May 4, 2015

Members, Capital Planning Committee
1 Dr. Carlton B. Goodlett Place, Room 352
San Francisco, CA 94102

Subject: Supplemental Appropriation Request to be Considered by CPC

Dear Members:

The San Francisco Municipal Transportation Agency (SFMTA) is requesting Capital Planning Committee (CPC) consideration and approval of a supplemental appropriation for $67,540,000 for projects to improve transit and make streets safer.

Transportation 2030 and the 2014 Transportation Bond

In 2013, Mayor Ed Lee convened a Transportation Task Force of 45 community stakeholders and experts in finance and transportation to investigate what San Francisco needs to do to fix our transportation network and prepare it for the future. They thoroughly studied the city’s transportation needs and provided recommendations on how to prioritize and fund them.

After almost a year of study, the Task Force found that to meet current need and future demand the City needs to invest $10 billion in transportation infrastructure through 2030. With $3.7 billion already identified, that left a $6.3 billion gap. To fill the gap and complete projects designed to make it safer and easier to get around, the City proposed a strategic infrastructure investment program for the November 2014 ballot and future years.

In 2014, San Francisco voters passed two funding measures that will improve public transit and build safer streets in neighborhoods citywide. One of the approved measures, Proposition A, the Transportation and Road Improvement Bond, will invest $500 million (M) to complete a range of projects that will reduce Muni travel times, make Muni less crowded and more reliable, and enhance safety on San Francisco’s streets.

Proposed Use of Funds

The proposed supplemental appropriation request before the CPC would appropriate funds from the first issuance of the Transportation and Road Improvement Bond to improve transit through Muni Forward Rapid Network Improvements ($43.6M), Caltrain’s positive train control system ($7.8M), and major transit corridor improvements ($8.5M). The supplemental appropriation requested will also make streets safer through pedestrian safety improvements focused on the city’s high injury corridors.
Projects for the use of Bond funds were selected based on criteria laid out in the original General Obligation Bond report and are consistent with the city’s 10-year capital plan. Projects included in the first issuance are being included due to project readiness and a focus on high injury locations. Details of the proposed uses can be found in the accompanying summary table of uses.

The proposed use of fund is consistent with those presented to, and approved by, the CPC on May 5, 2014, when SFMTA and Public Works obtained CPC approval of the Transportation 2030 November 2014 Ballot Initiatives.

Subsequent issuances for approximately $114 million, $219 million, and $100 million are tentatively planned for May 2016, May 2017, and November 2018, respectively.

If you have any questions or need additional information, please contact Ananda Hirsch at Ananda.hirsch@sfmta.com. Your consideration of this request is greatly appreciated.

Sincerely,

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Enclosures: Form 0.10: Request for Supplemental Appropriation
Summary Table: Uses of Funding to Be Allocated
Supplemental Appropriation Ordinance