



# San Francisco Municipal Transportation Agency Citizens' Advisory Council

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**MINUTES** • Meeting Date: December 7, 2023

## **REGULAR MEETING**

5:30 pm

1 South Van Ness Avenue, 7<sup>th</sup> Floor  
Room 7080, Union Square Conference Room

## **SFMTA CITIZENS' ADVISORY COUNCIL MEMBERS**

Aaron Leifer, Chair

Chris Arvin, Vice-Chair

Sascha Bittner

Michael Chen

Queena Chen

Steve Cornell

Robert Jaques

John Lisovsky

Eliza Panike

Karim Salgado

Yensing Sihapanya

Connor Skelly

Susan Vaughan

Frank Zepeda

## **COUNCIL LIAISON**

Christine Silva

## **COUNCIL SECRETARY**

Keka Robinson-Luqman



## **ORDER OF BUSINESS**

### 1. Call to Order

Chair Leifer called the meeting to order at 5:43 p.m.

### 2. Roll Call

CAC members present at Roll Call: Chris Arvin, Sascha Bittner, Michael Chen, Stephen Cornell, Aaron Leifer, John Lisovsky, Karim Salgado, Connor Skelly, and Susan Vaughan

CAC members absent at Roll Call: Queena Chen and Eliza Panike

CAC members absent with notification: Robert Jaques, Yensing Sihapanya, and Frank Zepeda

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

CAC Secretary Robinson-Luqman made the announcement.

### 4. Approval of Minutes:

No public comment.

On motion to approve the minutes of October 5, 2023:

ADOPTED: AYES – Chris Arvin, Sascha Bittner, Michael Chen, Queena Chen, Stephen Cornell, Aaron Leifer, John Lisovsky, Eliza Panike, Karim Salgado, Yensing Sihapanya, Connor Skelly, and Susan Vaughan

ABSENT – Robert Jaques and Frank Zepeda

### 5. Report of the Chair (For discussion only)

Chair Leifer reported that remote public comment is ending, effective January 1, 2024. He also discussed the 2024 CAC meeting schedule.

No public comment.

### 6. Public Comment

Edward Mason discussed the new NextBus signage on the bus shelters. He stated that it is working well. The live map showing where the next two buses are should help eliminate the confusion of ghost buses. He also stated that he was nearly run over on the sidewalk by a person on an electric scooter while visiting City Hall.



## **REGULAR CALENDAR**

7. Presentation, discussion, and possible action regarding Vision Zero. (Uyen Ngo, Program Manager, Vision Zero. Explanatory documents include a slide presentation.)

### **PUBLIC COMMENT:**

Edward Mason stated that there is a lack of social safety on behalf of pedestrians and drivers. Sideshows are part of the fabric of this generation and society tolerates it.

### **CAC MOTION 231207.01**

The SFMTA CAC recommends the SFMTA adopt a citywide “No Turn On Red” policy that stops turns on red at signalized intersections.

On motion to approve:

ADOPTED: AYES – Chris Arvin, Sascha Bittner, Michael Chen, Aaron Leifer, John Lisovsky, Eliza Panike, Karim Salgado, Connor Skelly, and Susan Vaughan

NAYES – Queena Chen and Stephen Cornell

ABSENT – Robert Jaques Frank Zepeda, and Yensing Sihapanya

### **CAC MOTION 231207.02**

The SFMTA CAC recommends that the SFMTA, in pursuing Vision Zero, implement road diets, concrete-protected bicycle infrastructure, and wider sidewalks on extremely wide streets with four or more lanes of one-way general car traffic on the high injury network in the South of Market neighborhood, including 9th Street, 10th Street, Harrison Street, and Bryant Street.

On motion to approve:

ADOPTED: AYES – Chris Arvin, Sascha Bittner, Michael Chen, Aaron Leifer, John Lisovsky, Eliza Panike, Karim Salgado, Connor Skelly, and Susan Vaughan

NAYES – Queena Chen and Stephen Cornell

ABSENT – Robert Jaques, Frank Zepeda, and Yensing Sihapanya

### **CAC MOTION 231207.03**

The SFMTA CAC recommends the SFMTA step up its efforts to push the SFPD to bring up traffic enforcement efforts focusing on the top five crash factors and distracted driving to 2014 levels.



On motion to approve:

ADOPTED: AYES – Sascha Bittner, Michael Chen, Queena Chen, Stephen Cornell, Aaron Leifer, John Lisovsky, Eliza Panike, Karim Salgado, Connor Skelly, Susan Vaughan

NAYES – Chris Arvin

ABSENT – Robert Jaques Frank Zepeda, and Yensing Sihapanya

8. Presentation, discussion, and possible action regarding SFMTA Financial Update. (Bree Mawhorter, Director, Finance & Information Technology. Explanatory documents include a slide presentation.)

PUBLIC COMMENT:

Edward Mason stated that fare evasion is a big deal. The SFMTA started with 3000 people, now its morphed to over 6000. The SFMTA needs a real time auditor general to keep track of what's going on in the agency. He asked if the Central Subway is operating at a loss.

9. Presentation, discussion, and possible action regarding the Administration, Operations, and Customer Service Committee (AOCSC) report and recommendations.

Council member John Lisovsky presented the item.

PUBLIC COMMENT:

Edward Mason asked if it is necessary to have two car trains on the K Ingleside line.

AOCSC Motion 231116.01

The SFMTA CAC recommends that the SFMTA approve the K Ingleside Rapid Project as presented.

CAC Motion 231207.04

The SFMTA CAC recommends that the SFMTA approve the K Ingleside Rapid Project as presented.

ADOPTED: AYES – Chris Arvin, Sascha Bittner, Michael Chen, Queena Chen, Stephen Cornell, Aaron Leifer, John Lisovsky, Eliza Panike, Karim Salgado, Yensing Sihapanya, Connor Skelly, Susan Vaughan

ABSENT – Robert Jaques and Frank Zepeda



10. Council Member Information and Agenda Item Requests. (For discussion only)

Sue Vaughan requested to know how many employee shuttle buses are operating.

**ADJOURN** - The meeting was adjourned at 8:48 p.m.

Submitted by:

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read 'KAR Luqman'.

Keka Robinson-Luqman  
SFMTA CAC – Secretary

Next regular meeting: Thursday, January 4<sup>th</sup> at 5:30pm | Union Square Conference Room



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