



# San Francisco Youth Commission Budget Priorities - MTA

*MTA Citizens' Advisory Council*

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## BACKGROUND

- The Youth Commission (YC) is charged by Charter Sec 4.124 to “report to the Board of Supervisors the activities, goals, and accomplishments of the Commission by July 1 of each calendar year [...]”
- Charter Sec 4.124 also explicitly states “The purpose of the Commission is to collect all information relevant to advising the Board of Supervisors and Mayor on the effects of legislative policies, needs, assessments, priorities, programs, and budgets concerning the children and youth of San Francisco.”
- The Housing and Land Use Committee advocates for housing and supportive services for youth, while holding the City and County accountable to its commitments to resolving youth homelessness, and for creating equitable transportation options for young people in San Francisco.

# COMMITTEES

- The Youth Commission has three policy committees, which work with community partners to provide input on budget-related priorities every year:

Committee	Priority Area
Civic Engagement Committee	Youth engagement in democratic processes
Transformative Justice Committee	Alternatives to Incarceration, Community Oriented Solutions
Housing and Land Use Committee	PSH for TAY, TAY Navigation Center, FreeMuni4All

# OBJECTIVES

- On January 4, 2021, the YC unanimously passed an Omnibus Preliminary Budget Priorities Resolution (OPBP Resolution) setting out the Commission's budget priorities for the 2021 budget cycle.
- Recommendations are based on the YC's prior advocacy as well as input from community partners.
- We are currently presenting to a large number of City stakeholders (departments, commissions, Supervisors) on the YC's budget priorities, in advance of the department budget submission deadline.

# OBJECTIVES

- The HLU Committee of the Youth Commission works with a number of community partners to solicit feedback on recommendations and hold open-forum events:
  - Lowell HS Peer Resources
  - HSH Youth Policy Advisory Committee
  - Larkin St Youth Services Youth Advisory Board
  - LYRIC
  - LGBT Center
  - Mo'Magic
  - SF Transit Riders
  - and more...



# YOUTH BUDGET TOWN HALL

- Additionally, on February 8, 2021, the Youth Commission held a Youth Budget Townhall to educate youth on the budget process and hear back from communities about their needs.
  - Over 100 participants joined the call or listened in (2/3rds youth and TAY)!
  - Department representatives answered questions and heard feedback from youth.
- Partner organizations included:



and more...

## DEPARTMENTS INCLUDED IN THE 2021 OMNIBUS RESOLUTION

- Adult Probation Department
- Board of Supervisors
- **City College of San Francisco**
- **Department of Children, Youth and their Families**
- Department of Police Accountability
- Department of Elections
- **Department of Homelessness and Supportive Housing**
- District Attorney's Office
- Juvenile Probation Department
- San Francisco Police Department
- Department of Police Accountability
- Department of Public Health
- Public Defender's Office
- Office of Economic and Workforce Development
- **San Francisco Municipal Transport Agency**
- **San Francisco County Transportation Authority**
- **San Francisco Unified School District**

## RECOMMENDATIONS TO SFMTA

### Budget deficit:

- In light of the projected \$411 deficit in the next fiscal year and the Mayor's instructions to cut department budgets, YC is concerned that vulnerable youth and TAY, who are already underserved, will be even more disadvantaged if youth- and TAY-specific programs are scaled down or cut.
- YC strongly urges therefore that **youth- and TAY-specific programs not be scaled back or cut.**



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## Continuing recommendations:

- Work with SFUSD and CCSF to enroll all students and youth in the existing Free Muni for Youth program (SFMTA #3).
- Monitor roll-out of Free Muni for people experiencing homelessness to make sure there are no problems (SFMTA #6, with HSH).
- Fund a full-time youth development position to staff the SFMTA Youth Transportation Advisory Board (SFMTA #2).
- Compensate youth and TAY serving on advisory bodies for the agency (SFMTA #7).

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## Recommendations for new programs:

- Increase funding for the 29-Sunset Improvements Project in order to create a rapid bus service (SFMTA #5).
- Work with SFCTA to establish a strategy to build an effective, equitable, and sustainable transportation system for SF youth and students (SFMTA #1, with SFCTA).
- Eliminate the nominal fare for youth up to age 23.





Questions?



# THANK YOU!

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