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Forced Transfer

The Muni Rail Core Capacity Study indicates **possible** future restructuring removing one and two car trains from the subway. Translation: Forced transfer for the J at Church/Market-Duboce; and K/L at West Portal. Walking on inclement wet tracks, broken pavement and track switch gaps is unacceptable. Observed a senior's cane stuck in the track gap switch.

SEE PHOTOS AT END

ConnectSF Transit Strategy footnote 22, page 52: https://connectsf.org/wp-content/uploads/ConnectSF_Transit_Strategy_FINAL-20211209-1.pdf

Footnote 22: Based on three lines in the subway, each running every 6 minutes with 4-car, 3-car, and 2-car trains, respectively, compared to 5 total lines in the subway with 4 lines operating 2-car trains and 1 line operating 1-car trains, each running between every 7 to 9 minutes.

Either way 30 trains operate with a proposed time savings of a few minutes for the designated longer trains is reversed by having to walk and wait for the next train. There is no net time savings gain.

Communication Based Train Control System

The approximate \$750 million replacement train control system will control surface and subway trains. Future subway trains will operate with shorter subway space allocation compared to the loop detection system of the current train control system. The projected goal is more subway capacity thus negating the requirement for future forced transfers.

Population

The United States birth rate is declining. In 2020 births were about 55 per 1,000 women down from just under 70 per 1,000 women in 2007.

In 2022, about 17.3 percent of the American population was 65 years old or over; an increase from the last few years and a figure which is expected to reach 22 percent by 2050. This is a significant increase from 1950, when only eight percent of the population was 65 or over.

With a declining birthrate and aging population that will increase then fade away, the population projections are questioned.

San Francisco bet on the tech industry with incentives to revive Mid Market Street (Twitter Tax Break). The tech industry can work from any global location.

Lastly, will the US Emigration policy change to increase the future working class pool?

Recommend MTA concessions to delete any future consideration of forced transfers utilizing Prop L funding.

Church and Market and Church and Duboce:

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