



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

MEETING MINUTES • Meeting Date: Tuesday, February 18, 2025

REGULAR MEETING AND CLOSED SESSION

1:00pm

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

REMOTE MEETING ACCESS

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<https://www.sfmta.com/calendar/board-directors-meeting-february-18-2025>

SFMTA BOARD OF DIRECTORS

Janet Tarlov, Chair
Stephanie Cajina, Vice Chair
Mike Chen
Steve Heminger
Dominica Henderson
Fiona Hinze

ACTING DIRECTOR OF TRANSPORTATION

Julie Kirschbaum

BOARD SECRETARY

Christine Silva



ORDER OF BUSINESS

1. Call to Order

Director Tarlov called the meeting to order at 1:10pm.

2. Roll Call

Present: Mike Chen
Steve Heminger
Dominica Henderson
Fiona Hinze
Janet Tarlov
Stephanie Cajina

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

Board Secretary Silva made the announcement.

4. Discussion and vote pursuant to Administrative Code Section 67.10(b) and (d) as to whether to invoke the attorney-client privilege and conduct a closed session conference with legal counsel, Government Code Section 54957.6 and Administrative Code Section 67.10(e) as to whether to invoke the attorney-client privilege and conduct a closed session conference with the labor negotiator and/or designated representatives.

PUBLIC COMMENT:

Thierry commented about QR Codes as well as Waymo rideshare and expressed general opposition.

Aleta Dupree shared that the next Director of Transportation should be approachable, have deep transportation knowledge and remember the importance of diverse communities.

On motion to go into Closed Session:

ADOPTED: AYES – Chen, Heminger, Henderson, Hinze, Cajina and Tarlov

RECESS REGULAR MEETING AND CONVENE CLOSED SESSION – Chair Tarlov recessed the meeting at 1:16pm.

CLOSED SESSION

1. Call to Order



Chair Tarlov called the Closed Session to order at 1:18pm.

2. Roll Call

Present: Mike Chen
Steve Heminger
Dominica Henderson
Fiona Hinze
Stephanie Cajina
Janet Tarlov

Also present: Kimberly Ackerman, Chief People Officer
Shana Dines, Sr. Employee & Labor Relations Manager
Julie Kirschbaum, Acting Director of Transportation
Carmen Leon, Deputy City Attorney
Christine Silva, Board Secretary
Stephanie Stuart Bethune, Deputy City Attorney
Matthew Yan, Deputy City Attorney

3. Pursuant to Government Code Section 54956.9(d)(1) and (d)(2) and Administrative Code Section 67.8 (a)(3) and 67.10(d)(1) and (2), the SFMTA Board of Directors will meet in Closed Session to discuss and take action on attorney client matters on the following:

CONFERENCE WITH LEGAL COUNSEL

Existing Litigation:

A. Transport Workers Union of America Local 250A Federal Labor Standards Act (FLSA) Pre-litigation claim filed on August 22, 2022, City Attorney reference No. 230499, in an amount up to \$107,993.21. Claim involves allegations of underpayment of backpay between September 6, 2019 and December 6, 2024.

On motion to approve:

ADOPTED: AYES – Chen, Heminger, Henderson, Hinze, Cajina and Tarlov

RESOLUTION No. 250218-011



4. Pursuant to Government Code Section 54957(b) and Administrative Code Section 67.10(b), the SFMTA Board of Directors will meet in closed session to discuss and take possible action:

PUBLIC EMPLOYEE APPOINTMENT/HIRING
Director of Transportation

On motion to appoint:

ADOPTED: AYES – Chen, Heminger, Henderson, Hinze, Cajina and Tarlov

5. Pursuant to Government Code Section 54957.6(a) and Administrative Code Section 67.10(e), the SFMTA Board of Directors shall meet in closed session for:

CONFERENCE WITH LABOR NEGOTIATOR

Designated representative: Director Steve Heminger
Unrepresented employee: Director of Transportation
Anticipated issues under negotiation: Compensation

ADJOURN CLOSED SESSION AND RECONVENE OPEN SESSION – Chair Tarlov adjourned the Closed Session and reconvened the meeting at 2:42pm.

SPECIAL ORDER - The following items not to begin before 2:00pm

5. Announcement of Closed Session

Board Secretary Silva announced that the Board met in Closed Session, took action on Items 3 and 4, and took no action on Item 5.

6. Motion to disclose or not disclose the information discussed in Closed Session

On motion to disclose the action for Item 3:

ADOPTED: AYES – Chen, Heminger, Henderson, Hinze, Cajina, and Tarlov

Board Secretary Silva announced that the Board met in Closed Session and voted unanimously to settle the matter.

