



San Francisco Municipal Transportation Agency Board of Directors & Parking Authority Commission

MEETING MINUTES • Meeting Date: Tuesday, June 7, 2022

REGULAR MEETING

1:00pm

1 Dr. Carlton B. Goodlett Place
Room 400, City Hall

This meeting will be held in person at the location listed above. As authorized by California Government Code Section 54953(e) and Mayor Breed's 45th Supplement to her February 25, 2020 emergency proclamation, it is possible that some members of the SFMTA Board of Directors may attend this meeting remotely. In that event, those members will participate and vote by video. Members of the public may attend the meeting to observe and provide public comment at the physical meeting location listed above or online at www.sfgovtv.org/sfmtaLIVE. Instructions for providing remote public comment are below.

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SFMTA BOARD OF DIRECTORS

Gwyneth Borden, Chair
Amanda Eaken, Vice Chair
Stephanie Cajina
Steve Heminger
Fiona Hinze
Sharon Lai
Manny Yekutieli

DIRECTOR OF TRANSPORTATION

Jeffrey Tumlin

BOARD SECRETARY

Christine Silva



ORDER OF BUSINESS

1. Call to Order

Chair Borden called the meeting to order at 1:01p.m.

Acting Board Secretary Celaya announced information about the hybrid meeting format and reviewed how members of the public could watch the meeting and address the Board.

2. Roll Call

Present: Stephanie Cajina
Steve Heminger
Fiona Hinze
Sharon Lai
Manny Yekutieli
Amanda Eaken
Gwyneth Borden

3. Announcement of prohibition of sound producing devices during the meeting

Acting Secretary Celaya announced that ringing and the use of cell phones and similar sound-producing electronic devices were prohibited at the meeting.

4. Approval of Minutes

PUBLIC COMMENT:

Paula Guest inquired if there was any action taken on Item 11.

Chair Borden announced that Item 11 was an informational item and the Board took no action.

On motion to approve the minutes of the May 17, 2022 Regular Meeting and May 31, 2022 Special Meeting:

ADOPTED: AYES – Cajina, Heminger, Hinze, Lai, Yekutieli, Eaken and Borden

5. Communications

None.



6. Introduction of New or Unfinished Business by Board Members

Director Yekutieli shared about spending time at the SFMTA sign and paint shops. He discussed the bus shelter maintenance backlog and announced he would miss the next four meetings.

Director Eaken commented that she attended the WalkSF vigil held on May 26 and expressed concern over making streets safe. She encouraged staff to bring this dialogue to the Board.

Fiona Hinze discussed the flag bus stops throughout the city.

No public comment.

7. Director's Report (For discussion only)

- Vision Zero Update
- Transit Customer Information Update
- Ongoing Activities

Director Tumlin shared about recent Vision Zero fatalities, a speed safety camera update, transit information update including technology and signage, upcoming events including the NBA finals, Muni Heritage Day, Sikh Remembrance & Freedom, Juneteenth and Pride 2022. Director Tumlin announced the Good Government Awards including George Louie and Monica Munowich as recipients.

Kate Breen, Director of Governmental Affairs, discussed speed safety cameras as they relate to Vision Zero.

Chair Borden noted that Parking Control Officers and crossing guards are helpful and perhaps could be deployed to key intersections.

PUBLIC COMMENT:

Zach Lipton expressed concern over fatalities at various intersections including Turk Street. He urged more immediate action and advocacy and inquired why projects take so long to implement.

Richard Rothman discussed traffic fatalities on Fulton Street. He urged the SFMTA to do more to make it safe and offered to meet with staff at the Fulton intersection.



Aleta Dupree stated that she wants to feel safe when riding public transit in San Francisco. She hoped for a sense of equity in highlighting incidents regardless of who it happens to.

Barry Taranto urged the SFMTA to create a campaign reminding everyone to share the road and asked that SFMTA install more plastic poles up where cars should not be making turns.

Lisa Gershon expressed concern that staff was spending so much time on speed legislation and urged the Board to find another solution and to stop making excuses.

Edward Mason hoped that the new information displays will include the time displayed. He stated that his main concern is electric vehicles, and that the GPS should determine the acceleration speed. The public should be able to log into a computer to determine speed.

