

Muni and Street Safety Bond*

Digest by the Ballot Simplification Committee

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Members: Packard, Anderson, Merrill, Patterson

Deadline to Request Reconsideration: 5 p.m. Wednesday, March 2

The Way It Is Now: The San Francisco Municipal Transportation Agency (SFMTA) is responsible for ground transportation in the City. The SFMTA oversees the Municipal Railway (Muni), which consists of the City's buses, light rail trains, streetcars and cable cars. The SFMTA also oversees bicycling, parking, traffic management and signals, pedestrian access and safety, and taxis.

Funding sources for City transportation infrastructure projects include federal and state grants, local transportation sales taxes, and general obligation and revenue bonds.

The Proposal: Proposition ___ is a bond measure that would authorize the City to borrow up to \$400 million by issuing general obligation bonds.

This bond money could be spent on City transportation infrastructure projects, including:

- \$250 million on the repair and renovation of SFMTA bus yards, facilities and equipment;
- \$26 million on traffic improvements, such as new traffic signals, wider sidewalks at bus stops, and dedicated traffic lanes;
- \$10 million on improvements to the Muni train system, including the train communication and control systems;
- \$42 million on traffic signal and street crossing improvements, such as more visible traffic and pedestrian signals, curb ramps, and signs;
- \$42 million on street redesigns that include wider sidewalks, raised crosswalks, protected bicycle lanes, bus lanes, boarding islands and better lighting; and
- \$30 million on projects to manage traffic speeds, including lowered speed limits and speed radar signs.

Under this proposal, bond funds can be used only for projects that have a project labor agreement. A project labor agreement is an agreement between the City and labor unions that sets the terms and conditions of employment, including compensation and benefits, for work on specific City projects.

Proposition ___ would also set aside funds for the Citizens' General Obligation Bond Oversight Committee's review of how this bond money was spent.

City policy is to limit the amount of money it borrows by issuing new bonds only as prior bonds are paid off. If necessary, Proposition ___ would allow an increase in the property tax to repay the bonds. Proposition ___ allows landlords to pass through up to 50% of any resulting property tax increase to tenants.

A "YES" Vote Means: If you vote "yes," you want to authorize the City to borrow up to \$400 million by issuing general obligation bonds for City transportation infrastructure projects.

A "NO" Vote Means: If you vote "no," you do not want to authorize the City to issue these bonds.

**Working title, for identification only. The Director of Elections determines the title of each local ballot measure; measure titles are not considered during Ballot Simplification Committee meetings.*