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****PRESS RELEASE****

IN-PERSON PUBLIC YOUTH TOWN HALL HOSTED BY THE SFMTA'S YOUTH TRANSPORTATION ADVISORY BOARD (YTAB)

YTAB Members, youth ages 14-18, will present their feedback to the SFMTA on a variety of transportation related issues, experiences and needs to be considered for the FY23-24 budget

San Francisco - The San Francisco Municipal Transportation Agency (SFMTA) invites the public to a [Youth Town Hall](#) hosted by the agency's Youth Transportation Advisory Board (YTAB). The in-person and online event will be held on Saturday, September 18th at 1pm at 49 South Van Ness Ave. in Conference Room B. Mask requirements and social distancing guidelines will be observed and details for the virtual presentation will be announced shortly.

YTAB members, who are between the ages of 14-18, have been preparing since February 2021 and will be presenting on YTAB's vision and goals, the current Free Muni for Youth campaign, equity on Muni and requesting transparency of the SFMTA's budget. From the event, the SFMTA will be able to continue improving services and programs for the youth of the city.

"We could not be happier with the dedication, passion, and determination of our Youth Transportation Board," said Julie Kirschbaum, SFMTA Director of Transit. "The Youth Town Hall is a great opportunity to hear the perspectives and experiences of San Francisco's youngest residents with the goal of ensuring our system delivers on their needs."

The Youth Town Hall aims for the discussed items to be considered in the upcoming FY23-24 budget and to strengthen the relationships between the SFMTA, the city's youth and various organizations that serve youth and their families. Additionally, YTAB will be requesting for the SFMTA's internal processes, including the budget to be more transparent so youth and youth organizations can continuously engage and make their priorities known. As such, the SFMTA will have a brief presentation on the budget followed by a focused open discussion on current transportation experiences and needs for youth.



While all members of the public are invited, please [register](#) in advance so the event can maintain a youth-focused meeting attendance. For more information, please visit [SFMTA Youth Town Hall](#) or email YTAB@SFMTA.com.

Highlight: YTAB members are calling for young artists, 21 and under, to submit their art for inclusion in the SFMTA's first Budget Guide. Art pieces should reflect the artist's transportation experiences. For example, we ask participants to depict a favorite stop, transit line, or destination! Art submissions are due by 11:59 PM on Thursday, September 16th. Artists are asked to [submit artwork here](#).

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