

1 [Modifying MUNI's fare structure to make 18-year-olds eligible for youth discounts]

2 **Urging the Mayor and San Francisco Board of Supervisors to urge the San Francisco Municipal**  
3 **Transportation Agency (SFMTA) to expand MUNI's discounted youth rate to include 18-year-**  
4 **olds.**

5 WHEREAS, The San Francisco Municipal Transportation Agency (SFMTA) currently offers  
6 discounted MUNI fares for youth, namely \$0.75 for single rides and \$0-\$23 for unlimited use monthly  
7 passes<sup>1</sup>; and

8 WHEREAS, SFMTA currently defines "youth" as being between the ages of 5-17<sup>2</sup>, despite 18-  
9 year-olds making up approximately 3,000 of 4,014 high school seniors in SFUSD<sup>3</sup>; and

10 WHEREAS, there are also approximately 400 18-year-old high school students in SFUSD  
11 county schools, and even more 18-year-old high school students enrolled in private and parochial  
12 schools in San Francisco<sup>4</sup>; and

13 WHEREAS, 18-year-old high school students do not qualify for the aforementioned discounted  
14 fares, and must pay \$2.00 for single transfers (an additional \$1.25 per ride), \$66.00 for passes (an  
15 additional \$43-\$66 per month)<sup>5</sup>, or fare evade; and

16 WHEREAS, The SFMTA youth rate is designed to encourage youth riders to use public  
17 transportation and to afford public transportation<sup>6</sup>; and

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19 <sup>1</sup> San Francisco Municipal Transportation Agency. "Monthly Passes." San Francisco Municipal Transportation Agency. Accessed January  
20 26, 2014. <https://www.sfmta.com/getting-around/transit/fares-passes/monthly-passes>.

21 <sup>2</sup> "Youth/Senior/Disability Discounts." San Francisco Municipal Transportation Agency. Accessed January 26, 2014.  
22 <https://www.sfmta.com/getting-around/transit/fares-passes/youthseniordisability-discounts>

23 <sup>3</sup> SFUSD. "Student Enrollment--SFUSD School Site List and Summary--Fall Semesters 2013f to 1997F." SFUSD. Accessed  
24 February 19, 2014. [http://web.sfusd.edu/Services/research\\_public/rpa\\_student\\_enrollment/Student%20Enrollment--SFUSD%20School%20Site%20List%20and%20Summary--Fall%20Semesters%202013f%20to%201997F.pdf](http://web.sfusd.edu/Services/research_public/rpa_student_enrollment/Student%20Enrollment--SFUSD%20School%20Site%20List%20and%20Summary--Fall%20Semesters%202013f%20to%201997F.pdf).

25 <sup>4</sup> Salvador Lopez Barr, SFUSD Student Advisory Council Coordinator. "Statistic on 18-Year-Olds in SFUSD." Email to Nicholas Persky.  
Tuesday, February 11th, 2014 7:05 PM.

<sup>5</sup> San Francisco Municipal Transportation Agency. "Fares & Passes." San Francisco Municipal Transportation Agency. Accessed January  
26, 2014. <https://www.sfmta.com/getting-around/transit/fares-passes>

1 WHEREAS, There are many low-income young people in San Francisco; for example, of the  
 2 57,860 students enrolled in the San Francisco Unified School District (SFUSD) in 2012-2013<sup>7</sup>,  
 3 approximately 62% qualify for free or reduced lunch<sup>8</sup>; and

4 WHEREAS, Resolutions adopted by the San Francisco Youth Commission (Resolution 0910—  
 5 AL08 adopted February 1, 2010<sup>9</sup>, Resolution 1011—AL04 adopted January 3, 2011<sup>10</sup>, Resolution  
 6 1112—01 adopted September 19, 2011<sup>11</sup>, and Resolution 1213—01 adopted October 1, 2012<sup>12</sup>); the  
 7 Board of Supervisors in resolutions 141-10, adopted on April 6, 2010<sup>13</sup>, 83-11, adopted on February  
 8 15, 2011<sup>14</sup>, and 111-032, adopted on October 18, 2011<sup>15</sup>); and the Board of Education (in resolution

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10 <sup>6</sup> San Francisco Board of Supervisors. "Resolution urging the San Francisco Municipal Transportation Agency to make all enrolled San  
 11 Francisco High School students eligible for their youth rate." San Francisco Board of Supervisors. Accessed January 26, 2014.  
<http://www.sfbos.org/ftp/uploadedfiles/bdsupvrs/resolutions05/r0401-05.pdf>.

