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MEMORANDUM

TO: Youth Commission
FROM: Derek Evans, Assistant Clerk
DATE: December 11, 2014
SUBJECT: REFERRAL FROM BOARD OF SUPERVISORS

The Board of Supervisors has received the following request for hearing. At the request of the Youth Commission, this item is being referred as per Charter Section 4.124 for comment and recommendation. The Commission may provide any response it deems appropriate within 12 days from the date of this referral.

File No. 141193

Resolution urging the Municipal Transportation Agency Board of Directors to implement a free Muni for seniors and people with disabilities program.

Please return this cover sheet with the Commission's response to **Derek Evans, Clerk, Neighborhood Services and Safety Committee.**

RESPONSE FROM YOUTH COMMISSION Date: _____

_____ **No Comment**

_____ **Recommendation Attached**

Chairperson, Youth Commission

1 [Urging the Municipal Transportation Agency to Implement Free Muni for Seniors and
2 People with Disabilities]

3 **Resolution urging the Municipal Transportation Agency Board of Directors to**
4 **implement a free Muni for seniors and people with disabilities program.**

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6 WHEREAS, Thousands of seniors and people with disabilities rely on MUNI to get
7 to work, programs and doctor's appointments; and

8 WHEREAS, Seniors and Disabled people, advocates and community organizations
9 across San Francisco are increasingly concerned with rising transit costs and a
10 deepening economic crisis; and

11 WHEREAS, The SFMTA Board of Directors in approving their 2014/2016 budget
12 with Resolution 14-061 indicated among its priorities providing free Muni for seniors,
13 and/or disabled riders pending determination of the agency's fiscal health in January
14 2015; and

15 WHEREAS, The voters of San Francisco on November 4, 2014, overwhelmingly
16 supported Proposition A, the San Francisco Transportation and Road Improvement Bond;
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18 WHEREAS, Senior, families and community groups have been urging City officials
19 to extend the Free MUNI program to seniors and disabled San Franciscans in order to
20 alleviate the economic burden of high transit costs on San Franciscans; to help Seniors
21 and Disabled people get to work, programs and doctor's appointments; to continue the
22 legacy of accessibility that will sustain the system long-term; and to reduce carbon
23 emissions by helping everyone choose environmentally-friendly transit options; and
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1 WHEREAS, The program would help City agencies understand senior and
2 disabled ridership patterns and identify where additional resources need to be invested,
3 while developing a long-term, sustainable source of funding; now, therefore be it

4 RESOLVED, That the Board of Supervisors of the City and County of San
5 Francisco urges the SFMTA Board of Directors to implement a Free MUNI for seniors,
6 and people with disabilities; and, be it

7 FURTHER RESOLVED, That the Board of Supervisors directs the Clerk of the
8 Board of Supervisors send a copy of this resolution to Mayor Ed Lee, SFMTA Director Ed
9 Reiskin, and the SFMTA Board of Directors.

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