



**SAN FRANCISCO  
MUNICIPAL TRANSPORTATION AGENCY  
BOARD OF DIRECTORS AND  
PARKING AUTHORITY COMMISSION**

**MINUTES**

Tuesday, May 18, 2021

REGULAR MEETING  
1 P.M.

Due to the COVID-19 health emergency and to protect our Board Members, SFMTA staff, and members of the public, the Board's Meeting Room (Room 400) is closed.

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**SFMTA BOARD OF DIRECTORS**

Gwyneth Borden, Chair  
Amanda Eaken, Vice Chair  
Cheryl Brinkman  
Steve Heminger  
Fiona Hinze  
Sharon Lai  
Manny Yekutieli

Jeffrey Tumlin  
DIRECTOR OF TRANSPORTATION

Christine Silva  
SECRETARY

## ORDER OF BUSINESS

### 1. Call to Order

Chair Borden called the meeting to order at 1:00 p.m.

### 2. Roll Call

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

Absent: Cheryl Brinkman – with notification

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

No announcement was made.

### 4. Approval of Minutes

#### PUBLIC COMMENT:

David Pilpel requested that the minutes be updated to reflect his comment, that he recognized the change from the Sustainable Streets Division to the Streets Division and acknowledged train testing in the Market Street subway.

On motion to approve the minutes of the May 4, 2021 Regular Meeting: unanimously approved (Brinkman – absent).

### 5. Communications

Chair Borden discussed the virtual meeting and expressed appreciation to staff for their work to enable the meeting to be held via teleconference. Board Secretary Silva reviewed how members of the public could watch the meeting and address the Board.

### 6. Introduction of New or Unfinished Business by Board Members

Director Heminger requested an update on the Central Subway Project and a schedule for updates regarding the next phase of work.

No public comment.

### 7. Director's Report (For discussion only)

- Update on the Central Subway Project
- Ongoing Activities

Director Tumlin shared a budget update, discussed the Fare Free Muni Pilot Program, JFK Drive/Golden Gate Park update, May 21<sup>st</sup> Bike to Wherever Day, and the Central Subway Project.

**PUBLIC COMMENT:**

Hayden Miller thanked board members for asking about the Fare Free Muni Pilot Project and urged the SFMTA to focus on restoring transit service.

Barry Taranto expressed concern about taxi access as related to JFK Drive in Golden Gate Park.

Aleta Dupree expressed support for the Fare Free Muni Pilot Program, indicating that the program would offer relief and be a benefit to small businesses and hotels.

David Pilpel shared a reference to Camper Van Beethoven and recommended watching the film Malcolm which features Melbourne streetcars.

Herbert Weiner expressed concern about transit restoration and modified routes, urging the SFMTA that no routes should be cut.

Anonymous thanked Director Tumlin for his report and staff for work on JFK Drive and the three accessible parking spots on Nancy Pelosi Drive in Golden Gate Park.

Anonymous suggested a compromise for JFK Drive, that it be closed to traffic from Friday to Sunday and open to traffic for the remainder of the week.

Luke Bornheimer highlighted an article in the SF Chronicle and shared that there was no significant difference about visiting Golden Gate Park via JFK Drive. He encouraged the Board to expedite extension approval of JFK Drive and the Great Highway.

Bob Planthold expressed concern about park access for paratransit and those with disabilities and encouraged the SFMTA to pay attention to those with disabilities first.

**8. Citizens' Advisory Council Report**

Neil Ballard, Chair, Citizens' Advisory Council, presented the report.

**PUBLIC COMMENT:**

Hayden Miller shared two recommendations: to begin the F Market line at 7 am or earlier and to communicate with students about service restoration, especially regarding modifications to lines.

Aleta Dupree supported the CAC recommendations, requesting that service be brought back to the

Oceanview neighborhood and requesting that the SFMTA replace language by using “equity priority community” instead of “community of concern.”

Bob Planthold expressed concern about equity analysis, sharing specifically that the Title VI analysis does not include those with disabilities.

