



February 20, 2013

Supervisor Scott Wiener, Chair
Supervisor Jane Kim
Supervisor David Chiu
Land Use & Economic Development Committee
San Francisco Board of Supervisors
1 Dr. Carlton B. Goodlett Place
San Francisco, CA 94102

Re: **Proposed diversion of \$9.15 million and further cuts to MUNI bus service in North Beach and neighborhoods to fund Central Subway machine extraction plan**

Dear Members of the Land Use Committee:

While we are glad to see that MUNI has dropped its poorly-conceived plan to dig up and close off the middle of Columbus Avenue for years to extract Central Subway drilling equipment for a station many blocks away, we are very concerned to now learn that MUNI's new plan is to divert \$9.15 million out of MUNI's day-to-day operating fund to pay for an extraction site under the Pagoda Theater.

MUNI bus service to North Beach and Telegraph Hill has been slashed continually for years due to operational funding shortfalls. Today, residents and visitors to North Beach no longer have even one direct bus route to or from downtown that runs during non-rush hour times. And in MUNI's proposed new "Transit Effectiveness Plan," service to North Beach would be reduced even further through cuts to the 8X line.

Diverting \$9.15 million in precious funds from MUNI's operational budget will steal that money directly from the bus service we desperately need for an unnecessary drilling machine extraction site we absolutely don't. Instead, we urge you to pursue the less-expensive and less-disruptive alternative to leave the drilling machine under the ground near the final Central Subway stop on Washington Street.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Mike Sonn".

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Cc: Members of the Board of Supervisors
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