

From: [Board of Supervisors, \(BOS\)](#)
To: [BOS-Supervisors](#)
Cc: [Calvillo, Angela \(BOS\)](#); [Somera, Alisa \(BOS\)](#); [Ng, Wilson \(BOS\)](#); [Laxamana, Junko \(BOS\)](#); [Mchugh, Eileen \(BOS\)](#); [Wong, Linda \(BOS\)](#)
Subject: FW: Sierra Club endorsement letter Free MUNI Pilot Ordinances
Date: Tuesday, June 1, 2021 8:46:46 AM
Attachments: [2021-04-21 Sierra Club - Support Free Muni Pilot Program\[2\]\[11\] \(1\).pdf](#)

From: Kathleen McCowin <ksmccowin@gmail.com>
Sent: Monday, May 31, 2021 8:05 PM
To: Board of Supervisors, (BOS) <board.of.supervisors@sfgov.org>
Subject: Sierra Club endorsement letter Free MUNI Pilot Ordinances

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Dear Board of Supervisors Office,

Please put the following in the formal record. Find the formal Sierra Club endorsement letter for the Free MUNI Pilot, below and attached. This memorizes the April 20th 'yes' vote of the Sierra Club San Francisco Group Executive Committee.

Yours,
Kathleen
Kathleen McCowin
Member, Sierra Club San Francisco Group Executive Committee
650-862-4703

San Francisco Group, SF Bay Chapter

Serving San Francisco County

April 20, 2021

Supervisor Matt Haney
Supervisor Dean Preston
San Francisco City Hall
1 Dr Carlton B. Goodlett Place
San Francisco, CA 94102

Subject: Support free Muni trial

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From: [Major, Erica \(BOS\)](#)
To: [Somera, Alisa \(BOS\)](#); [Wong, Linda \(BOS\)](#)
Subject: RE: Free Muni worthless
Date: Thursday, May 27, 2021 11:40:30 AM

I believe this is Linda's 210453.

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-----Original Message-----

From: Somera, Alisa (BOS) <[alisa.somera@sfgov.org](mailto:alisa.somera@sfgov.org)>

Sent: Monday, May 24, 2021 3:59 PM

To: Major, Erica (BOS) <[erica.major@sfgov.org](mailto:erica.major@sfgov.org)>

Subject: FW: Free Muni worthless

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From: Board of Supervisors, (BOS) <board.of.supervisors@sfgov.org>  
Sent: Monday, May 24, 2021 3:51 PM  
To: BOS-Supervisors <bos-supervisors@sfgov.org>  
Cc: Calvillo, Angela (BOS) <angela.calvillo@sfgov.org>; Somera, Alisa (BOS) <alisa.somera@sfgov.org>; Ng, Wilson (BOS) <wilson.l.ng@sfgov.org>; Laxamana, Junko (BOS) <junko.laxamana@sfgov.org>; Mchugh, Eileen (BOS) <eileen.e.mchugh@sfgov.org>  
Subject: FW: Free Muni worthless

-----Original Message-----

From: Jamey Frank <jameyfrank@icloud.com>  
Sent: Sunday, May 23, 2021 7:05 AM  
To: matt.fleischer@sfchronicle.com  
Cc: jeffery.tumlin@sfmta; Board of Supervisors, (BOS) <board.of.supervisors@sfgov.org>; Yee, Norman (BOS) <norman.yee@sfgov.org>; Breed, Mayor London (MYR) <mayorlondonbreed@sfgov.org>; Mandelman, Rafael (BOS) <rafael.mandelman@sfgov.org>; Walton, Shamann (BOS) <shamann.walton@sfgov.org>; Safai, Ahsha (BOS) <ahsha.safai@sfgov.org>; Fewer, Sandra (BOS) <sandra.fewer@sfgov.org>; Haney, Matt (BOS) <matt.haney@sfgov.org>; Brown, Vallie (ADM) <vallie.brown@sfgov.org>; Ronen, Hillary <hillary.ronen@sfgov.org>; Stefani, Catherine (BOS) <catherine.stefani@sfgov.org>; Marstaff (BOS) <marstaff@sfgov.org>; Peskin, Aaron (BOS) <aaron.peskin@sfgov.org>  
Subject: Free Muni worthless

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Dear Matt,

Your editorial misses the point. I already get free transit and always have with my employer. But due to the hours that I work, and the fact that the Twin Peaks tunnel is closed indefinitely makes free transit completely useless to me. I'd gladly pay \$5 a ride, if I knew it was always going to show up, and be at least as fast as driving. (And I'm not going to ride a bike over Mount Sutro in the dark.)

You simply cannot torture people out of their cars. Transit has to be better, not make driving worse.

Jeff knows that I'm a huge fan of rail, having commuted with him for years to Stanford via a Caltrain, and on the Friday night party train. And he helped Stanford create a terrific network of Marguerite rapid shuttles to and from

the train station, all free, but more importantly all very frequent, clean, and reliable on a consistent schedule. But ironically, all of us drove our cars to and from the 22nd Street Caltrain station, because there was no fast way to get to the station, and the Muni ride to the station took longer than getting all the way to Palo Alto, something that hasn't changed despite endless red lanes, road diets, parklets and speedbumps.

And Jeff, could you please re-open Church Street and have the J go downtown again? Enough is enough with the "slow streets." Enough with our neighbors all screaming at each other.

--Jamey Frank  
San Francisco

**From:** [Christopher Pederson](#)  
**To:** [Haney, Matt \(BOS\)](#); [Safai, Ahsha \(BOS\)](#); [Mar, Gordon \(BOS\)](#); [Ronen, Hillary](#); [Walton, Shamann \(BOS\)](#)  
**Cc:** [Wong, Linda \(BOS\)](#); [MelgarStaff \(BOS\)](#)  
**Subject:** Budget & Approp Committee Agenda items 1-2 (Free Muni Pilot Program)  
**Date:** Wednesday, May 19, 2021 10:28:12 AM

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Dear Chair Haney and Supervisors:

Please table the proposed measures to establish a Free Muni Pilot Program. The proposed program is unlikely to generate useful information, is unlikely to fully compensate Muni, doesn't include any compensation to BART, and is likely to complicate fare compliance once the program expires.

Although touted as a way to generate data on how eliminating fares will affect ridership, the timing of the proposed program will defeat that purpose. To waive fees at the same time that the economy is opening up and people are more willing to mingle in public and when transit service is being restored means that it will be virtually impossible to evaluate to what extent increased ridership is due to waiving fares and to what extent it is due to other significant factors.

Although the proposed appropriation was increased last week, that appropriation does not compensate Muni for the likely declines in fare compliance after the program expires. It also does nothing to compensate BART for the likely shift in ridership away from BART and to lines such as the 14, 14R, and 49.

The proper time for considering waiving transit fares would be after service has been restored and the economy has fully reopened. If at that time Muni ridership still significantly lags behind pre-pandemic levels, then it might be appropriate to consider whether waiving fares might help restore ridership levels. Any such program, however, should also ensure improvement in service. Without reliable, convenient service, ridership will fall below what's necessary for San Francisco to accomplish its climate and equity goals.

Thank you.

Sincerely,  
Christopher Pederson  
regular Muni rider