



## Jeremiah Boehner - *Ride the Vote!*

### 2024 San Francisco Board of Supervisors candidate questionnaire

**1. What office are you running for?**

Board of Supervisors, District 1

**2. What is your name?**

Jeremiah Boehner

**3. Do you have a section on your website about public transit, transportation, or mobility? If so, please provide a link.**

<https://www.jeremiahforsf.com/post/will-taxing-rideshare-save-muni>

**4. How do you usually get around San Francisco? Please tell us when and why you use cars, trains, Muni buses, bikes, walking, wheelchairs, or any other mode you frequently use for transportation.**

I drive and a take the bus

**5. How often do you ride public transit?**

weekly

**6. If elected, what would be your top transportation priorities? This can include priorities related to public transit, active transportation, driving, or any other mode of transportation.**

Making sure we have enough officers to start implement traffic enforcement again.

7. San Francisco's [Transit First Policy](#) applies to all officers, boards, commissions, and departments of the city and county, and states that within San Francisco, travel by public transit, by bicycle and on foot must be an attractive alternative to travel by private automobile. Do you support the principles laid out in the full Transit First Policy? If so, how will you use your position to advance the policy?

In principle, yes. In practice no. The current approach makes taking the bus or bike less desirable

8. What role do you think law enforcement, fare enforcement, community ambassadors, and private security should play, if any, in patrolling transit? What should Muni do to improve safety and the sense of safety for riders?

We need aggressive fare enforcement on Muni and Bart. Additionally we need more law enforcement so they can respond quickly to incidents on Muni.

9. Muni is facing a budget deficit of up to \$322m starting in 2026. How would you work towards financial stability for Muni? What new revenue sources should be on (or off) the table? How should the City address the deficit if funding from other levels of government do not materialize? If new sources of funding are not found, what kinds of SFMTA cuts would you support or oppose?

We need to look at service and pay cuts until ridership is restored. I'd also look into private partnerships to fill some gaps, and redirecting money away from the homeless industrial complex to fund Muni.

10. Since the pandemic, different Bay Area transit agencies have adopted a variety of fare policies to help recover ridership and revenue. This year, [Muni approved](#) a 14% fare increase for most of its riders. On the other hand, San Francisco Bay Ferry [lowered fares](#), and has seen ridership grow quickly as a result. Petaluma Transit also expects to see [large increases in ridership](#) since using the city's general fund money to make fares free this year

Currently, only about [8%](#) of Muni's total revenue comes from fares.

What role should fares and fare increases play in the future of Muni? Do you support raising fares to balance Muni's budget and keep up with the cost of inflation, or should Muni consider lowering or freezing fares to grow ridership? If you support raising fares, how should Muni address equity concerns for low-income riders, most of whom are not enrolled in Muni's Lifeline discount program? If you support fare-free public transportation or fare freezes, what alternative funding sources do you support?

Ideally we want to keep muni fares low. But to grow ridership we need to give people a reason ride regularly. That means getting people to go back to in office we went from 250k daily commuters to around 60k.

11. How should San Francisco work toward equitable access to public transit for all people, no matter their race, gender, abilities, neighborhood, income, or other characteristics? Do you support or oppose any local or regional transportation projects or policies because of the effect they will have on equitable transit access?

This question is too vague to answer

12. A [1993 ballot measure](#) made it official city policy that all elected city officials must ride Muni or other public transit to work at least twice a week. If elected, how closely will you abide by this policy?

I would ride muni to work most days.

13. San Franciscans have strongly supported SFMTA's independence from the city's electoral politics in two separate elections over the past several decades, including Prop E in 1999 and Prop A in 2007. What are your positions on SFMTA's independence from the Board of Supervisors and the Mayor's office? How would you make SFMTA more accountable to San Franciscans?

End the independence they need to be under the mayor or the BOS.

14. Transit-only lanes provide faster and more reliable service. They prevent buses from being stuck in traffic and save money that can be reinvested in additional transit service. If elected, would you work to expedite the creation of new transit-only lanes in San Francisco? What streets in your district would you prioritize for transit-only lanes and other needed transit improvements?

I wouldn't until ridership has increased. with the exception of Van Ness most of these transit only lanes have lead to little improvement in service

15. Did you support [Proposition A \(2022\)](#), which would have authorized up to \$400m in general obligation bonds to support SF transportation infrastructure projects?

No

16. Did you support [Proposition I \(2022\)](#), which would have reopened the Great Highway to cars at all times, and reopened JFK Promenade to cars on weekdays?

Yes

17. Did you support [Proposition J \(2022\)](#) which codified a permanent car-free JFK Promenade?

No, it's a bad policy

18. Did you support [Proposition L \(2022\)](#), which approved a new 2022 Transportation Expenditure Plan and extended an existing half-cent sales tax for transportation for 30 years to fund the plan?

no

19. Did you support [SB 1031 \(2024; Wiener, Wahab\)](#), the authorizing legislation for a regional transportation funding measure?

no

20. Do you support this year's [Proposition L \(Fund the Bus\)](#), which will tax ride-hail companies to generate up to \$30 million annually for transit in San Francisco?

No, we don't need more taxes

21. Do you support this year's [Proposition K \(Ocean Beach Park\)](#), which will create a new park by permanently closing the Upper Great Highway between Lincoln Way and Sloat Boulevard to cars?

No, prop K doesn't create a new park. just more traffic on residential streets

22. The [Geary Boulevard Improvement Project](#) was approved and implemented by the SFMTA last year. The project added transit and safety improvements to the western part of the Geary corridor at the expense of some curb parking spaces. Did you support this project as approved by the SFMTA? Why or why not?

It removed a lot of parking during a time when ridership is down dramatically. It was very unpopular with the community.

23. Do you think the City should be doing more to improve public transit and encourage transit ridership in San Francisco's western neighborhoods? If so, how can the City better meet those goals?

Make sure the busses are clean, safe, and reliable.

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