



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

**MINUTES**

Tuesday, February 4, 2020  
Room 400, City Hall  
1 Dr. Carlton B. Goodlett Place

**REGULAR MEETING  
1 P.M.**

**SFMTA BOARD OF DIRECTORS**

Malcolm Heinicke, Chair  
Gwyneth Borden, Vice Chair  
Cheryl Brinkman  
Amanda Eaken  
Steve Heminger  
Cristina Rubke  
Art Torres

Jeffrey Tumlin  
DIRECTOR OF TRANSPORTATION

Roberta Boomer  
SECRETARY

## ORDER OF BUSINESS

### 1. Call to Order

Chair Heinicke called the meeting to order at 1:02 p.m.

### 2. Roll Call

Present: Gwyneth Borden  
Cheryl Brinkman  
Amanda Eaken  
Malcolm Heinicke  
Steve Heminger  
Cristina Rubke  
Art Torres

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

Board Secretary Boomer announced that the ringing and use of cell phones, pagers, and similar sound-producing electronic devices are prohibited at this meeting. The Chair may order the removal from the meeting room of any person responsible for the ringing or use of a cell phone, pager, or other similar sound-producing electronic device.

### 4. Approval of Minutes

No public comment.

On motion to approve the minutes of the January 21, 2020 Regular Meeting: unanimously approved.

On motion to approve the minutes of the January 28, 2020 Special Meeting: unanimously approved.

### 5. Communications

None.

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

Chair Heinicke asked staff to work with the Director of Taxis and Accessible Services to make sure taxicab drivers know they are allowed on Market Street. He also asked staff to do a survey regarding the impact that closing Market Street has had on the street.

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

- Special Recognition
- Update on Vision Zero

- Update on Human Resources efforts
- Ongoing Activities

Leo Levenson, Director, Finance and Information Technology, recognized custodial staff who cleaned up after the December 7 flooding in the subway.

Tom Maguire, Director, Sustainable Streets, discussed Vision Zero efforts.

Jeff Tumlin, Director of Transportation, discussed a fatality, progress on Ombudsperson Blanding's recommendations, rubber tire fleet replacement, Better Market Street, the Chinese New Year's parade, and work done by African American women to provide access to public transportation.

#### PUBLIC COMMENT:

Robert Cesana discussed Vision Zero. Staff is missing the point. It's to keep pedestrians separated from the street. The number of bikes, scooters, and one-wheeled vehicles on the sidewalk is tremendous. All electric wheelchairs should have a noisemaker on them as they approach pedestrians at two or three times the speed of a pedestrian and pedestrians have to jump out of the way. There are laws for scooters about helmets and not using the sidewalk but there is no enforcement. He suggested hiring retired police officers.

Herbert Weiner expressed concern about the culture of the SFMTA and whether anything was being done about bullying by peers and supervisors. This is a real problem. With respect to Vision Zero, something has to be done about bicyclists who run the red light. They can be dangerous too. People shouldn't have to walk a quarter mile to a bus stop. Bus stops should be accessible.

#### 8. Citizens' Advisory Council Report

No report.

#### 9. Public Comment

Jane Natoli thanked Director Brinkman for her service and leadership. She was heartened by the closing of Market Street. She was hit by someone a few weeks ago which was the third time in four years. There have been many successes, but a lot of work remains. The Vision Zero number needs to go down. She expressed support for the City's efforts. There are exciting opportunities for more car free streets.

Roan Kattouw thanked Director Brinkman. He discussed the San Francisco-Oakland Bay Bridge which has had bike lanes on it for two years. There's an effort to bring a bus lane back to the bridge. He encouraged the Board and staff to work toward having a bus lane on the bridge.

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) Approving the following parking and traffic modifications:

- A. RESCIND – BUS ZONE – 7th Street, east side, from Townsend Street to 130 feet northerly.
- B. ESTABLISH – METERED PARKING – 7th Street, east side, from Cleveland Street to Harrison Street, 7th Street, west side, from Folsom Street to Harrison Street and 7th Street, both sides, from Bryant Street to Townsend Street.
- C. RESCIND – BUS ZONE — RESCIND – TOW-AWAY, NO STOPPING ANYTIME  
Howard Street, north side, from Fremont Street to 74 feet easterly.
- D. ESTABLISH – TRANSIT BOARDING ISLAND – ESTABLISH – TOW-AWAY, NO STOPPING ANYTIME, Howard Street, north side, from 2nd Street to 85 feet westerly, Howard Street, north side, from 5 feet to 90 feet west of Fremont Street and Howard Street, north side, from Spear Street to 50 feet easterly.
- E. ESTABLISH – TOW-AWAY, NO STOPPING EXCEPT PERMITTED CAR SHARE VEHICLES – 37th Avenue, east side, from Kirkham Street to 20 feet northerly (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 200204-011

(10.2) Amending the Transportation Code, Division II, Section 801 to implement parking restrictions on Bryant Street except for vehicles displaying an SFMTA issued permit; and approves the parking restriction as follows:

- A. ESTABLISH – TOW-AWAY, NO STOPPING ANYTIME EXCEPT VEHICLES DISPLAYING A PERMIT ISSUED BY THE SFMTA, AT ALL TIMES – Bryant Street, south side, from 80 feet to 140 feet east of 7th Street (Explanatory documents include a staff report, amendment and resolution. The proposed action is the Approval Action as defined by S.F. Administrative Code Chapter 31.)

RESOLUTION 200204-012

On motion to approve the Consent Calendar:

ADOPTED: AYES – Borden, Brinkman, Eaken, Heinicke, Heminger, Rubke, and Torres

REGULAR CALENDAR

11. Presentation and discussion regarding Embarcadero traffic safety. (Explanatory documents include a slide presentation.)

Casey Hildreth, Senior Planner, Sustainable Streets, presented the item.

PUBLIC COMMENT:

Janice Li stated that the Bicycle Coalition has been demanding a world class bicycling infrastructure for the waterfront. A protected bike lane must be implemented immediately. It took a decade for “Better Market Street” to be approved. The SFMTA and the Port have been working on this since 2014. The wait has been too long. Three blocks aren’t enough.

Brian Haagsman stated that it would be good to get the changes done now. There aren’t many shared use paths in San Francisco and this path isn’t working well. It’s dangerous for cyclists and pedestrians. The waterfront can be made safe for everyone, including the most vulnerable users.

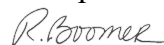
Pete Sittnick discussed Waterbar’s response to the valet parking issues. The proposed plans have included street treatments in front of the restaurant which will have impact on deliveries. They want to provide safe access to guests and for cyclists on the Embarcadero. They want to uphold their commitment to the environment and to safety.

Roan Kattouw talked about riding on the Embarcadero. He is encouraged by the plans but noted it’s been in planning for years. The CEQA process hasn’t been started yet. The planning for this will be multi-year. He likes the “quick-build” projects that are being proposed but it shouldn’t take double digit years to provide safe streets for cyclists. It would be great if the SFMTA could update the slide presentation on the website.

Matthew Lambert discussed pedicab operations on the Embarcadero. He expressed appreciation to staff for their efforts and for the quick-build projects. He invited the Board to ride with him and he will show them the dangerous places. Let’s get cars off the Embarcadero.

ADJOURN - The meeting was adjourned at 2:43 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.

  
Roberta Boomer  
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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