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Chair and Members Metropolitan Transportation Commission via fax: 510.464.7848

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Re: Geary Corridor Transit Improvements - SUPPORT

Dear Members:

Rescue Muni, San Francisco's transit riders' organization, strongly urges MTC to include the proposed **Geary Bus Rapid Transit** / **Light Rail** project in the Transportation 2030 investment plan. This project was approved by San Francisco voters in Proposition K (2003) and the associated Expenditure Plan. The Geary project will significantly improve service for over **60,000 daily riders** of the Geary Corridor by providing dedicated right-of-way for buses in the near term, and by providing light rail service in the longer term.

Rescue Muni strongly recommends that MTC prioritize for funding a **"rail-ready" design** for the outer Geary portion of the corridor. Such a design would allow buses to use the dedicated right-of-way, stations, real time information (aka NextBus) systems, and signal preempts, while not requiring any additional street construction when light rail vehicles are added in the future. Since a subway is envisioned for the inner Geary portion of the corridor, a rail-ready design is not necessary there.

Rescue Muni would be delighted to provide additional information on this project and why it needs to be a top priority for Muni and the region. For details, please reply via email to transit I @rescuemuni.org or see www.rescuemuni.org.

Thanks.

Andrew Sullivan

Chair, Steering Committee

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