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PRESS RELEASE

Transit Operators Vote to Approve Contract Agreement

San Francisco—The San Francisco Municipal Transportation Agency (SFMTA), which oversees all transportation in the city, today announced that the Transport Workers Union Local 250-A, which represents Municipal Railway (Muni) transit operators, voted to ratify a new three-year agreement that increases wages, strengthens pension benefits, and is in line with the budget needs of the agency.

"This contract is a reflection of our commitment to ensure that Muni operators receive a fair wage for the very difficult work they do," said SFMTA Director of Transportation, Ed Reiskin. "Yesterday's vote represents the strength of the new agreement and allows us to continue our work to further improve the transportation network for everyone."

The new three-year contract, which covers more than 2,000 transit operators, improves wages and benefits for front line transit employees. The contract would increase operator wages by 14.25 percent over three years, including a 9.5 percent increase to cover the 7.5 percent payment into their own pension and benefits.

This contract does not exceed the current salary and benefits line item allotted in the current FY15/16 budget.

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Established by voter proposition in 1999, the SFMTA, a department of the City and County of San Francisco, oversees the Municipal Railway (Muni), parking and traffic, bicycling, walking and taxis. With five modes of transit, Muni has approximately 700,000 passenger boardings each day. Over 1 million people get around this city each day and rely on the SFMTA to ensure safe and reliable travel by transit, walking, bicycling, taxi and driving.

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