



March 18, 2024

SFMTA Board of Directors
One South Van Ness Avenue, 7th Floor
San Francisco, CA 94103

Re: Do not approve fare increases and instead lean on parking fine/fee increases for a truly transit first budget

Dear Chair Eaken and SFMTA Board Directors,

I write to you to once again urge the Board not to raise transit fares in the upcoming budget, and to instead embrace revenue sources that better reflect our city's Transit First, climate, equity, and Vision Zero goals.

San Francisco Transit Riders (SFTR) appreciates the guidance the Board gave SFMTA staff at the March 5th Board meeting, including the request to see revenue options that do not implement an undue 20% fare increase on most of Muni's riders.

When reading the slide decks for the upcoming March 19th meeting, we were pleased to see a revenue option that claims to reduce the impact to ridership, and are glad to see that it suggests reducing the multiplier for monthly passes to better reflect current ridership trends. Unfortunately, this option still suggests eliminating the 50-cent Clipper discount. Any such increase will certainly have a negative impact on ridership, including the roughly 25% of total riders who are low-income and pay with Clipper.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Dylan Fabris". The signature is fluid and cursive, with a long, sweeping underline that extends to the left.

Dylan Fabris
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San Francisco Transit Riders