12 <sup>7</sup> California Department of Education. "Enrollment by Grade for 2011-12 County Enrollment by Grade (with district data)." California  
 13 Department of Education. Accessed January 26, 2014.  
<http://data1.cde.ca.gov/dataquest/Enrollment/GradeEnr.aspx?cYear=201112&cGender=B&cType=All&cChoice=CoEnrGrd2&TheCountv=38%2cSan+Francisco>.

14 <sup>8</sup> San Francisco Examiner. "Task force report calls for increased usage of SFUSD free meals program." San Francisco Examiner.  
 15 Accessed January 26, 2014. <http://www.sfexaminer.com/sanfrancisco/task-force-report-calls-for-increased-usage-of-sfusd-free-meals-program/Content?oid=2632668>.

16 <sup>9</sup> San Francisco Youth Commission Resolution 0910—AL08 "Youth Lifeline Pass and Fare Increases," adopted February 1, 2010

17 <sup>10</sup> "Resolution urging the Board of Supervisors, the Mayor, the San Francisco Municipal Transportation Agency (SFMTA), and the San  
 18 Francisco Unified School District (SFUSD) to implement promptly the Youth Lifeline Fast Pass in a way that is both convenient and  
 accessible to low-income youth." San Francisco Board of Supervisors. Accessed January 26, 2014.  
<http://www.sfbos.org/Modules/ShowDocument.aspx?documentid=37481>.

19 <sup>11</sup> "Calling on the City & County of San Francisco to continue agreeing on a plan to implement free MUNI for all of the San Francisco's  
 20 young people." San Francisco Board of Supervisors. Accessed January 26, 2014.  
<http://www.sfbos.org/modules/showdocument.aspx?documentid=40857>.

21 <sup>12</sup> "Urging the City & County of San Francisco to continue agreeing on a plan to implement free MUNI for San Francisco's young  
 22 people." San Francisco Board of Supervisors. Accessed January 26, 2014.  
<http://www.sfbos.org/modules/showdocument.aspx?documentid=43134>.

23 <sup>13</sup> "Resolution requesting the San Francisco Municipal Transportation Agency to create a 4 youth lifeline discount Fast Pass for qualified  
 low-income youth." San Francisco Board of Supervisors. Accessed January 26, 2014.  
<http://www.sfbos.org/ftp/uploadedfiles/bdsupvrs/resolutions10/r0141-10.pdf>.

24 <sup>14</sup> "Resolution urging the San Francisco Municipal Transportation Agency to adopt changes to the Youth Lifeline Discount Fast Pass  
 25 Program for qualified low-income youth." San Francisco Board of Supervisors. Accessed January 26, 2014.  
<http://www.sfbos.org/ftp/uploadedfiles/bdsupvrs/resolutions11/r0083-11.pdf>.

1 104-13A2, adopted on April 13, 2011<sup>16</sup>) have all acknowledged the fact that the cost of public  
2 transportation is a major concern for San Francisco's youth population; and

3 WHEREAS, The SFMTA has responded to the issue of the affordability of youth fares in its  
4 FYs 10-11 and 11-12 Operating Budget, adopted on April 20, 2010<sup>17</sup>, a resolution adopted on March 1,  
5 2011<sup>18</sup>, and by unanimously voting to approve free MUNI for low-income youth on April 17, 2012  
6 (Resolution 12-054)<sup>19</sup>; and

7 WHEREAS, 18-year-old high school students face similar financial barriers to accessing  
8 transportation in comparison with their younger peers; and

9 WHEREAS, Other Bay Area transportation agencies, such as the East Bay's AC Transit<sup>20</sup> and  
10 North Bay's Golden Gate Transit<sup>21</sup>, include 18-year-olds in their youth fare discounts; and

11 WHEREAS, The San Francisco Board of Supervisors has unanimously supported legislation  
12 sponsored by District 8 Supervisor Bevan Dufty in May of 2005 to make all enrolled San Francisco  
13 high school students eligible for MUNI's youth rate<sup>22</sup>; and

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16 <sup>15</sup> "Resolution urging government agencies to work together to develop a free MUNI Fast Pass for San Francisco youth." San Francisco  
Board of Supervisors. Accessed January 26, 2014.  
[http://www.sfbos.org/ftp/uploadedfiles/bdsupvrs/committees/materials/cons100611\\_111032.pdf](http://www.sfbos.org/ftp/uploadedfiles/bdsupvrs/committees/materials/cons100611_111032.pdf).