David Pilpel agreed with the first seven CAC recommendations and questioned why the fourth motion was missing, suggesting it may have failed.

Neil Ballard confirmed that the fourth motion failed adoption.

## 9. Public Comment

Hayden Miller expressed concern about secure bike parking, suggesting that bike lockers be provided now that the resumption of subway service is underway.

Anonymous expressed concern about the Slow Street on Sanchez Street, urging the SFMTA to end the temporary measure.

Anonymous expressed opposition to a permanent Slow Streets Program, indicating that on Sanchez Street it has created a free-for-all park and has severely impacted quality of life.

Debbie expressed concern about the Slow Street on Sanchez Street sharing that a slow street is not needed and that the City has created a dangerous condition.

Barry Taranto expressed concern about Slow Streets and encouraged listeners to download the Flywheel App to support taxis in the City.

Mary Maguire expressed concern about noticing and processing taxi medallion renewals. She suggested that the deadline be extended to provide notice and allow for in-person renewal.

Luke Bornheimer expressed support for the Slow Street on Sanchez Street and shared news about a rally at the Great Highway. He encouraged the SFMTA to expedite approval of the extension needed to close the Great Highway.

Aleta Dupree emphasized the importance of supporting micromobility modes of travel and encouraged the SFMTA to continue to think of transit first.

Herbert Weiner expressed concern for seniors and those with disabilities, especially for those that must walk long distances to bus stops and urged the Board to listen.

Anonymous expressed concern for the Slow Street on Sanchez Street, sharing examples of how challenging it has been since it became a Slow Street.

Parker Day expressed appreciation for the Slow Streets Program, sharing support for a permanent program and expansion of the program to create a network of Slow Streets.

David Pilpel requested that the Board provide a link to correspondence received or provide a correspondence log so that the public has access to the materials.

Anonymous expressed concern about the Slow Streets Program.

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. 7<sup>th</sup> 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:

John Schulz vs. CCSF, US District Ct. #3:19cv02134MC filed on 4/19/19 for \$0 (Other Material Terms: Accessible Bikeshare pilot program will resume for remaining term of existing contract; MTA will promote the program, solicit community feedback, and develop recommendations for a permanent program.)

#### RESOLUTION 210518-066

(10.2) Making environmental review findings and approving the following parking and traffic modifications:

- A. ESTABLISH – RED ZONE, Folsom Street, east side, from Ripley Street to 18 feet northerly.
- B. RESCIND - TOW-AWAY NO PARKING ANYTIME, Folsom Street, west side, from Ripley Street to 30 feet southerly.
- C. ESTABLISH – TOW-AWAY NO STOPPING ANYTIME, Fern Street, south side, from Polk Street to 201 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 210518-067

(10.3) Authorizing the Director to execute and file a claim with the Metropolitan Transportation Commission for allocation of operating assistance from Transportation Development Act, State Transit Assistance, AB1107 One-Half Cent Sales Tax, and Regional Measure 2 funds for Fiscal Year 2022 to

support the operating budget. (Explanatory documents include a staff report and resolution. The proposed action is the Approval Action as defined by S.F. Administrative Code Chapter 31.)

#### RESOLUTION 210518-068

(10.4) Adopting a Resolution of Local Support as required by the Metropolitan Transportation Commission (MTC) that stipulates how the SFMTA will comply with MTC's policies if the SFMTA receives up to \$17,183,000 of various discretionary funds for the Folsom Streetscape Project and the Safe Routes to School Program; and make environmental review findings. (Explanatory documents include a staff report and resolution.)

#### RESOLUTION 210518-069

(10.5) Authorizing the Director to execute Amendment No. 5 to Contract No. CPT 632 with New Flyer of America Inc., to extend the term of the agreement from 7.5 years to 9.5 years due to impacts from the COVID-19 pandemic so that New Flyer may complete required and additional trainings, with no change to the amount of the contract. (Explanatory documents include a staff report and resolution.)

