

Ballot Simplification Committee

FINAL digest-August 4, 2014: Packard, Fasick, Fraps, Jorgensen, Unruh

Requests for Reconsideration were due by 1:00 p.m. on Tuesday, July 29

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

THE WAY IT IS NOW:

The City's Charter gives the San Francisco Municipal Transportation Agency (SFMTA) authority over the City's transportation system, which includes the Municipal Railway (Muni) and the City's roads, sidewalks, and bicycle paths.

The SFMTA collects revenue from several sources, including Muni fares, parking fees and citations, and parking permits. In addition, the SFMTA receives money from the City's General Fund. The City is required to transfer a portion of its General Fund revenue to the SFMTA every year. This is called the Base Amount. It is adjusted every year based on the City's overall revenue and is not related to population. For fiscal year 2014-2015, the Base Amount is \$247.9 million.

THE PROPOSAL:

Proposition ___ is a Charter Amendment that would require the City to increase the Base Amount provided to the SFMTA by a percentage equal to the City's annual population increase, taking into account daytime and nighttime populations, as determined by the Controller's office. In 2015, the City would increase the Base Amount based on population increases over the previous 10 years. In future years, the City 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 pay for Muni repairs. The other 25% would be used for capital expenditures to improve street safety.

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

A “YES” VOTE MEANS: If you vote “yes,” you want to change the Charter to increase the amount the City provides to the SFMTA based on increases in the City’s population. These funds must be used to improve Muni and to improve street safety.

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

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