



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

MEETING MINUTES • Meeting Date: Tuesday, February 20, 2024

REGULAR MEETING

1:00pm

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

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SFMTA BOARD OF DIRECTORS

Amanda Eaken, Chair
Stephanie Cajina, Vice Chair
Steve Heminger
Dominica Henderson
Fiona Hinze
Lydia So
Janet Tarlov

DIRECTOR OF TRANSPORTATION

Jeffrey Tumlin

BOARD SECRETARY

Christine Silva



ORDER OF BUSINESS

1. Call to Order

Chair Eaken called the meeting to order at 1:05pm.

2. Roll Call

Present: Dominica Henderson
 Fiona Hinze
 Janet Tarlov
 Amanda Eaken

Absent: Stephanie Cajina (at roll call)
 Steve Heminger (at roll call)
 Lydia So (with notification)

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

Board Secretary Silva made the announcement.

4. Approval of Minutes

No public comment.

On motion to approve the minutes of the February 6, 2024, Regular Meeting:

ADOPTED: AYES – Henderson, Hinze, Tarlov, and Eaken
 ABSENT – Cajina, Heminger, and So

5. Communications

None.

6. Introduction of New or Unfinished Business by Board Members

None.

7. Director's Report (For discussion only)

- Special Recognition
- Tony Bennett Cable Car Dedication



- Chinese New Year Parade Update
- Ongoing Activities

Director Tumlin introduced Julie Kirschbaum, Director of Transit, who recognized Miriam Sorell. Director Tumlin shared about the Tony Bennett Cable Car Dedication, Chinese New Year Parade Muni service and parking at Portsmouth Square Garage, and an L Taraval Improvement Project update.

Director Cajina joined the meeting.

PUBLIC COMMENT:

Herbert Weiner commented on the full restoration of Muni service.

Aleta Dupree commented on the Tony Bennett cable car, looked forward to the completion of the L Taraval work, and was hopeful for increased ridership.

8. Citizens' Advisory Council Report

None.

9. 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.

Herbert Weiner expressed concern about raising Muni fares and suggested that the agency find resources elsewhere.

Aleta Dupree shared about recently using Muni and encouraged the agency to continue to build a transportation system that is inclusive.

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

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. Appointing Mina Yu to the Bond Oversight Committee, effective March 6, 2024. (Explanatory documents include a staff report and resolution.)

RESOLUTION No. 240220-013

- 10.2. Amending Transportation Code, Division II, Section 901 to expand the definition of Powered Scooter to allow devices that have a seat and footrests in place of the floorboard, to better meet the needs of a broader range of riders. (Explanatory documents include a staff report and resolution.)

RESOLUTION No. 240220-014

- 10.3. Authorizing the Director of Transportation to execute Modification No. 1 to SFMTA Contract No. 1318, Woods Facility Rehabilitation – Bus Wash Systems Replacement Project, with Air & Lube Systems, Inc., to: (1) add five small business enterprise subcontractors to the Contract; (2) replace an existing 12-inch underground chase determined to be a differing site condition; (3) extend the Contract term for non-compensable delays by 307 days; and (4) adjust and finalize bid item quantities. Overall, the modification will close out the contract with a decrease of \$58,257.86 to the Contract Amount and an increase of 307 days to the Substantial Completion Date. (Explanatory documents include a staff report and resolution.)

RESOLUTION No. 240220-015

PUBLIC COMMENT:

Members of the public expressing support: Aleta Dupree (10.2)

On motion to approve the Consent Calendar:

ADOPTED: AYES – Henderson, Hinze, Tarlov, Cajina, and Eaken
 ABSENT – Heminger and So

REGULAR CALENDAR

11. Presentation and discussion on the San Francisco Waterfront Coastal Flood Study Draft Integrated Feasibility Report. (Explanatory documents include a slide presentation and staff report.)



Maia Small, SFMTA Planning Director, Adam Varat, SF Port Waterfront Resilience Program Deputy Program Manager, and Timothy Doherty, Policy & Long-Range Planning Manager, presented the item.

PUBLIC COMMENT:

William Walker expressed support for building partnerships, including schools, that would want to help shape the plan.

Director Cajina requested more information about public outreach and engagement for the project.

Director Heminger joined the meeting.

SPECIAL ORDER – The following item will begin no earlier than 3:00pm

12. Presentation, discussion, and possible direction regarding the Mid-Valencia Pilot Project, including an update and findings from the 3-month evaluation period. (Explanatory documents include a slide presentation and report.)

Paul Stanis, Mid-Valencia Pilot Project Manager, and Shayda Haghgoo, Transportation Planner, presented the item.

PUBLIC COMMENT:

William Walker commented on transformational change, proposed a one-way, northbound Valencia Street, and urged the agency to look holistically.

Shirley Johnson expressed support for a center-running bike lane, sharing that it is safer and less stressful.

Robin Levitt expressed support for the center-running bike lane and urged the agency to keep the pilot going.

MacRae Linton expressed support for the center-running bike lane, sharing that the intersections are complicated but well signed.

Christopher White expressed support for the center-running bike lane, reminding the Board that the project is a pilot and staff should be ready to pivot and iterate.



Evan Oravec urged the agency to keep the left turn restrictions regardless of any changes to the bike lanes for pedestrian safety.

Lian Chang urged the Board to keep the pedestrian improvements including the left turning lane restrictions.

Mark Shahinian expressed support for protected bike lanes, thanked staff and was supportive of the work.

Gus Festin shared about a crash and commented that the improvements would not work without the support of the police department enforcing left turn restrictions.

Claire Amable provided results from a recent SF Bike Coalition member survey and shared that the agency must iterate the design simultaneously for side running bike lanes.

Yutai Liao believed the center-running bike lane is going in the right direction and thanked the Board for the space to speak in support.

Zach Lipton shared that safety should be the priority, was appreciative of staff's effort, and was supportive of staff moving forward with a side running bike lane design.

Speaker shared that bike lanes in the center was dangerous and felt unintuitive and that the lanes needs self-enforcing, concrete infrastructure.

Martin Munoz thanked staff for taking on the challenge, shared that merchants will always complain when a project involves parking, and that pedestrianization is the goal.

Luke Bornheimer urged the Board to direct staff to pursue and implement a curbside design, sharing about a fatality that occurred shortly after the initial installation.

Cyrus Hall thanked the agency for the data, shared that mixing zones are problematic, and that there needs to be infrastructure that provides safety.

Stacey Randecker encouraged the agency to think bigger and support pedestrianizing the street and making it for the people.

On motion to direct staff to: (1) take immediate steps to correct the current center running design to reduce the incidence of collisions and address the specific concerns from merchants and community members including taking immediate steps to address and prevent illegal U- turns and left turns, and take steps to address the concern around accessibility of bicyclists to businesses, including bike boxes; (2) develop a design for a side



running bike lane as quickly as possible, including consideration of addressing the concerns of stakeholders, including merchants; (3) bring back an alternative design for board consideration and approval in 2024; and (4) to continue sharing learning from the pilot and return to the Board with an updated evaluation:

ADOPTED: AYES – Heminger, Henderson, Hinze, Tarlov, Cajina, and Eaken
 ABSENT – So

ADJOURN – Chair Eaken adjourned the meeting at 5:54pm.

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 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.

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