#### RESOLUTION 210518-070

#### PUBLIC COMMENT:

Members of the public expressing neither support nor opposition: David Pilpel (10.3 and 10.5), Barry Taranto (10.3, 10.4, and 10.5)

On motion to approve the Consent Calendar:

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

ABSENT – Brinkman

#### REGULAR CALENDAR

11. Presentation and discussion regarding transit performance and service restoration. (Explanatory documents include a slide presentation.)

Julie Kirschbaum, Director of Transit, presented the item.

#### PUBLIC COMMENT:

Hayden Miller expressed support for upcoming transit changes in August and urged the SFMTA to bring back the 6 Haight/Parnassus line and extend the 28 19<sup>th</sup> Avenue or the 43 Masonic line.

Aleta Dupree thanked the SFMTA for reopening the subway and requested staff continue to monitor subway performance.

Bob Planthold expressed concern about difficulty of walking to and from bus stops due to hilly terrain and requested that the lack of that information be remedied.

Christopher Peterson expressed appreciation for Muni restoration while also requesting that the M Ocean View line be restored and that Owl Service be extended beyond 10:00 pm to 1:00 am.

David Pilpel requested that the updated slide presentation be added to the website and expressed concern for the proposed August transit service plan.

Herbert Weiner asked whether the 2 Clement line and 3 Jackson line were being restored.

Simaya Handi expressed support of restoring Muni service including cable cars, believing that it would bring much needed activity back to Union Square.

Director Hinze requested a timeline for upgraded station signage and improvements in the remaining Muni stations, other than the Castro Station.

12. Presentation and discussion regarding the Vision Zero Quick-Build Program. (Explanatory documents include a slide presentation.)

Jamie Parks, Livable Streets Director, Jennifer Wong, Transportation Planner, and Samantha Serafica, Vision Zero Analyst, presented the item.

#### PUBLIC COMMENT:

Claire Amable encouraged the SFMTA to commit to building more Quick-Build projects by the end of 2021 in order to meet Vision Zero goals by 2024.

Herbert Weiner expressed concern about modifications not benefitting everyone and shared that the SFMTA is sacrificing parking spaces that benefit a small portion of those that ride bicycles.

Hayden Miller encouraged the SFMTA to make the Quick-Build projects permanent and expressed concern about maintenance and enforcement.

Howard Wong expressed support for an equitable plan for Muni recovery, indicating that there needs to be simple and achievable goals, not replicating what was in place before the pandemic.

Brian Haagsman thanked staff and expressed support for expanding the Quick-Build Program in order to achieve Vision Zero goals.

Barry Taranto expressed concern about enforcement for those ignoring traffic laws, particularly in the Tenderloin and Mission neighborhoods, indicating that the program has resulted in bad behavior.

13. Approving the Title VI Service Equity Analysis for the temporary Municipal Railway service and route changes made during the ongoing COVID-19 State of Emergency which compares transit service in effect in March 2020 to transit service in effect in March 2021 and concludes that the temporary

service changes do not result in a disparate impact on communities of color or a disproportionate burden on low-income communities under Title VI. (Explanatory documents include a staff report and resolution.)

Sean Kennedy, Transit Planning Manager, presented the item.

PUBLIC COMMENT:

Members of the public expressing opposition: David Pilpel and Herbert Weiner

Members of the public expressing neither support nor opposition: Hayden Miller

RESOLUTION 210518-071

On motion to approve:

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

ABSENT – Brinkman

14. Presentation and discussion regarding legal responsibilities of the SFMTA. (Explanatory documents include a slide presentation. Fulfills Charter Section 8A.102 (c)(3) training requirements.)

Susan Cleveland-Knowles and Julie Veit, Deputy City Attorneys, presented the item.

PUBLIC COMMENT:

David Pilpel requested that Board correspondence be attached or posted and shared that he was not aware of a formal definition of the term conduct of public business for purposes of record retention.

Hayden Miller expressed support for posting correspondence that the Board receives.

ADJOURN – The meeting was adjourned at 6:40 p.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.



Christine Silva  
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



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