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****PRESS RELEASE******SFMTA's Completes Innovative Citywide Census of
San Francisco Parking*****Comprehensive audit of publicly-available parking supply makes San Francisco
the first U.S. city to complete a citywide parking census.***

SAN FRANCISCO—The San Francisco Municipal Transportation Agency (SFMTA), which oversees the Municipal Railway (Muni) and all surface transportation in San Francisco, has released a comprehensive citywide public parking census conducted by *SFpark*, the Agency's new parking management program that will launch its initial two-year pilot this summer. This census is the first of its kind in the country. The data is available as part of San Francisco's open data initiative at www.sfmta.com/parkingdata or www.datasf.org.

For the first time, San Francisco will have detailed information about the City's entire public parking supply readily available to support City projects. This information will enable the SFMTA and other City departments to rapidly assess parking supply issues when planning and implementing projects.

The Citywide Parking Census is the first major project of SFMTA's *SFpark* initiative. SFMTA established *SFpark* to develop innovative solutions to parking challenges in the City. *SFpark* will support the City's Open Data efforts by sharing the entire census dataset with the public. This data can serve as a foundation for new user-created civic Web applications and interactive tools.

"*SFpark* is an excellent opportunity for San Francisco to take control of parking management and thereby reduce congestion and pollution," said Nathaniel P. Ford Sr., Executive Director/CEO of the SFMTA. "The parking census provides a wealth of data that puts us on the right path to realizing the full potential of this project."

To gather and compile this data, *SFpark* staff surveyed and mapped the City's parking supply, including metered and unmetered on-street parking, and off-street parking in garages and lots. This effort involved on-the-ground surveys and site visits, translating SFMTA documents into GIS, reviewing Assessor data and more. *SFpark* will continue to work on the parking census to refine and enhance the data and improve methods used to keep the data up to date. A summary of the data is below.

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Parking Census Summary: Publicly Available Parking in San Francisco

Parking Type		Description	Spaces
On-street	Metered	<i>Includes parking managed by SFMTA, the Port of San Francisco and the Presidio Trust</i>	24,464
	Unmetered	<i>Estimate based on a random sample of no less than 20 percent of City blocks (32 percent of all City blocks were surveyed)</i>	256,900
Off-street	Paid	<i>Parking lots and garages that are open to the public and priced (e.g., with hourly, daily, monthly rates)</i>	103,756
	Free	<i>Parking in City parks that is unpriced and does not have daytime restrictions</i>	7,691
	Customer	<i>Parking available to customers only (e.g., Safeway)</i>	29,422
	Permit	<i>Parking requiring some form of permission (e.g., paid monthly permit and/or employee-only parking lots)</i>	19,308
Total			441,541

About SFpark

SFpark combines new technology and demand-responsive pricing to make parking in the City more evenly available. Less circling and fewer double-parked cars keeps streets clear for buses and emergency vehicles, helps make roads safer for cyclists and pedestrians, and reduces pollution. SFMTA will test this federally funded project in pilot areas across the City for two years beginning summer 2010. To learn more about the project, please visit <http://www.sfpark.org>.

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Established by voter proposition in 1999, the SFMTA, a department of the City and County of San Francisco, oversees the Municipal Railway (Muni), parking and traffic and taxis. With five modes of transit, Muni has approximately 700,000 passenger boardings each day. Over 35,000 extra vehicles enter San Francisco on any given business day, and rely on the SFMTA to keep the flow of cars, transit vehicles, taxis, delivery trucks, pedestrians and bicycles moving smoothly through the streets.