

**Ballot Simplification Committee**

**Vehicle Registration Fee** *(working title only, subject to change)*

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**Requests for Reconsideration were due by 11:00 a.m. on Monday, August 2, 2010**

**The Way It Is Now:** In 2009, the State adopted a law authorizing local agencies, such as the San Francisco County Transportation Authority (SFCTA), to propose to voters an additional annual fee of up to \$10 on vehicles registered in their counties to pay for transportation projects.

**The Proposal:** Proposition \_\_\_ would amend the City’s Business and Tax Regulations Code to add \$10 to the existing annual registration fee for vehicles registered in San Francisco to fund transportation projects. This increase would apply to vehicle registrations and renewals beginning May 2, 2011.

Under the SFCTA’s Expenditure Plan, the \$10 proceeds from the fee would be spent on projects in the following categories:

- Street Repairs and Reconstruction (50% of fee revenue) – giving priority to streets with high bicycle usage or high public transit usage. It also would include projects such as curb ramps, bicycle infrastructure, pedestrian improvements, and other measures to slow or reduce traffic.
- Pedestrian Safety (25% of fee revenue) – including crosswalk improvements, sidewalk repair or upgrade, and pedestrian countdown signals and lighting.
- Transit Reliability Improvements (25% of fee revenue) – including transit stop improvements, consolidation and relocation; transit signal priority; traffic signal upgrades; travel information improvements; and parking management projects.

The SFCTA would determine the specific projects and could use up to 5% of the funds for administrative costs.

**A “YES” Vote Means:** If you vote "yes," you want to add \$10 to the annual registration fee for vehicles registered in San Francisco to fund transportation projects involving street repairs and reconstruction, pedestrian safety, and transit reliability improvements.

**A “NO” Vote Means:** If you vote “no,” you do not want to add \$10 to the annual registration fee for vehicles registered in San Francisco to fund transportation projects.

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