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Subject: SFMTA CAC Recommendation

In our Citizens' Advisory Council meeting on March 5, 2026, the Council adopted the following recommendation:

CAC MOTION 260305.01

Recognizing that the SFMTA faces the most existential budget crisis since its inception, the SFMTA CAC urges the SFMTA Board to consider the following recommendations:

1. Continue to maximize efficiency gains wherever possible to reduce operating expenses
2. Minimize reliance on interest-bearing loans from the State which will only exacerbate future funding shortages
3. Use the SFMTA reserve fund as it was intended to bridge funding gaps in a crisis like this
4. Don't defer maintenance, including for bus lifts and station elevators; prioritizing state of good repair has been a core part of Muni's customer satisfaction gains
5. Increase parking revenue by adjusting meter rates and charging for metered parking spaces on Sundays
6. Don't raise bus or rail fares this budget cycle

7. Raise cable car fares to bring revenue closer to the cost of operation
8. Implement daily and study monthly fare capping
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It is the opinion of the SFMTA Citizens' Advisory Council that the proposed recommendation would be of significant benefit to the citizenry of San Francisco and the San Francisco Municipal Transportation Agency.