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Will you want to live in San Francisco - Tomorrow?

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Try to imagine using the Central Subway

The Central Subway Project is simply a transportation boondoggle that drains much needed funds from immediate transit needs. Anyone can prove this themselves with a stopwatch.

Consider the most common trip to Market Street and the Powell Street Station. **START** at a location in North Beach or Chinatown. **WALK** to the future Central Subway Station at Stockton/ Washington Streets. **GO DOWN** six stories to the subway platform. **WAIT** for the train. **GO UP** seven stories from the Union Square Station. **WALK** 1,000 feet to the Powell Street Station and Muni Metro/ BART. **COMPARE THIS TRAVEL TIME** to a Stockton Street bus ride to Market Street. In

Total Travel Time, buses are faster than the Central Subway would be!

Also, pity the poor riders who are south of Market Street. The Central Subway reroutes the T-Line and eliminates direct service to the Ferry Building, ferries, BART, Muni Metro, Embarcadero Station, Montgomery Station, Transbay Terminal, Powell Station, Civic Center Station and the entire Market Street Corridor.

Instead, imagine how \$1.5 billion could transform the entire Muni System, create hundreds of miles of beautiful transit streets and generate thousands of jobs much more quickly.

SUPPLEMENT



Walking to the Washington Street Subway Station.



Deep six-story escalators to subway platforms.



Waiting for the short 3-car maximum length trains (Hong Kong has 8-car trains).



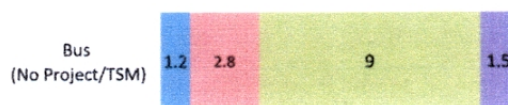
Long escalators up seven-stories at Union Square Station.



Long distances, by walking or moving walkways, to Powell Street Station/ Metro/ BART.

Currently, along the Stockton/ Columbus Corridor, the 30-Stockton, 45-Union and 8X buses all go directly to Market Street/ Buses/ Metro/ BART. But the proposed Central Subway goes to a Union Square Station---1,000 feet from the Powell Street Station/ Metro/ BART. Using a stop watch, the actual total travel time by bus is faster than that by subway.

From Pacific and Stockton to Muni Metro



14.5 Minutes by Bus



23.1 Minutes by Subway

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Perceived Travel Time (minutes)

Walk to Transit Wait for Transit Riding Time Walk from Transit