transportation Agency (SFMTA) has long championed the creation of transit-

only lanes as a prime method to improve Muni performance by reducing traffic delay on our increasingly congested streets. It is uncontested that our city's population is burgeoning. Ridership on the Geary corridor alone is expected to go from the current average daily count of 54,000 to up to 99,000, according to the Geary BRT environmental impact report. SFMTA will need to expand its fleet of public buses, and riders cannot be served well if the city buses must compete for dedicated lane space with private, for-profit vehicles.

Moreover, state law restricts the definition of "transit bus" to buses "owned or operated by a publicly owned or operated transit system" (CVC I.A.642). Transit-only lanes are for these buses only. Local law is also clear on this point. San Francisco City Code (Section 7.2.72) forbids the operation of "a vehicle or any portion of a vehicle within ... a transit-only area." The SFMTA Board of Directors does not have the authority to pass legislation that contradicts this law.

For these reasons, 350 San Francisco calls on the Board of Supervisors to reaffirm that transitonly lanes are solely for public-transit vehicles.

Sincerely, 350 San Francisco John Anderson, Co-Coordinator

CC: <u>Board.of.Supervisors@sfgov.org</u>, <u>erica.major@sfgov.org</u>, <u>Sandra.Fewer@sfgov.org</u>, <u>Catherine.Stefani@sfgov.org</u>, <u>Aaron.Peskin@sfgov.org</u>, <u>Katy.Tang@sfgov.org</u>, <u>Vallie.Brown@sfgov.org</u>, <u>Jane.Kim@sfgov.org</u>, <u>Norman.Yee@sfgov.org</u>, <u>Rafael.Mandelman@sfgov.org</u>, <u>Hillary.Ronen@sfgov.org</u>, <u>Malia.Cohen@sfgov.org</u>, <u>Ahsha.Safai@sfgov.org</u>, <u>MTABoard@sfmta.com</u>

From: Sent: To: Subject: Nancy Wuerfel <nancenumber1@aol.com> Friday, October 26, 2018 12:09 PM Major, Erica (BOS) *NO* PRIVATE BUSES IN TRANSIT-ONLY LANES/RED LANES! 140862 180876

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Dear Ms. Major:

The SFMTA is way out of bounds - once again - to believe that they can allow our <u>public street red</u> <u>transit-only lanes</u> to be used by for-profit buses, shuttles and other private vehicles! They have no legal power to permit these private entities from clogging up our public vehicle travel lanes, after the city has finally decided to dedicate portions of the street to allow Muni a faster way to serve the people. I said MUNI TO BE FASTER, not its competitors!

TO the Land Use and Transportation Committee on October 29, 2018 - please vote no!!! on allowing this insult to Muni riders to be approved.

TO all the Board of Supervisors - If this proposal comes to the full Board for a vote, please vote no and assert your power to reaffirm that transit-only lanes are for public transit only vehicles!

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Thank you,

Nancy Wuerfel

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From: Sent: To:

Glenn Rogers <alderlandscape@comcast.net> Tuesday, October 23, 2018 8:33 AM Board of Supervisors, (BOS); Major, Erica (BOS); Fewer, Sandra (BOS); Stefani, Catherine (BOS); Peskin, Aaron (BOS); Tang, Katy (BOS); Brown, Vallie (BOS); Kim, Jane (BOS); Yee, Norman (BOS); Mandelman, Rafael (BOS); Ronen, Hillary; Cohen, Malia (BOS); Safai, Ahsha (BOS); MTABoard@sfmta.com

Subject:

Oppose access to transit-only (red lanes) lanes by private, for-profit buses.

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Parkmerced Action Coalition 10/23/2018 alderlandscape@comcast.net

San Francisco Board of Supervisors San Francisco City Hall, Room 240 1 Dr. Carlton Goodlett Plaza SF, CA 94102

Dear Supervisors:

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Sincerely, Glenn Rogers

CC: Susan Suval From: Sent: To: Subject: Board of Supervisors, (BOS) Friday, October 26, 2018 9:04 AM BOS-Supervisors; Major, Erica (BOS) FW: No Private Buses

From: SBD6 Democratic Club <southbeachdems@gmail.com> Sent: Thursday, October 25, 2018 1:17 PM To: Board of Supervisors, (BOS) <board.of.supervisors@sfgov.org>; Fewer, Sandra (BOS) <sandra.fewer@sfgov.org>; Stefani, Catherine (BOS) <catherine.stefani@sfgov.org>; Peskin, Aaron (BOS) <aaron.peskin@sfgov.org>; Tang, Katy (BOS) <katy tang@sfgov.org>: Brown_Vallie (BOS) <vallie brown@sfgov.org>: Kim_lane (BOS) <iane kim@sfgov.org>

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SOUTH BEACH DISTRICT 6 DEMOCRATIC CLUB October 25, 2018

San Francisco Board of Supervisors San Francisco City Hall, Room 240 1 Dr. Carlton Goodlett Plaza SF, CA 94102

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Sincerely,

Stephen R. Jaffe, President South Beach D6 Democratic Club

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10/22/2018

Board of Supervisors City Hall, Room 242 1 Dr Carlton B Goodlett Place San Francisco, CA 94102

Dear Supervisors:

**Haight Ashbury Neighborhood Council (HANC)** respectfully requests that you call for a Government Audit & Oversight committee hearing to review the San Francisco Municipal Transportation Agency (SFMTA) Commuter Shuttle Program fee structure. Additionally, we support Supervisor Fewer's call for a hearing on the recently revealed decision of the SFMTA to permit private, for-profit buses to operate in transit-only red lanes.

