

**Ballot Simplification Committee - DRAFT for Consideration on Monday, July 28, 2014**

**Transportation Funding** *(working title only, subject to change)*

**THE WAY IT IS NOW:**

The City's Charter provides the San Francisco Municipal Transportation Authority (the "SFMTA") with authority over the City's transportation system, which includes the City's roads, sidewalks, bicycle paths, and Muni, the City's public transit system.

The SFMTA collects revenue from Muni fares, parking fees, parking permits, and other sources. In addition, the City deposits funds into the Municipal Transportation Fund (the "Fund") to support the SFMTA. At a minimum, the Charter requires the City to place a portion of its General Fund revenue into the Fund every year (the "Base Amount"). The Controller adjusts the Base Amount every year based on the City's overall revenue. In 2014, the Base Amount deposit to the Fund was \$\_\_\_\_\_.

**THE PROPOSAL:**

Proposition \_\_\_ is a Charter Amendment that would require the Controller to increase the Base Amount placed into the Fund based on the annual percentage increase of the City's population. In 2015, the Controller would increase the Base Amount based on population increase over the previous ten years, and in future years, the Controller would increase the Base Amount based on population increases over the previous year.

Proposition \_\_\_ would also require the SFMTA to use 75% of any population-based increases in the Base Amount to improve Muni's reliability, frequency of service, and capacity, and to use 25% of the increases for capital expenditures to improve street safety.

Proposition \_\_\_ would also authorize the Mayor to suspend the Base Amount increases required by this measure if the voters enact a vehicle license fee in a future election.

**A "YES" VOTE MEANS:** If you vote "yes," you want to change the Charter to increase the amount the City places in the Municipal Transportation Fund based on increases in the City's population.

**A "NO" VOTE MEANS:** If you vote "no," you do not want to make this change.

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