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**PROPOSITION I:
BAD FOR MUNI RIDERS AND THE ENVIRONMENT**
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Rescue Muni urges you to vote **NO** on Proposition I. Why?

- **It forces Muni to remove 147 buses from service whether or not alternative fueled vehicles are available.** According to Proposition I:

“Muni shall **remove from active or reserve service** and shall no longer operate any diesel bus that exceeds its 12 year useful life”

Except for a one-year extension, **no guarantee is made to replace the buses!** If alternative-fueled buses are not available, Muni will be forced to **cut diesel bus service by up to 30 percent.** The only alternative-fueled buses that work well on San Francisco's streets, diesel-electric hybrids, have not yet been certified by CARB. If they have not been certified by the deadlines, Muni will be forced to cut service on busy lines such as **38 Geary, 47 Van Ness, 19 Polk,** and others.

- **It forces Muni to scrap perfectly good reserve buses.** Proposition I requires Muni to **scrap its diesel reserve fleet,** for which there is no federal or state money available for replacement, whether or not it can afford new vehicles. Unless Muni can come up with local funds to pay for all new reserve buses, **service in emergencies such as earthquakes and blackouts will suffer badly.**
- **It has NO funding provisions.** This measure would force San Francisco to cut other programs, raise fares, or raid the 30-year bus replacement account in Proposition K to pay for replacement buses – many of which would sit idle in the yard except in emergencies.
- **It won't clean the air.** Loss in service reliability from the service reductions that will result from Proposition I will force Muni riders into their cars – which will cause **more traffic and more pollution.**
- **It's terrible public policy to manage Muni at the ballot box.** San Francisco voters passed Proposition E in 1999 to take Muni out of politics. Proposition I is a return to the bad old days of political meddling in every decision made by the Railway. This is particularly unnecessary because **Muni has a clean air plan already!** It has reduced bus emissions by **88%** and already has a realistic and responsible four-year plan to reduce them further.