On motion to disclose the action for Item 4:



ADOPTED: AYES – Chen, Heminger, Henderson, Hinze, Cajina, and Tarlov

Board Secretary Silva announced that the Board met in Closed Session and voted unanimously to appoint Julie Kirschbaum as the Director of Transportation, subject to a contract to be negotiated and approved at a subsequent meeting.

On motion to not disclose Item 5:

ADOPTED: AYES – Chen, Heminger, Henderson, Hinze, Cajina, and Tarlov

7. Approval of Minutes

- February 4, 2025, Regular Meeting

No public comment.

On motion to approve the minutes of the February 4, 2025, Regular Meeting:

ADOPTED: AYES – Chen, Heminger, Henderson, Hinze, Cajina, and Tarlov

8. Communications

None.

9. Director's Report (For discussion only)

- Director's Comments
- Daylighting Update
- Transit Updates
- Ongoing Activities

Julie Kirschbaum, Acting Director of Transportation, reflected on her goals as the Director of Transportation, shared about daylighting implementation, a regional funding measure, restoring cable car sheaves, the Clipper START Program, a street safety project in the Tenderloin, recent events including the NBA All-Star Game and the Chinese New Year Festival and Parade, Central Subway water mitigation work, and the Biking and Rolling Plan hearing occurring next meeting.

PUBLIC COMMENT:

Thierry expressed general concern and opposition.



Anthony Ballester congratulated Director Kirschbaum and expressed concern about operator vacation periods.

Pete Wilson expressed concern about operator vacation sign-ups.

Aleta Dupree congratulated Director Kirschbaum.

Speaker inquired about SFMTA financial reports for Fiscal years 2023 and 2024.

Jodie Medeiros congratulated Director Kirschbaum and appreciated the update on the daylighting work.

Cyrus Hall congratulated Director Kirschbaum and commented on daylighting at bus stops.

Jaime Vilorio congratulated Director Kirschbaum and expressed appreciation for free transit over the weekend.

Sanna Dun congratulated Director Kirschbaum and expressed concern about Local 200 and vacation schedules.

Speaker congratulated Director Kirschbaum and urged her to focus on Muni and to stop wasting money on other things.

Richard congratulated Director Kirschbaum and expressed concern about vacation signups and bids not occurring.

Claire Amable congratulated Director Kirschbaum and commented about the Biking and Rolling Plan.

Herbert Weiner expressed concern and inquired about what was being done for motorists.

10. Citizens' Advisory Council Report

Chris Arvin, CAC Vice Chair, presented the report.

PUBLIC COMMENT:

Speaker expressed support for the crossing guard program.

Theirry expressed general opposition and concern.



Dylan Fabris agreed with the report and believed that service cuts would harm the chances of larger funding sources and was in support of potentially using reserves.

Speaker expressed support for the crossing guard program.

11. New or Unfinished Business by Board Members

None.

12. Public Comment

Members of the public may address the SFMTA Board of Directors on matters that are within the Board's jurisdiction and are not on today's calendar.

Thierry expressed general opposition.

Aleta Dupree shared about ensuring safe, timely and affordable service.

Speaker expressed concern about working conditions as a Muni operator and urged the board to not balance the budget on the backs of working-class people.

Speaker expressed concern about the Biking and Rolling Plan and urged the agency to not rush through it, to focus on good governance and responsible action.

Speaker expressed opposition to the Biking and Rolling Plan and shared that the plan should include a budget, metrics, and a cost/benefit analysis.

Jaime Viloría commented about car crashes occurring every other week and expressed appreciation for the work and outreach done for the Biking and Rolling Plan.

Speaker expressed concern about the Biking and Rolling Plan financial aspects and shared that more education is needed.

Meredith Dodson urged the Board to not cut the crossing guard program.

Herbert Weiner expressed concern for seniors, sharing that seniors should have a seat at the table.

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

13. All matters listed hereunder constitute a Consent Calendar, are considered to be simple or 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.

13.1 Authorizing the Director of Transportation to execute the Sixth Amendment to SFMTA Contract No. 2019-59 with WSP USA Inc. (WSP), Development and Delivery of the Zero Emission Facility and Fleet Transition Plan, for the purpose of extending the term of the Agreement for an additional six months until August 26, 2025 with no change to the contract amount, and delegating to the Director the authority to approve additional extensions totaling no more than one additional year to August 26, 2026, as necessary to complete the Zero Emission Vehicle Rollout Plan and related activities. (Explanatory documents include a staff report.)