Garlacka discussed the length of the lanes in the South of Market area and the many issues that this creates, especially given that construction is taking place in the area. Neighborhood advocates asked the SFMTA to remove one lane of parking, but SFMTA said no. She asked for an explanation. She discussed the lack of enforcement for cars parked in bike lanes.

8. Citizens' Advisory Council Report

Michael Chen, Chair, Citizens' Advisory Council, presented the report.

Director Eaken expressed concern about the pricing for micro mobility pricing, particularly electric bikes.

PUBLIC COMMENT:

Aleta Dupre stated that having a bike company membership keeps the cost low. She would like for the Bay Area to have consistent mask rules and for the mandate to be reinstated on all transit.

Edward Mason stated that public funds should not be subsidizing micro mobility.

Barry Taranto expressed concern that the CAC was no longer going to have a presentation on the upfront assisted riding program.

9. Public Comment

Flo Kelly inquired why the SFMTA continues with poverty tows affecting those experiencing homelessness and urged the Board to discontinue poverty tows.



Susan Sutat inquired about the poverty towing practices report that was to be provided in May. Many people are experiencing unlawful towing and there is no mechanism to appeal. The SFMTA acts with impunity. This is awful and our tax dollars should not be spent this way. Oversight is needed because it is appalling.

Speaker discussed poverty tows and inquired when the report on towing would be available. They hope that the report would discuss repayment alternatives including the physical impact on those living below the poverty line.

Paula Catskin discussed the L Taraval bus line and the lack of outreach on the recent changes. The president of Parkside group, Edward Chao sent an email to the SFMTA expressed concern about the changes. She requested that the recent actions be halted.

Barry Taranto stated that he was disheartened that cab drivers lost the cab stand on Sunday for the basketball game at Chase Center. Motorcycle cops need to be used properly to enforce traffic because traffic enforcement is all time low. Light timing is bad in the Tenderloin, and it discourages him from driving in that area.

Adam Cablaca discussed the issues the at the intersection of 4th and Bryant which places people at risk of getting into an accident. There is no signage to prevent traffic from turning and cutting off people in left lane.

Herbert Weiner asked if the SFMTA could put up signs reminding the public that it is illegal to ride a bicycle on the sidewalk.

Aleta Dupree wished there were a code of conduct for public meetings. There has been a lot of negativities. She asks that her differences be accepted.

Edward Mason discussed the Brown Act as it relates to public comment, particularly time limits. The Citizens Advisory Council allows up to three minutes but recently only one minute was allowed for comments on the budget. There should be more time allow for certain topics.

David Pilpel discussed restoring service on various lines. He stated that promises were made and broken which he believed reflects the limited resources available to provide transit. He stated that he did not believe that SB917 was necessary and hoped that the SFMTA would be included in ballot measures for next year.

Joe Kunzler stated that he believes that representation matters. He was taking Covid very seriously and appreciated the vaccine mandate. He would like to see a return to a mask



mandate for everyone riding transit. Policy and Change Not Thoughts and Prayers are needed.

THE FOLLOWING MATTERS BEFORE THE SAN FRANCISCO MUNICIPAL TRANSPORTATION AGENCY BOARD OF DIRECTORS ARE RECOMMENDED FOR ACTION AS STATED BY THE SFMTA DIRECTOR OF TRANSPORTATION OR CITY ATTORNEY WHERE APPLICABLE. EXPLANATORY DOCUMENTS FOR ALL CALENDAR ITEMS ARE AVAILABLE FOR REVIEW AT 1 SOUTH VAN NESS AVE. 7th FLOOR.

CONSENT CALENDAR

10. All matters listed hereunder constitute a Consent Calendar, are considered to be routine by the San Francisco Municipal Transportation Agency Board of Directors and will be acted upon by a single vote. There will be no separate discussion of these items unless a member of the Board of Directors or the public so requests, in which event the matter shall be removed from the Consent Calendar and considered as a separate item.

