



# Private Commuter Shuttles Policy Draft Proposal

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# Commuter Shuttle Sector

- 200+ locations where shuttles stopping
  - Most in Muni zones
- >35k boardings/day
  - 6.5k boardings regional shuttles
  - 28.5k intra-SF shuttles
- AM and PM peak concentration
- Stop: transit hubs, high-density neighborhoods, along major corridors





# Conflicts





## Shuttle Benefits

- Without shuttle, many would drive alone
- Riders using transit, walking, biking for non-commute trips
- Walk, transit to shuttles
- Many have gotten rid of/forgone purchase of a car because of shuttle
- Annual environmental benefits: 45 million VMT reduced; 11,000 tons GHG emissions reduced

# **Guiding Principles**

- Safety for all users
- Ensure that shuttles do not adversely impact Muni operations
- Support the shuttle sector as part of SF's sustainable transportation network
- Consistent and fair enforcement
- Easy to navigate communication system for concerns, complaints, opportunities



## Problems to Solve

- Muni delay
- Vehicle identification
- Safety concerns
- Local congestion
- Lack of enforcement clarity
- Lack of complete information



# Proposal

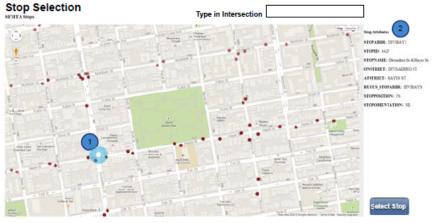
- Pilot 18-month program
- SFMTA would approve ~200 Muni zones to be shared with shuttles that get permits
- In defining network, SFMTA to consider:
  - Shuttle service provider preference
  - Muni frequency
  - Stop length/side of intersection
  - Other street considerations (as documented from residents)
- Use and permit fee
- Permit terms
- Enforcement



# Network of Shared Stops: Shuttle Service Provider Preferences

### Stop Selection





### To add a new stop, select a new stop

The page will display a map that provides Muni stops. The user can click on each stop and the Stop Attribute information would be listed on the right-hand side to confirm. Once the stop is confirmed, the stop color changes, indicating to the user that the stop has been selected.

### **Summary Table**

Stop ID	Intersection	Direction	Time Range	Weekdays	Weekend
4016	Haight and Divisadero	SW corner, FS	6-7am	Б	0
4016	Haight and Divsadero	SW corner, FS	7-8am	10	0
4016	Haight and Divisadero	SW corner, FS	8-9am	10	0

### Stop Information window

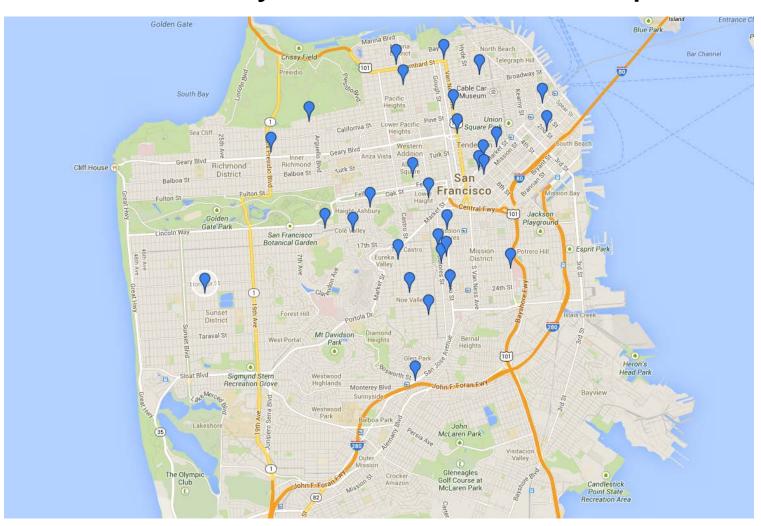
Stop ID	4425	Weekdays	Weekend	
6:00 am to	7:00 am			Weekdays and Weekend validation: positive number
7:00 am to	8:00 am			only
8:00 am to	9:00 am			
9:00 am to	10:00 am			
10:00 am to	o 11:00 am			
11:00 am to	12:00 pm			
1:00 pm to	2:00 pm			
2:00 pm to	3:00 pm			
3:00 pm to	4:00 pm			
4:00 pm to	5:00 pm			
5:00 pm to	6:00 pm			
6:00 pm to	7:00 pm			

The summary table to the left will display the information submitted by the user previously. If possible, displaying the grid in the upper right with the numbers is preferrable but will need to show the intersection, stop ID number, and direction.

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Clicking "Back" takes you back to Account Summary page

# Network of Shared Stops: Community Information and Input





### **User and Permit Fee**

- Cost Recovery Fee: \$1/stop event/day
  - Upfront program set-up costs
    - Stop proposal process and evaluation
    - Signage/placard design, production, installation
    - Data management system development
    - Permit processing
  - On-going program costs
    - Enforcement
    - Data collection & management
    - Day-to-day oversight and administration
    - Billing, collection, payment processing
    - Evaluation



### Permit Terms

- Indemnify SFMTA/City for use of stops
- Display placards
- Comply with operating guidelines
- Provide data
- Pay permit fee
- Pay citations
- Comply with CA PUC requirements

Failure to comply may result in permit revocation and/or penalty fine



## Enforcement

- Enforcement to ensure only participating companies using shared zones
- Illegal to use all other Muni zones, enforcement of these
- On-board placard allows enforcement to identify if a participant, allows easier operator, public complaint
- Auditing to identify use in excess of permit: pay fine
- Non-compliance with permit terms may result in permit revocation and/or fine

### Pilot Evaluation

- Transportation system impacts and benefits
- Environmental benefits
- Compliance with permits
- Feedback (community, Muni operators, enforcement, shuttle sector)
- Pilot costs

### **Board Actions**

- Amend Transportation Code, Division II, to add Section 914, "Shuttle Stop Permits"
- Adopt "Commuter Shuttle Policy and Pilot Program" to guide implementation and evaluation of 18-month pilot

# Next Steps

- Request proposals for stops, community information (Jan-Feb 2014)
- Evaluate stops (Mar-May 2014)
- Approve network, permit processing (June 2014)
- Launch pilot program (July 2014)
- Pilot complete (December 2015)

# Thank you!

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