

1 [MUNI Youth Lifeline Discount Pass]

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3 **Resolution requesting the San Francisco Municipal Transportation Agency to create a**
4 **youth lifeline discount Fast Pass for qualified low-income youth.**

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6 WHEREAS, A high proportion of San Francisco’s youth population use MUNI to get to school,
7 work, the location of their extracurricular activities, and many other places; and

8 WHEREAS, According to the Fall 2008 YouthVote Student Survey, which polled 8,256 San
9 Francisco Unified School District (SFUSD) high school students, nearly seventy percent of
10 respondents (69.3%) use some form of public transportation to get to or from school and over
11 forty percent (44.2%) of these students (who ride public transportation to school)—and thirty
12 percent (30.6%) of overall respondents—must take more than one train or bus to get to
13 school;¹ and

14 WHEREAS, According to section 8A.115 of the City Charter, San Francisco has a Transit
15 First Policy, the second point of which declares, “Public transit [...] is an economically and
16 environmentally sound alternative to transportation by individual automobiles. Within San
17 Francisco, travel by public transit [...] must be an attractive alternative to travel by private
18 automobile;” and

19 WHEREAS, The San Francisco Municipal Transportation Agency (SFMTA) will have raised
20 the cost of the Youth Fast Pass 100% within a 12 month period given that the pass cost \$10
21 per month in May of 2009 and will cost \$20 per month as of May 2010; and,
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25 ¹ Fall 2008 YouthVote Student Survey, page 66,
(<http://www.sfbos.org/Modules/ShowDocument.aspx?documentid=17354>).

1 WHEREAS, The current cost of MUNI fares and fast passes are already a financial burden to
2 many youth, especially those in low-income families who are already struggling to make ends
3 meet; and

4 WHEREAS, The SFMTA already recognizes the need to offer reduced fast passes to needy
5 adults in the form of the discounted Lifeline pass, which costs half the price (\$30) of a regular
6 Adult Fast Pass (\$60); and

7 WHEREAS, Qualifying for free lunch² depends on living at 130% of the Federal poverty
8 guidelines, yet qualifying for a MUNI Lifeline depends on living at 200% of the Federal poverty
9 guidelines³, and in 2008 the median family income in San Francisco was \$87,583⁴; and

10 WHEREAS, Of students enrolled in the SFUSD in the 2008-2009 school year, 39.7% (21,951)
11 qualified for free lunch;⁵ and

12 WHEREAS, In November of 2009, the unemployment rate for Americans between 16 and 19
13 years old was over 40%, which is the highest rate of teenage unemployment in the United
14 States since World War II; and

15 WHEREAS, Assuming the 21,951 youth who qualify for free lunches do not currently purchase
16 a Youth fast pass were to purchase to a Youth Lifeline Pass at the rate of \$10 per month, the
17 SFMTA could potentially generate an additional \$2,634,120 in fare revenue; and

18 WHEREAS, The San Francisco Youth Commission passed a resolution on February 1, 2010
19 advocating for the creation of a Youth Lifeline in the interest of protecting low income young
20 people's access to public transportation; now, therefore, be it

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23 ² Federal Register, March 27, 2010, page 13411-13412,
(<http://www.fns.usda.gov/cnd/Governance/notices/iegs/IEGs09-10.pdf>)

24 ³ San Francisco Department of Human Services, (<http://www.munilifeline.org/index.cfm>).

25 ⁴ American Community Survey, United States Census Bureau,
(http://factfinder.census.gov/servlet/ADPTable?_bm=y&-qr_name=ACS_2008_3YR_G00_DP3YR3&-geo_id=16000US0667000&-gc_url=&-ds_name=ACS_2008_3YR_G00_-&-lang=en)

⁵ San Francisco Unified School District Summary, (<http://orb.sfusd.edu/profile/prfl-100.htm>).

1 RESOLVED, That the San Francisco Board of Supervisors hereby requests the SFMTA
2 institute a Youth Lifeline pass, to be sold at the rate of \$10 per month to those San Francisco
3 youth who qualify for free lunch; and, be it
4 FURTHER RESOLVED, That the Board of Supervisors further requests that the SFMTA work
5 in conjunction with the SFUSD to implement a Youth lifeline pass program.
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April 06, 2010 Board of Supervisors - ADOPTED


Ayes: 9 - Avalos, Campos, Chiu, Chu, Dufty, Elsbernd, Mar, Maxwell and Mirkarimi

Excused: 1 - Alioto-Pier

Absent: 1 - Daly

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I hereby certify that the foregoing Resolution was ADOPTED on 4/6/2010 by the Board of Supervisors of the City and County of San Francisco.



Angela Calvillo
Clerk of the Board

UNSIGNED
Mayor Gavin Newsom

4-16-10
Date Approved

Date: April 16, 2010

I hereby certify that the foregoing resolution, not being signed by the Mayor within the time limit as set forth in Section 3.103 of the Charter, became effective without his approval in accordance with the provision of said Section 3.103 of the Charter.


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