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Subject: SFMTA CAC Recommendations

In our Citizens' Advisory Council meeting on March 7, 2024, the Council adopted the following recommendation:

CAC MOTION 240307.01

WHEREAS the SFMTA CAC appreciates the outreach staff has performed over the last two months to the CAC and to the public on the 2024-2025 budget;

WHEREAS the SFMTA CAC appreciates and applauds the agency's focus on data-driven insights and prioritizing a state of good repair;

WHEREAS the SFMTA CAC recognizes that the agency is still in a serious, structural budget crisis despite as one-time state and federal funds wind down and the City's General Fund appears to be under threat;

WHEREAS the continued global climate emergency demands a transit policy that reduces a dependence on fossil fuels in transportation, the largest source of greenhouse gas emissions; be it

RESOLVED that the SFMTA CAC recommends that while this is not an exhaustive list, the SFMTA budget reflect the following priorities and values:

A. Deliver Safe, Reliable Service to Increase Transit Ridership

1. Continue to adjust Muni service at net-zero cost that delivers service where riders need it most
2. Promote state of good repair of Muni vehicles and infrastructure as the backbone of service reliability
3. Fully explore programs that will increase ridership such as Clipper BayPass, business commuter benefits programs, and other ridership incentives and marketing initiatives
4. Implement a fare policy that includes fare-capping
5. Prioritize delivering service equitably, especially for communities of concern

B. Drive a Business Model that Ensures Long-Term Reliability and Sustainability

1. Reduce the agency's dependency on one-time cash infusions and transform to a more self-sustaining revenue model, including additional tax revenue
2. Prioritize one-time relief funds towards shrinking the maintenance backlog and moving towards a fully realized state of good repair
3. Accelerate delivery of the replacement train control system
4. Continue to eschew the previous practice of deferring maintenance in order to deliver service
5. Promote transportation mode shifting and safer streets in recognition of our changing local travel patterns and global climate emergency
6. Implement a fee and fine structure that provides revenue to the agency and cost recovery for services provided while scaling to and considering ability to pay
7. Boost public trust by demonstrating and publicizing elimination of all but the most essential of expenditures, and operational efficiencies implemented to reduce costs
8. Provide employee compensation that will attract and retain a high-quality workforce

C. Continue to move towards Vision Zero by taking steps to promote bicyclist and pedestrian safety

It is the opinion of the SFMTA Citizens' Advisory Council that the proposed recommendation would be of significant benefit to the citizenry of San Francisco and the San Francisco Municipal Transportation Agency.