

Muni and Street Safety Bond*

Digest by the Ballot Simplification Committee

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Members: Packard, Anderson, Merrill, Patterson

Deadline to Request Reconsideration: TBD

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, street cars, and cable cars. The SFMTA also oversees bicycling, parking, traffic management and signals, pedestrian access and safety, and taxis.

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 for the following purposes:

- \$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 only be used 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.

If necessary, Proposition ___ would permit an increase in the property tax to repay the bonds. City policy is to limit the amount of money it borrows by issuing new bonds only as prior bonds are paid off. 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 the City to issue \$400 million in general obligation bonds to repair and renovate of SFMTA bus yards, facilities and equipment, to make improvements to traffic infrastructure, the Muni train system, traffic signals, street crossings, and pedestrian and street safety, and to fund projects that would manage traffic speeds.

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

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