17 <sup>16</sup> San Francisco Board of Education Resolution 104-13A2 "In Support that the San Francisco Municipal Transportation Agency Create a  
18 Youth Lifeline Discount Fast Pass for Qualified Low-Income Youth," adopted April 13, 2010

19 <sup>17</sup> "SFMTA FYs 10-11 and 11-12 Operating Budget." San Francisco Municipal Transportation Agency. Accessed August 23, 2010.  
<http://www.sfmta.com/cms/cmta/documents/4-20-10Item1FY2011-2012OperatingBudgetnon-redline.pdf>.

20 <sup>18</sup> "SFMTA resolution." San Francisco Municipal Transportation Agency. Accessed August 23, 2010.  
<http://www.sfmta.com/cms/cmta/documents/3-1-11Item12YouthPass.pdf>.

21 <sup>19</sup> "SFMTA Resolution 12-054." San Francisco Municipal Transportation Agency. Accessed August 28, 2012.  
<http://www.sfmta.com/cms/cmta/SFMTABoardApril172012minutes.htm>

22 <sup>20</sup> AC Transit. "Bus Fares & Eligibility." AC Transit. Accessed January 26, 2014. <http://www.actransit.org/rider-info/bus-fares/>.

23 <sup>21</sup> Golden Gate Transit. "Bus Fares and Fare Zone Map." Golden Gate Transit. Accessed January 26, 2014.  
<http://goldengatetransit.org/fareprograms/#Senior>.

24 <sup>22</sup> San Francisco Board of Supervisors. "Resolution urging the San Francisco Municipal Transportation Agency to make all enrolled San  
25 Francisco High School students eligible for their youth rate." San Francisco Board of Supervisors. Accessed January 26, 2014.  
<http://www.sfbos.org/ftp/uploadedfiles/bdsupvrs/resolutions05/r0401-05.pdf>.

1 WHEREAS, while modifying SFMTA's youth fare structure to include solely 18-year-olds still in  
2 high school (rather than all 18-year-olds) sufficiently addresses the financial hardships of most high  
3 school students, this policy could impose a significant administrative burden on MUNI; and

4 WHEREAS, the Senior Manager of Revenue Collection and Sales for SFMTA has stated that  
5 they don't believe there would be any significant administrative issues with increasing SFMTA's  
6 eligibility for youth fares to 18<sup>23</sup>; and

7 WHEREAS: As per Charter SEC. 4.124, the Youth Commission is committed to identifying and  
8 proposing solutions to meet the "unmet needs" of the youth population in San Francisco<sup>24</sup>, and  
9 ensuring that 18-year-old high school students have equitable access to transportation is an unmet  
10 need; now, therefore be it

11 RESOLVED, that the San Francisco Youth Commission urges the Mayor and San Francisco  
12 Board of Supervisors to urge the San Francisco Municipal Transportation Agency to expand MUNI's  
13 discounted youth rate to include 18-year-olds; and, be it further

14 RESOLVED, that the San Francisco Youth Commission urges the Mayor and San Francisco  
15 Board of Supervisors to urge the San Francisco Municipal Transportation Agency to look into ways in  
16 which the population of high school students older than eighteen years of age and transitionally aged  
17 youth can also qualify for free or reduced fares.

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24 <sup>23</sup> Diana Hammons, SFMTA Senior Manager of Revenue Collection and Sales. "Cost to Include All High School Students as MUNI Youth Fare." Email to Nicholas Persky. Thursday, Aug 30th, 2012 4:11 PM.

25 <sup>24</sup> San Francisco Board of Supervisors. "Board of Supervisors: About Us." San Francisco Youth Commission. Accessed February 20, 2014. <http://www.sfbos.org/index.aspx?page=5593>.