Amendment of the Whole In Board 3/6/07

[Reducing the cost of adult MUNI Fast Passes for 18-21 year olds]

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WHEREAS, All 18-21 year olds are considered adults but often have limited resources
to afford such an expenditure due to their transition to adulthood, personal and community
obligations, and continuing educational and career attainment; and,

Resolution urging the Municipal Transportation Agency (MTA) to reduce the cost of

monthly adult MUNI fast passes to \$30 for transitional aged young adults ages 18 to 21

WHEREAS, Those 18-21 year olds who identify as transitional aged adults may likely be young parents, have dropped out of high school, are unemployed or work in low waged jobs, and/or have recently exited systems of care such as juvenile justice, mental health and drug/substance abuse treatment, foster care, or have disabilities; and,

WHEREAS, The most economically disadvantaged 18-21 year olds are most dependent on public transportation to conduct and fulfill responsibilities; and,

WHEREAS, An increase in age does not reflect an increase in income; and, 16

WHEREAS, A variety of transportation decision-making bodies have expressed
support of similar efforts to acknowledge the financial concerns of special populations,
including youth; and,

WHERAS, Examples of such are the Board of Supervisor's resolution urging the Public
Transportation Commission to negotiate with BART to allow use of the discount Fast Passes
for seniors and people with disabilities on BART trips within San Francisco in 1997, and the
MTA Citizen's Advisory Council (CAC)'s resolution urging that an agreement be negotiated by
which the youth Discount Fast Pass can be used for trips between BART stations within San
Francisco in 2003; and

Supervisor Jake McGoldrick **BOARD OF SUPERVISORS** 

1	WHEREAS, The fiscal impact of discounting MUNI Fast Passes for 18-21 year olds to
2	\$30 would be approximately \$3.1 million annually, according to calculations done by the
3	Office of the Legislative Analyst (OLA); and,
4	WHEREAS, This measure would illustrate San Francisco's greater civic responsibility
5	to its environment through increased MUNI ridership, lower gas emissions and decreased
6	congestion from vehicular traffic; and,
7	WHEREAS, This would further reaffirm San Francisco's commitment to serving all of its
8	citizens and offer tactile retention efforts of its youth and young adults who increasingly cannot
9	afford to live in the City, and aid in raising the general quality of life concerns; now, therefore
10	be it
11	RESOLVED, That the MTA should work with the Board of Supervisors and the City and
12	County of San Francisco to continually investigate the best alternatives in providing
13	discounted adult MUNI Fast Passes for this particular population, and;
14	BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, That the MTA should subsidize the transition of youth to
15	financially self-sufficient individuals by allocating approximately \$3.1 million to provide
16	discounted adult Fast Passes to young adults ages 18-21, beginning January 1, 2008.
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