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SFMTA Youth Transportation Advisory Board – Frequently Asked Questions

1. Where will YTAB meetings be held?

Due to the ongoing public health emergency, YTAB meetings will be conducted virtually to protect the health of YTAB members, staff, and members of the public. When it is safe to do so, meetings will be held in person.

2. Will YTAB meetings be open to the public?

Yes, YTAB meetings will be open to the public but in general, YTAB will not be soliciting public input during meetings. YTAB staff will post notice of meetings on the SFMTA website calendar with meeting agendas. Members of the public may reach out to YTAB staff to share their comments or pre-approve an agenda item for their comments.

3. What is the relationship between YTAB and other SFMTA bodies such as MTAB and the Citizens Advisory Council?

YTAB will report to MTAB twice-yearly to update the board on and gain support for YTAB initiatives. Regular MTAB reporting will help hold SFMTA staff accountable to YTAB recommendations. YTAB and the Citizen's Advisory Council do not have a formal partnership but will likely informally partner where appropriate based on projects and advisory content.

4. Why doesn't the SFMTA work with the San Francisco Youth Commission?

YTAB is the product of the San Francisco Youth Commissioners' recommendation to create an SFMTA-specific youth advisory board. SF Youth Commissioners noted that our current outreach strategies do not reach youth consistently and plugging youth into existing outreach bodies is insufficient. The vision for this board is the result of input, feedback, and collaboration with the current San Francisco Youth Commissioners, external youth advisory groups, and internal agency stakeholders.

5. How are members appointed and who is doing the appointing?

SFMTA staff will be reviewing and selecting applicants, in coordination with our SFMTA equity leads and executive leadership. Rather than appointing members, an application was opened to any San Francisco youth during a month-long period. This approach intended to reduce the potential barrier of having pre-existing access to an appointing body.

6. How many members will there be and how will they be representative of San Francisco?

At minimum, YTAB will consist of eleven board members, aiming for one member from each San Francisco District. Depending on resource availability and interest, up to six additional board members may be added to expand representation, especially of underrepresented communities. The board will aim to represent the diversity of ethnicity, race, gender, class, ability, housing status, sexual orientation, and geography of the youth of San Francisco.