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****PRESS RELEASE****

SFMTA Seeks Input on Selecting Muni-Private Commuter Shuttle Stops

San Francisco— The San Francisco Municipal Transportation Agency (SFMTA), which oversees all surface transportation including the Municipal Railway (Muni), is now developing an 18-month pilot program that will test a limited network of shared Muni zones and commuter shuttle stops. Muni is seeking public input on the selection of these shared Muni-shuttle stop locations for service starting July 1, 2014.

Through February 23, the community is invited to participate in the selection of the proposed shuttle locations. Local knowledge will help determine which neighborhood bus zones should be allowed in the pilot network of stops. The Agency is providing a quick and easy interactive web tool to the public to contribute their feedback and comments at: <http://sfcommutershuttles.sfmta.com/>. For those without web access or for those who prefer not to provide information via the web, there are two open house meetings they can drop in on to contribute to the proposed network of locations and voice their comments. These meetings will take place on Monday, February 10 from 6 to 8 p.m. at SFMTA Headquarters, 2nd Floor Atrium, One South Van Ness Avenue and on Saturday, February 22 from 10:30 a.m. to 12:30 p.m. at Mission High School (entering on 18th Street.)

Both the interactive online tool and the two-hour drop in meetings will gather specific information on proposed street locations the public feels are the best to use and for describing conditions on specific streets, suggesting specific stops, and for sharing preferences on which stops will work best in their neighborhoods.

The commuter shuttle pilot program aims to minimize neighborhood impacts of commuter shuttles while supporting the beneficial operation of employer-provided shuttles. Shuttle service providers will apply and pay for a permit to use this network. These shuttles provide more than 35,000 boardings per day in San Francisco, eliminating at least 45 million vehicle miles traveled and 11,000 metric tons of carbon yearly from the region's roads and air.

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Established by voter proposition in 1999, the SFMTA, a department of the City and County of San Francisco, oversees the Municipal Railway (Muni), parking and traffic, bicycling, walking and taxis. With five modes of transit, Muni has approximately 700,000 passenger boardings each day. Over 1 million people get around this city each day and rely on the SFMTA to ensure safe and reliable travel by transit, walking, bicycling, taxi and driving.

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