



Roger Marenco - *Ride the Vote!*

2024 San Francisco Board of Supervisors candidate questionnaire

1. What office are you running for?

Board of Supervisors, District 11

2. What is your name?

Roger Marenco

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

No

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 take the bus because it's easier than driving and you can get almost anywhere in SF in one hour.

5. How often do you ride public transit?

Every day

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.

Cleaning the buses. Restoring the historic world-class vintage cars so that the public can ride them. Fix the pot holes for a safe and smooth ride. Bring back lines that were eliminated by the agency.

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?

Yes I support the principles. I will have monthly meetings with Transit First representatives to see what needs to be fixed and prioritize those needs.

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?

They need to remove crack heads from the bus, they need to make sure that drug dealers who are doing drugs on the bus get arrested so that passengers can have a safe ride. The agency needs to enforce their own rules about riding the bus.

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 start with an immediate 10% budget cut from anyone and everyone in the agency who is making more than \$180,000 per year.

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?

The crackheads, the drug dealers, the criminals, the homeless, the vagabonds and almost everyone else does not pay their fair share, hence the agency should make the entire system a free ride; especially since the agency is trying to make everyone use the public transportation system. AT the moment, the agency is doing the opposite by increasing fares, canceling bus service, eliminating safety on the buses and allowing the buses to be a petri dish for drugs and crime.

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?

The agency needs to focus on providing better service for wheelchair users, disabled people, senior citizens...etc At the moment, the agency is catering to crackheads by allowing them to use the buses as a restroom. The agency is pandering to homeless by allowing them to sleep, block and make tents at all of the bus stops on Market street. The agency is focusing their time and energy to continue to allow criminals to use the system as their private transportation system. We need to put an end to this BS and prioritize wheelchair user, disabled people, senior citizens, students and our families who ride the bus.

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 will continue to use it every day.

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?

I would put a proposition on the ballot to eliminate the SFMTA from San Francisco.

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 would support these lanes but only if they are enforced because Mission street is a perfect example of how these lanes do not work because of all the double parked cars and all the cars doing illegal things on the streets.

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

Yes

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

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?

Yes

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

Yes

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?

Yes

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

22. Do you think the City should be doing more to improve public transit and encourage transit ridership in District 11? If so, how can the City better meet those goals?

Yes. Clean the buses, provide more service, remove the drug dealers from the bus stops, stop letting the criminals ride the bus...etc

23. Earlier this year, the SFMTA Board approved the M Ocean View Transit and Safety Project, which aims to improve transit reliability and accessibility and enhance safety for people walking on San Jose Avenue. What are your opinions on the project and its final design? What is your vision for the future of the M? Are there other transit lines in your district that you would like to see outfitted with similar improvements?

I hope it works, but often times the agency simply wastes money on projects "in the name of safety" that go nowhere. We need to improve all the lines that travel on Mission and on Geneva.

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