



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

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**MEETING MINUTES** • Meeting Date: Tuesday, October 15, 2024

## **REGULAR MEETING AND CLOSED SESSION**

1:00pm

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

## **REMOTE MEETING ACCESS**

WATCH: [www.sfgovtv.org/sfmtaLIVE](http://www.sfgovtv.org/sfmtaLIVE) or  
<https://www.sfmta.com/calendar/board-directors-meeting-october-15-2024>

## **SFMTA BOARD OF DIRECTORS**

Amanda Eaken, Chair  
Stephanie Cajina, Vice Chair  
Mike Chen  
Steve Heminger  
Dominica Henderson  
Fiona Hinze  
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 1:04pm.

### 2. Roll Call

Present: Mike Chen  
Steve Heminger  
Fiona Hinze  
Janet Tarlov  
Stephanie Cajina  
Amanda Eaken

Absent: Dominica Henderson (with notification)

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

Board Secretary Silva made the announcement.

### 4. Approval of Minutes

- October 1, 2024, Regular Meeting

No public comment.

On motion to approve the minutes of the October 1, 2024, Regular Meeting:

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

### 5. Communications

None.

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

- Transit Updates
- Muni Funding Working Group Next Meeting
- Upcoming Events



Director Tumlin shared about a recent service disruption, a Clipper 2.0 update, upcoming Muni Funding Working Group meeting on Thursday, October 17, and various upcoming events including the Castro Street Fair, Folsom Street Fair, Hardly Strictly Bluegrass, Fleet Week, Walk and Roll to School, Pheonix Day, Great Hauntaway, and a Muni ridership update

PUBLIC COMMENT:

Herbert Weiner expressed concern about ridership and the size of the Muni fleet and commented on bullying within the SFMTA.

7. Citizens' Advisory Council Report

None.

8. New or Unfinished Business by Board Members

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.

Christopher Pederson expressed concern about operational costs and suggested cutting back on closely spaced transit stops throughout the system.

Andrew Seigner shared about Hayes Street, the upcoming permit renewal next month and about a petition for permanent pedestrianization.

Blair Czarecki expressed support for speed safety cameras and urged the Board to approve the item.

Barry Taranto expressed concern about taxi stand locations for special events including Hardly Strictly Bluegrass and Burning Man.

Herbert Weiner commented on bus stop placement, shared that transit service is excellent, and that the agency should not be overwhelmed by demand.

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. Approving various routine parking and traffic modifications: (The Planning Department has found that Items A-B are exempt from the California Environmental Quality Act [CEQA]. For these parking and traffic modifications that received a categorical exemption, the proposed SFMTA Board action constitutes the Approval Action as defined by Chapter 31 of the San Francisco Administrative Code. Explanatory documents include a staff report and resolution.)

- A. ESTABLISH – RESIDENTIAL PERMIT PARKING AREA C – 900 block of Post Street except for addresses already in RPP.
- B. ESTABLISH – RESIDENTIAL PERMIT PARKING AREA H – 2500 block of Ocean Avenue between Woodacre Drive and Junipero Serra Blvd.

RESOLUTION No. 241015-117

No public comment.

On motion to approve:

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

**REGULAR CALENDAR**

11. Approving an all-way stop sign at Church and 28th streets and transit stop relocation changes along Church Street between Clipper and 28th streets that provides more even transit stop spacing that aligns the new all-way stop on the J Church line (The Planning Department has found the project is exempt from the California Environmental Quality Act [CEQA]. The proposed SFMTA Board action constitutes the Approval Action as defined by the SF Administrative Code Chapter 31. Explanatory documents include a staff report and resolution.):

- A. ESTABLISH - STOP SIGN - Church Street, northbound and southbound, at 28th Street



- B. ESTABLISH - RED ZONE - Church Street, west side, from 28th Street to 20 feet northerly
- C. RESCIND - FLAG STOP – Church Street, northbound and southbound, at Clipper Street; Church Street, northbound and southbound, at 27th Street
- D. ESTABLISH - FLAG STOP - Church Street, northbound and southbound, at 26th Street; Church Street, northbound and southbound, at 28th Street

Jessica Kuo, Transportation Planner, presented the item.

