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YOUTH COMMISSION

MEMORANDUM

TO: Linda Wong, Budget and Finance Committee Clerk

FROM: Youth Commission

DATE: October 8, 2014

RE: Referral response to BOS File No. 140911

At their regularly scheduled Monday, October 6, 2014 full commission meeting, the Youth Commission voted unanimously to support the following motion:

To support BOS File No. 140911 - Motion supporting an amendment to the San Francisco Municipal Transportation Agency's FY2015-2016 Operating Budget to provide free Muni service to low and moderate income 19 to 22 year-old students enrolled in the San Francisco Unified School District's Special Education Services Program, and affirming the Municipal Transportation Agency's determination under the California Environmental Quality Act.

The commission's support is based on the Youth Commission's long-standing support for extending low-cost and free transit options to San Francisco's youth and in our belief that all San Francisco students deserve affordable and accessible transit. It is further aligned with our 2013-14 budget and policy priorities which recommended extending the Free MUNI for youth program to 18 year-old high school seniors, as well as modifying MUNI's youth fare structure to include 18 year olds, and investigating ways of extending free and reduced fares to all older high school students, as well as transitional aged youth (18-24).

The commission also approved the following comments regarding this legislation:

The commission recommends that the FREE MUNI for Youth program be extended not only for 19-22 year old Special Education Services Students with disability, but all other 19-22 year old students enrolled in SFUSD. Older students experience similar hardships of needing to be in school without the ability to work and make a living.

Please inform us of forward movement on any details about this item. If you have any questions about these recommendations or anything related to the Youth Commission, please don't hesitate to contact our office at (415) 554-6446.

Michel Li

Chair, Michel Li
Adopted on October 6, 2014
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