10.1. Requesting the Controller to allot funds and to draw warrants against such funds available or will be available in payment of the following claims against the SFMTA:

A. Christina Kim v. CCSF, Superior Ct. #CGC-21-589652 filed 2/05/2021 for \$11,219 (for total settlement amount of \$99,719 with \$88,500 approved by the SFMTA Board on 2/15/2022). (Explanatory documents include a resolution.)

RESOLUTION No. 220607-046

10.2. Approving various routine parking and traffic modifications and making environmental review findings:

A. ESTABLISH – TOW-AWAY, NO STOPPING ANYTIME – Oakdale Avenue, north side, from 175 to 215 feet east of 3rd Street.
B. ESTABLISH – BUS ZONE – ESTABLISH – SIDEWALK WIDENING – Fulton Street, north side, from 6th Avenue to 143 feet westerly. (Explanatory documents include a staff report and resolution. For every parking and traffic modification that received a categorical exemption, the proposed action is the Approval Action as defined by Chapter 31 of the San Francisco Administrative Code.)

RESOLUTION No. 220607-047

10.3. Approving two contracts for as-needed consulting services for environmental and transportation analysis with Fehr & Peers (Contract No. SFMTA-2021-08) and



Kittelson and Associates, Inc. (Contract No. SFMTA-2021-09), each contract not to exceed \$3,500,000 and a five-year term. (Explanatory documents include a staff report and resolution.)

RESOLUTION No. 220607-048

- 10.4. Approving the SFMTA Our Community, Our Shuttle: Bayview-Hunters Point Equitable Mobility Project to participate in and accept funding from the Sustainable Transportation Equity Project (STEP), which is administered by the California Air Resources Board; authorizing the Director or his designee to execute the grant agreement for STEP funding, including any amendments to such agreement, comply with the STEP requirements, and provide committed resource contributions to the Project. (Explanatory documents include a staff report and resolution.)

Removed at the request of staff.

- 10.5. Adopting a resolution making findings pursuant to AB361 to allow for continued remote meetings due to the COVID-19 pandemic. (Explanatory documents include a resolution.)

RESOLUTION No. 220607-49

PUBLIC COMMENT:

Members of the public expressing support: Joe Kunzler (10.5)

On motion to approve the Consent Calendar (Item 10.4 removed):

ADOPTED: AYES – Cajina, Heminger, Hinze, Lai, Yekutieli, Eaken and Borden

ADJOURN – The meeting adjourned at 2:34p.m.

A recording of the meeting is on file in the office of the Secretary to the San Francisco Municipal Transportation Agency Board of Directors.

Caroline Celaya

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Acting Board Secretary

California Environmental Quality Act (CEQA) Appeal Rights under S.F. Admin. Code Chapter 31: For identified Approval Actions, the Planning Department or the SFMTA has issued a CEQA



exemption determination or negative declaration, which may be viewed online at the Planning Department's website. Following approval of the item by the SFMTA Board, the CEQA determination is subject to appeal within the time frame specified in S.F. Administrative Code Section 31.16 which is typically within 30 calendar days. For information on filing a CEQA appeal, contact the Clerk of the Board of Supervisors at City Hall, 1 Dr. Carlton B. Goodlett Place, Room 244, San Francisco, CA 94102, or call 415.554.5184. Under CEQA, in a later court challenge, a litigant may be limited to raising only those issues previously raised at a hearing on the project or submitted in writing to the City prior to or at such hearing, or as part of the appeal hearing process on the CEQA decision.

Board of Supervisors review of certain SFMTA Decisions: Certain parking and traffic modifications as well as Private Transportation Programs that involve certain parking modifications can be reviewed by the Board of Supervisors. These decisions are subject to review within 30 calendar days after they are made by the SFMTA Board of Directors. For information on requesting a review, contact the Clerk of the Board of Supervisors at City Hall, 1 Dr. Carlton B. Goodlett Place, Room 244, San Francisco, CA 94102, call 415.554.5184. Ordinance No. 127-18 specifying which SFMTA decisions are reviewable by the Board of Supervisors can be accessed on-line: <https://sfbos.org/sites/default/files/o0127-18.pdf>.

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Copies of the Sunshine Ordinance can be obtained from the Clerk of the Sunshine Task Force, the San Francisco Public Library and on the City's website at <https://sfgov.org/sunshine/>.