PUBLIC COMMENT:

Members of the public expressing support: Mike Norton, Chris Faust, and Douglas Peers

Members of the public expressing opposition: Christopher Pederson

Members of the public expressing neither support nor opposition: Barry Taranto

On motion to approve:

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

RESOLUTION No. 241015-118

12. Approving Contract No. SFMTA-2022-40 FTA with Hitachi Rail GTS USA for design, furnishment, system implementation, support and related services for a Communications-Based Train Control System (CBTC), for a contract term of 9 years of design and procurement with an amount not to exceed \$212,093,633, followed by 10 years of support with an amount not to exceed \$113,922,811, and two 5-year options to extend the support with an amount not to exceed \$237,681,185, for a total contract term of up to 29 years. (The Planning Department has found the project is exempt from the California Environmental Quality Act [CEQA]. Explanatory documents include a staff report and resolution.)

Julie Kirschbaum, Director of Transit, and Dan Howard, Project Manager, presented the item.

Director Heminger shared remarks on behalf of the Train Control Upgrade Project Committee.

No public comment.



On motion to approve:

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

RESOLUTION No. 241015-119

13. Approving Contract No. SFMTA-2024-62-LOC with Verra Mobility for the implementation and operation of an Automated Speed Enforcement Pilot Program, through a Design-Build-Operate-Maintain delivery model, for a total contract amount of not-to-exceed \$7,425,000 and a term of six years. (The Planning Department has found the project is exempt from the California Environmental Quality Act [CEQA]. The proposed SFMTA Board action constitutes the Approval Action as defined by the SF Administrative Code Chapter 31. Explanatory documents include a staff report and resolution.)

Shannon Hake, Project Manager, presented the item.

No public comment.

On motion to approve:

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

RESOLUTION No. 241015-120

Chair Eaken recessed the meeting at 3:35pm and reconvened the meeting at 3:50pm.

14. Presentation and discussion regarding a Transportation 2050 Programmatic Update, Fare Compliance Update, and the Joint Development Program Goals and Policy. (Explanatory documents include a staff report and slide presentation.)

Jonathan Rewers, Chief Strategy Officer, Kimberly Burrus, Chief Security Officer, and Wade Wietgreffe, Joint Development Program Manager, presented the item.

PUBLIC COMMENT:

Herbert Weiner expressed concern about the budget not including expansion of the fleet.



15. Discussion and vote pursuant to Administrative Code Section 67.10(d) as to whether to invoke the attorney-client privilege and conduct a closed session conference with legal counsel.

No public comment.

On motion to go into Closed Session:

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

RECESS REGULAR MEETING AND CONVENE CLOSED SESSION – Chair Eaken recessed the meeting at 5:13pm.

### **CLOSED SESSION**

1. Call to Order

Chair Eaken called the Closed Session to order at 5:15pm.

2. Roll Call

Present:   Mike Chen  
              Steve Heminger  
              Fiona Hinze  
              Janet Tarlov  
              Stephanie Cajina  
              Amanda Eaken

Absent:    Dominica Henderson (with notification)

Also present:   Sabrina Berdux, Deputy City Attorney  
                  Julie Kirschbaum, Director of Transit  
                  Christine Silva, Board Secretary  
                  Stephanie Stuart Bethune, Deputy City Attorney  
                  Jeff Tumlin, Director of Transportation

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. Eyassu Hailemichael, et al. v. Ruben Rivera, et al., Superior Ct. Case No. CGC-22-603456 filed 12/22/2022 for \$3,000,000. Lawsuit involving allegations of wrongful death from driver negligence (Plaintiff and non-revenue vehicle).

On motion to approve:

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

RESOLUTION No. 241015-121

ADJOURN CLOSED SESSION AND RECONVENE OPEN SESSION – Chair Eaken adjourned the Closed Session and reconvened the meeting at 6:05pm.

16. Announcement of Closed Session

Board Secretary Silva announced that the Board met in closed session and voted to approve Item 3.

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

On motion to not disclose:

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

**ADJOURN** – Chair Eaken adjourned the meeting at 6:06pm.

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.

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](mailto: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](mailto: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/>.