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****PRESS RELEASE****

Free Muni for Seniors and People with Disabilities Begins March 1

It's not too late to apply

San Francisco— The San Francisco Municipal Transportation Agency (SFMTA), which manages all surface transportation in the city, including the Municipal Railway (Muni), reminds Muni riders that the Free Muni for low-to-moderate income seniors and people with disabilities program begins March 1.

Following unanimous approval by the SFMTA board on January 20, the SFMTA has worked tirelessly to meet the city's demand for this program. In just over one month, the SFMTA has processed more than 38,000 applications for the Free Muni program expansion.

The program is available on Clipper® card only, and the SFMTA has taken steps to streamline the process. In most instances, new applicants have received their Clipper cards in the mail. While, existing Clipper cardholders were mailed letters notifying them of their application acceptance. The notice will also include instructions on how to use the Clipper card. Customers who already have a Senior or Regional Transit Connection (RTC) Card may apply immediately online, by mail or by dialing 311. A new card is not required.

“Approximately 8,000 multilingual applications, sent to 150 community organizations, senior centers, and 10 police stations are just a portion of the outreach by SFMTA staff,” said Tom Nolan, Chairman of the SFMTA Board. “Their unflagging work comes with a reminder that Free Muni has income, age, residency and other requirements that govern this unprecedented program.”

The SFMTA Board engaged in a careful review of the agency's financial health before voting to expand Free Muni. Nonetheless, over the next two years it is estimated the cost of the Free Muni program will be approximately \$6 million.

“This program is about making public transportation affordable to some of our most vulnerable residents - seniors and people with disabilities,” said SFMTA Director of Transportation, Ed Reiskin. “Under Mayor Lee's bold vision, we believe Free Muni aligns with his ‘affordability agenda’ to improve transportation for all who depend on Muni.”

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