

Restoring Transportation Balance
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SUBJECT: Appeal of portions of the Approved digest of the Ballot Simplification Committee on Policy Regarding Transportation Priorities (Restoring Transportation Balance)

TO: Chair Betty Packard and Members
Ballot Simplification Committee

CC: Barbara Carr, Publications Director, DOE
Joshua White, Deputy City Attorney
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FM: Christopher L. Bowman
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Dear Chair Packard, Members, et al:

Thank you for reviewing carefully my letter on the behalf of the RTB campaign, and the testimony you received from me and other members of the public and the SFMTA and Deputy City Attorney Joshua White yesterday.

Now that we've had a day to review the approved digest, we have the following minor amendments which we think clarify the City's policies in **THE WAY IT IS NOW**, as well as tracks more closely the text of our measure in **THE PROPOSAL**.

We are thereby requesting an appeal of the approved digest and ask that you address the following proposed changes to the digest.

THE WAY IT IS NOW

- 1) The San Francisco Municipal Transportation Agency (SFMTA) operates Muni, the City's public transit system. The SFMTA also manages most of the City's parking meters and City-owned parking lots and garages. ~~and~~ It has the authority to install additional parking meters, and within the limits set by the Charter, can build more parking facilities.
- 2) The SFMTA ~~generally~~ sets the hours, days, and rates for parking meters and City-owned parking garages under its jurisdiction. It also determines the fines for violations of parking restrictions.

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- 3) Most parking meters under the SFMTA's jurisdiction operate only Monday through Saturday from 9:00 a.m. to 6:00 p.m. and on seven of the City's eleven holidays, but meters in some of the SFMTA off-street parking facilities operate outside those hours and on Sundays.
- 4) The SFMTA has introduced demand-responsive pricing for some parking meters in several neighborhoods in an effort to increase turnover of parking spaces. Demand-responsive pricing adjusts the price for parking according to demand in specific areas.

THE PROPOSAL

- 5) * Parking meters should never operate on Sundays, ~~legal~~ holidays observed by the City, or outside the hours of 9:00 a.m. to 6:00 p.m.
- 6) * The SFMTA should not install any ~~additional~~ parking meters or parking meters with demand-responsive pricing in any neighborhood where they currently do not exist, unless a majority of households and businesses in that neighborhood have signed a petition supporting the changes.

Because of time limitations, I wish to amend this request in the next day (to revise and extend my remarks) to provide the reasons and citations for the proposed changes, or if the Committee requires clarification, I can provide that clarification during my testimony next Monday during the hearing of our appeal.

Sincerely,

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