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After discussions between Mayor Newsom, Supervisor Dufty, and San Francisco Municipal Transportation Agency (SFMTA) Board and staff, the City has located new operational improvements and efficiencies that lead to \$3.5 million in cost savings for the SFMTA and operational improvements that limit the negative impact of the City's budget deficit.

"During these tough budget times, the City has to be creative about how it provides services to its residents," said Mayor Newsom. "These reforms help us avoid some controversial measures that would have affected the poorest members of our population."

"Muni resources should be spent on Muni and services that benefit its riders," said Supervisor Dufty. "I appreciate the Mayor's work to achieve this goal."

These changes include:

- The SFMTA will share a greater role in management of the SF Police Department's Traffic Division. The Traffic Division will now be under SFPD Deputy Chief Tony Parra, who already works closely with the SFMTA. This will ensure the Police Department's traffic enforcement functions are coordinated with the SFMTA's goals for safe streets and accident reduction.
- The Police Department and SFMTA will make a joint change to security operations for transit vehicles, including the Third Street Light Rail line. The Police Department will implement a new, more highly structured management program for its Muni Response Team and Bus Inspection Program (BIP) along Third Street. Under the BIP, officers ride Muni vehicles regularly during patrols. This will allow the Police Department to significantly reduce overtime currently used to provide security along the line, saving funds for the SFMTA (which currently pays for 3rd street light rail security). The savings from these changes will be approximately \$1.2 million.
- Another management change will reduce the costs of late-night enforcement of parking violations. Currently, between midnight and 6am, Police officers must respond to parking complaints such as blocked driveways. Under the new agreement, staff from the Department of Parking and Traffic will be directed to handle these complaints, freeing Police officers for higher priority issues and saving \$146,000.
- The Safe Path of Travel Program (SPOT) provides enforcement of laws regarding construction sites or other obstructions that block the path of travel in the public right of way. Management of the SPOT enforcement program will shift from the Police Department the Department of Parking and Traffic, saving \$540,000 and improving enforcement flexibility.
- Changing the methodology that 311 uses to allocate costs to the SFMTA, which will result in a savings to the SFMTA of about \$800,000.

The budget plan also takes previously discussed revenue proposals off the table, including:

- Charging 50 cents for transfers, which are currently free, and
- Increases to parking citation fees.