The current fee structure is unacceptably inequitable and financially irresponsible. To date, the agency has refused to consider establishing non-regulatory, unrestricted charges for the program, and therefore fails to capture significant, needed revenues. SFMTA plans to draw down nearly \$60M from its reserve fund over the next two years to close FY19 and FY 20 operational budget gaps.

At the same time, SFMTA has granted extraordinary privileges to Commuter Shuttle bus operators, including access to MUNI bus stops, exclusive loading zones, and use of transit-only "red" lanes established for the benefit of MUNI.

#### The SFMTA:

fails to follow guidance of SFCTA and the Budget & Legislative Analyst to consider such charges;
refuses to publicly consider application of Mounsey v. SFMTA [Taxi Medallions] to the Shuttle Program. The SFMTA earned \$60M in excess revenue (profit) from FY2011 – FY2016 via Medallion fees; and,
publicly misrepresents the Shuttle Program as comprehensively limited to cost-recovery, in order to preclude public awareness and discussion of potential non-regulatory charges. Privately, SFMTA staff acknowledge that the agency can establish unrestricted, non-regulatory charges for the Commuter Shuttle Program, and have not

pursued them, in part, to avoid public discussion of rates: "Assessment of Political Risk: High risk of fee, if untethered to some prescribed calculation, becoming the subject of political debate." [Hank Willson, SFMTA Mgr., email Jan 3 2016]

The existing SFMTA budget deficits, and established unrestricted charges imposed on other commercial transportation providers, demand that the Board investigate why SFMTA has not considered unrestricted, non-regulatory charges for this program.

Sincerely,

Bruce M. Wolfe, President

CC: Malia Cohen, <u>malia.cohen@sfgov.org</u>; Catherine Stefani, <u>Catherine.stefani@sfgov.org</u>; Aaron Peskin, <u>aaron.peskin@sfgov.org</u>; Katy Tang, <u>katy.tang@sfgov.org</u>; Vallie Brown, <u>vallie.brown@sfgov.org</u>; Jane Kim, <u>jane.kim@sfgov.org</u>; Norman Yee, <u>norman.yee@sfgov.org</u>; Rafael Mandelman, <u>Rafael.mandelman@sfgov.org</u>; Hillary Ronin, <u>Hillary.ronin@sfgov.org</u>; Ahsha Safai, <u>ahsha.safai@sfgov.org</u>

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Subject:	Private transit does not belong in dedicated bus lanes

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I urge the Board of Supervisors to assert its power and reaffirm that transit-only lanes are for public transit only vehicles.

Sincerely, Anastasia Yovanopoulos District #8 resident

CC: Board.of.Supervisors@sfgov.org, erica.major@sfgov.org, Sandra.Fewer@sfgov.org, Catherine.Stefani@sfgov.org, Aaron.Peskin@sfgov.org, Katy.Tang@sfgov.org, Vallie.Brown@sfgov.org, Jane.Kim@sfgov.org, Norman.Yee@sfgov.org, Rafael.Mandelman@sfgov.org, Hillary.Ronen@sfgov.org, Malia.Cohen@sfgov.org, Ahsha.Safai@sfgov.org, MTABoard@sfmta.com

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Subject:	OPPOSE: Access to transit-only (red carpet) lanes by private buses	

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Bruce Wolfe, President Christin Evans, Vice-President

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Subject:	Fwd: Oppose access to transit-only (red lanes) lanes by private, for-profit buses.

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PACIFIC FELT FACTORY Date: OCTOBER 24, 2018 Contact information: SPIKE KAHN <u>spikekahn@gmail.com</u>

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Sincerely, Spike Kahn, Founder/Director <u>www.pacificfeltfactory.com</u> +1 415 935 3641 (USA/WhatsApp) <u>spikekahn@gmail.com</u>

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# MEMORANDUM

TO: Ed Reiskin, Executive Director, Municipal Transportation Agency

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

DATE: September 11, 2018

SUBJECT: HEARING MATTER INTRODUCED

The Board of Supervisors' Land Use and Transportation Committee has received the following hearing request, introduced by Supervisor Fewer on September 4, 2018:

File No. 180876

Hearing to request an analysis of privatized buses utilizing red transit-only lanes by frequency, volume, and vehicle type, and its impact on public transit service in San Francisco; and requesting San Francisco Municipal Transportation Agency to report

If you have any 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.

c: Janet Martinsen, Municipal Transportation Agency Kate Breen, Municipal Transportation Agency Dillon Auyoung, Municipal Transportation Agency

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