

1 [Motion to Issue a Letter supporting San Francisco Municipal Transportation Agency's (SFMTA)
2 application for the Advanced Transportation and Congestion Management Technologies Deployment
3 (ATCMTD) federal grant]

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5 **Supplemental Information:**

6 The Youth Commission was asked to write a letter of support for the San Francisco Municipal
7 Transportation Agency's (SFMTA) application for the Advanced Transportation and Congestion
8 Management Technologies Deployment (ATCMTD) federal grant.

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10 This request is following a presentation/focus group that the Housing, Recreation and Transit
11 Committee had with MTA staff on the Customer Information System improvements and their
12 experience with it.

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14 **The letter will read accordingly:**

15 Subject: Letter of Support for the Advanced Transportation and Congestion Management Technologies
16 Deployment (ATCMTD) Program

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18 The San Francisco Youth Commission excitedly supports the San Francisco Municipal Transportation
19 Agency's (SFMTA) Next Generation Transit Customer Information System Project in its application for
20 Advanced Transportation and Congestion Management Technologies Deployment (ATCMTD) funding.

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22 San Francisco students greatly depend on public transportation to gain independence while traveling to
23 school and work. When the SFMTA reached out to the San Francisco Youth Commission to gather feedback
24 for the Next Generation Transit Customer Information System Project, we were excited to discuss the
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1 transportation needs of the youth community. As they transition to adulthood, many young members of our
2 community work irregular hours and travel to extracurricular activities throughout the week. As a result, we
3 support the project's objective to increase reliability of real-time prediction information in order to reduce
4 waiting time and increase safety. By helping address these issues, the SFMTA's Next Generation Customer
5 Information System will undoubtedly improve the travel experience for San Francisco youth.

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7 The Youth Commission is a body of 17 young people between the ages of 12 and 23. Created by the voters
8 under a 1995 amendment to the City Charter, the commission is responsible for advising the Board of
9 Supervisors and the Mayor on policies and laws related to young people. The Youth Commission is also
10 charged with providing comment and recommendation on all proposed laws that would primarily affect youth
11 before the Board takes final action. To meet their charter duties, the Youth Commission works closely with
12 city departments on projects and programs that serve youth, including the SFMTA. Transit accessibility has
13 remained a top priority for the Youth Commission over its 21 year history.

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15 We strongly urge the US Department of Transportation to provide Advanced Transportation and Congestion
16 Management Technologies Deployment (ATCMTD) funding to the SFMTA for its Next Generation Transit
17 Customer Information System. Thank you for your consideration of the SFMTA's application. If you have any
18 questions about this letter please feel free to contact Youth Commission staff, Leah LaCroix —
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23 Madeleine Matz, Chair, 2016-17 Youth Commission
24 Adopted on June 5, 2017
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