



# San Francisco Municipal Transportation Agency Citizens' Advisory Council

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**MINUTES** • Meeting Date: September 5, 2024

## **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  
Jonathan Bünemann  
Queena Chen  
Steve Cornell  
John Lisovsky  
Eliza Panike  
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 5:30 p.m.

### 2. Roll Call

CAC members present at Roll Call: Chris Arvin, Sascha Bittner, Jonathan Bünemann, Stephen Cornell, Aaron Leifer, John Lisovsky, Eliza Panike, Susan Vaughan, and Frank Zepeda

CAC members absent at Roll Call: Yensing Sihapanya

CAC members absent with notification: Connor Skelly

CAC members absent without notification: Queena Chen

### 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 August 1, 2024:

ADOPTED: AYES – Chris Arvin, Sascha Bittner, Jonathan Bünemann, Stephen Cornell, Aaron Leifer, John Lisovsky, Eliza Panike, Susan Vaughan, and Frank Zepeda

ABSENT – Queena Chen, Connor Skelly, and Yensing Sihapanya

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

Chair Leifer reported that September is Transit month. He spoke in favor of Prop L. He also spoke in opposition to Prop D, which would eliminate the CAC. He introduced Acting Chief of Staff, Kamini Lall and welcomed her to the position. Staff passed out Muni Forward Passports to the Council in celebration of the 10<sup>th</sup> anniversary of Muni Forward.

#### PUBLIC COMMENT:

Edward Mason stated that on September 22<sup>nd</sup> rides will be free on Caltrans as they implement their electric service. That same weekend is also Muni Heritage weekend.



## 6. Public Comment

Edward Mason provided an update to the commuter shuttle bus program. This morning at 24th and Church streets, there were four buses that were operating with expired permits. In less than an hour, he observed seven violations just for permitting. Subsequently, there were problems with the buses operating incorrectly when they approach the staging areas and the white zone where they would stop mid zone and then the second bus behind them would then block the crosswalk. Enforcement is minimal.

### **REGULAR CALENDAR**

7. Presentation, discussion, and possible action regarding automated speed enforcement update. (Shannon Hake, Manager, Speed Safety Camera Program. Explanatory documents include a slide presentation).

#### PUBLIC COMMENT:

Edward Mason asked if the agency is considering a partial bus wrap advertising the high Injury network, speeding, and something to the effect of this program. He stated that he saw something similar on a Valley Transportation Authority bus that something like "It only takes a second to save a life." He said it would be a good way to get the word out to somehow combine bus wrap advertising with the cameras and to integrate that with Vision Zero.

8. Presentation, discussion, and possible action regarding the Engineering, Maintenance, and Safety Committee (EMSC) report and recommendations.

Council Member Frank Zepeda, Chair, EMSC gave the report.

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

John Lisovsky asked if the SFMTA can sue drivers in civil court who fail to pay their automated speed enforcement fines and if so, will they.

Sue Vaughan asked which state agency is tracking the speed camera data.

Sue Vaughan requested a presentation on the third party upfront fare pilot as well as the upfront fare pilot.

Sue Vaughan requested the number of stop events and amount charged for fiscal year 2023-2024 for the commuter shuttle program as well as the locations of the stop events.



PUBLIC COMMENT:

Edward Mason stated that it would be interesting to hear a presentation on the relationship between the SFMTA and City College of San Francisco. They had a program before the pandemic in conjunction with City College to train future employees, whether they be mechanics or into any other area to try to get them prepped to be able to take the civil service exam and then enter the workforce. He said he can't find any mention of the program on the SFMTA website. He first heard of the program years ago when it was presented at the Policy and Governance Committee meeting.

**ADJOURN** - The meeting was adjourned at 6:38 p.m.

Submitted by:

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

Keka Robinson-Luqman  
SFMTA CAC – Secretary