RESOLUTION No. 250218-012

PUBLIC COMMENT:

Members of the public expressing support: Aleta Dupree (13.1)

On motion to approve:

ADOPTED: AYES – Chen, Heminger, Henderson, Hinze, Cajina and Tarlov

REGULAR CALENDAR

14. Presentation and discussion regarding a Financial Update. (Explanatory documents include a slide presentation.)

Bree Mawhorter, Chief Financial Officer, presented the item.

PUBLIC COMMENT:

Paul Louie expressed opposition to cutting crossing guard program.

Sarah Wilson expressed opposition to eliminating crossing guard program.



Alison Meier was opposed to service cuts and eliminating school crossing guards.

Joel Kamisher shared about being a crossing guard and expressed opposition to eliminating the program.

Dennis Wong expressed opposition to cutting crossing guard program, sharing that it would decrease public safety and increase risk to everyone.

Wilson Wong expressed support for the crossing guard program, sharing that it keeps children safe from reckless drivers, prevents accidents, and encourages safe habits.

Lisa Platt shared about charging cars for their share and urged the agency to find funding through a general fund transfer.

Maya Keshman expressed opposition to eliminating crossing guards and shared that the program needs to be expanded.

Christopher Pederson was dismayed that the presentation did not include expanding parking meter hours and urged the Board to protect Muni from service cuts.

Oumar Fiall shared that eliminating the crossing guard program contradicts Vision Zero safety and urged the Board to find better solutions.

Dylan Fabris shared that the Board should not approve any plan that has service cuts or eliminates the crossing guard program and urged the Board to use emergency funds.

Elizabeth Travelsight expressed opposition to eliminating the crossing guard program, sharing that world class cities provide world class services.

Christopher White shared about a new campaign, expressed opposition to service cuts, and support for asking drivers to pay to store their vehicles on the public right of way.

Joan Boyle expressed support for crossing guards and urged the Board to keep the program.

Alida Fisher shared that budgets are value statements, urged the Board to keep funding the crossing guard program, and offered to partner to continue to look for funding.

Cyrus Hall urged the Board to work with the Board of Supervisors and the Mayor on a general fund transfer and to avoid using the SFMTA reserves.



Jaime Vilorio shared that the agency needs to find other funding sources such as a general fund transfer and focus should be on engaging the public on the worst-case scenario.

Zach Lipton was disappointed that expanded parking meters were not being considered and hoped that the agency could work with the Mayor and Supervisors on a general fund transfer.

Zaren Millich expressed support for the crossing guard program, sharing about crossing guards work on Clement Street.

Amis expressed concern about tow subsidies and potential impacts to homelessness.

Herbert Weiner suggested various budget saving measures and shared that the sacrifice should be coming from all parties.

Chair Tarlov recessed the meeting at 5:34pm and reconvened the meeting at 5:54pm.

ADJOURN – Chair Tarlov adjourned the meeting at 7:05pm.

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

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read 'Christine Silva'.

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 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>.

The Ethics Commission of the City and County of San Francisco has asked us to remind individuals and entities that influence or attempt to influence local legislative or administrative action may be required by the San Francisco Lobbyist Ordinance [S.F. Campaign and Governmental Conduct Code section 2.100 et seq.] to register and report lobbying activity. For more information about the Lobbyist Ordinance, please contact the Ethics Commission at 415.581.2300; fax: 415.581.2317; 25 Van Ness Avenue, Suite 220, SF, CA 94102-6027 or the website: <https://sfethics.org/>.

If you wish to contact the Board regarding an item that is expected to be on an agenda, please email the Board at MTABoard@sfmta.com. Please know that the Board appreciates receiving such communication by 12pm the day before the meeting so they have time to review and consider the comments prior to the meeting.

KNOW YOUR RIGHTS UNDER THE SUNSHINE ORDINANCE

Government's duty is to serve the public, reaching its decision in full view of the public. Commissions, boards, councils and other agencies of the City and County exist to conduct the people's business. This ordinance assures that deliberations are conducted before the people and that City operations are open to the people's review. For more information on your rights under the Sunshine Ordinance or to report a violation of the ordinance, contact Administrator, by mail to Sunshine Ordinance Task Force, 1 Dr. Carlton B. Goodlett Place, Room 244, San Francisco CA 94102-4689; by phone at 415.554.7724; by fax at 415.554.7854; or by email at sotf@sfgov.org.

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/>.