



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

**MINUTES**

Tuesday, April 6, 2021

REGULAR MEETING AND CLOSED SESSION  
1 P.M.

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**SFMTA BOARD OF DIRECTORS**

Gwyneth Borden, Chair  
Amanda Eaken, Vice Chair  
Cheryl Brinkman  
Steve Heminger  
Fiona Hinze  
Sharon Lai  
Manny Yekutieli

Jeffrey Tumlin  
DIRECTOR OF TRANSPORTATION

Christine Silva  
SECRETARY

## ORDER OF BUSINESS

### 1. Call to Order

Chair Borden called the meeting to order at 1:00 p.m.

### 2. Roll Call

Present: Gwyneth Borden  
Amanda Eaken  
Steve Heminger  
Fiona Hinze  
Sharon Lai  
Manny Yekutieli

Absent: Cheryl Brinkman – with notification

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

No announcement made.

### 4. Approval of Minutes

No public comment.

On motion to approve the minutes of the March 16, 2021 Regular Meeting: unanimously approved (Brinkman – absent).

### 5. Communications

Chair Borden announced the Board would hear Item 12, but not take action.

Chair Borden discussed the virtual meeting and expressed appreciation to staff for their work to enable the meeting to be held via teleconference. Board Secretary Silva reviewed how members of the public could watch the meeting and address the Board.

Chair Borden announced that the meeting would be adjourned in honor of Anne Halsted.

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

Director Hinze requested a JFK Drive closure update.

Director Heminger requested discussion of potential funding measures.

Director Yekutieli requested a discussion about Better Market Street and the SFMTA's work towards the Governor's announcement of a June 15<sup>th</sup> reopening.

Vice Chair Eaken asked staff about Board requests received and how staff intends on tracking them.

Director Tumlin reviewed the process that he and the Board Secretary follow.

Director Lai requested information about transportation recovery work to support the City's economic recovery.

**PUBLIC COMMENT:**

David Pilpel encouraged the Board to listen to SFMTA engineering hearings. He also suggested use of an advanced calendar to track Board requests.

Dan requested that the Board raise the price of residential parking permits to help fund Muni.

Anonymous stated that she doesn't support the permanent closure of Cabrillo Street and had difficulty completing the Slow Streets survey.

Hayden Miller stated that it would be good to look at funding before 2022 if there will be an election later in the year. He also shared concern about reopening and hiring constraints.

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

**-Ongoing Activities**

Director Tumlin discussed recent reports of targeted incidents on Muni against Asians and Pacific Islander communities, Vision Zero fatalities, State Bills AB-43 and AB-550, car-free Market Street enforcement, virtual permits and license plate recognition technology, Sunday Streets, and the federal infrastructure bill.

Links provided in the meeting:

<https://www.sfmta.com/blog/hate-virus>

<https://www.ihollaback.org/bystanderintervention/>

**PUBLIC COMMENT:**

Hayden Miller expressed excitement about the proposed state legislation. He also discussed car speeds and the need to reduce speeds to the lowest possible limits indicating that Vision Zero goals will not be met without major action.

Jillian discussed re-envisioning residential curb space. She explained that there are more valuable uses for curb space, such as playgrounds and mobile small businesses and recommended expanding residential parking permits to all residential areas.

David Pilpel expressed concern regarding the review process for implementing license plate readers for residential parking permits. He shared that the federal bill would be an opportunity for transit agencies to seek capital support for projects but also transit operation funding and requested to hear more about AB-629.

Barry Taranto discussed safety on Muni buses and urged the SFMTA to take action to make public transit safer.

Mark Jane shared that as a machinist he is looking forward to working on Muni electric buses.

Alexis Wallis expressed support for the expansion and permanence of the Slow Streets Program. She encouraged the Board to make the program permanent, expand it, and include far better design to ensure the SFMTA is committed to prioritizing people space over cars.

Megan Duff urged the Board to prioritize enforcement on Market Street. There has been massive improvement in the biking and commuting experience as related to safety with the opening of Market street and encouraged expansion of the pilot to other neighborhoods.

Hakim Ibrahim announced the call-in number and access code for Taxi Hearing occurring at the same time.

Luke Bornhammer applauded the virtual parking permit program along with the Board's change to speed limits and turn restrictions in high injury corridors. He shared that enforcement cameras improve safety for vulnerable users and discourage reckless driving.

Aleeta Dupree expressed support for the virtual parking permit program. She also shared that enforcement on Market Street is essential for bicycle and scooter safety since Market Street is the busiest street.

#### 8. Citizens' Advisory Council Report

Neil Ballard, Chair, Citizen's Advisory Council, presented the report.

#### PUBLIC COMMENT:

Hayden Miller expressed concern with the Shared Spaces Program. In many cases bus stops are blocked and makes it difficult to access buses. If public space is being given to private businesses they need to be respectful of the people that need to use public services.

Aleeta Dupree urged the Board to focus on accessibility ensuring that there are no encroachments at transit stops.

#### 9. Public Comment

Richard Rothsman expressed concern about traffic in Golden Gate Park as a result of the Great Highway closure. It is causing tremendous impact on Chain of Lakes Drive. He urged the Board to look at the big picture suggesting opening two lanes or closure only on weekends.

Hayden Miller discussed the Transit Ambassador Program. He expressed frustration with what he thinks is a waste of SFMTA resources.

Hector Huezo shared a concern about a recent report identifying conditions at the New Flyer facility. He encouraged the Board to address the concerns.

Parker Day called for increased policing of the Better Market Street Plan. He expressed concern about parking control officers parked in protected bike lanes creating hazards for cyclists.

Anonymous expressed concern with permanently closing Sanchez Street. There has been an increase in noise, congestion, crime, trash, conflict and a decrease in quality of life. It is less friendly, inviting, and creating conflict instead of connection which is counter to the goals of Slow Streets.

Raul Maldonado thanked the SFMTA for its leadership and expansion of the Slow Streets Program. He encouraged long term use which may result in increased demand.

Matt Lalu expressed concern with New Flyer facility safety for its workers urging New Flyer to negotiate a new community benefits agreement.

Lindsey Collins expressed concern related to the reopening of Twin Peaks to vehicles. She suggested increasing cleaning due to broken glass on the road sharing that it is a place that no longer feels safe.

Barry Taranto shared that there would be a new taxi staging at the Golden Gate Bridge. He also urged the Board to increase taxi access to Golden Gate Park and expressed concern about enforcement at night.

Herbert Weiner expressed concern with the distance between transfer points and concern for motorists. The SFMTA has a responsibility to serve motorists as much as every other person who takes transportation in the city. There is a clear bias against motorists and it should not be.

Tim France discussed the New Flyer facility and urged the Board to send a strong message to support workers.

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) Requesting the Controller to allot funds and to draw warrants against such funds available or will be available in payment of the following claims against the SFMTA:

- A. Anna DeLeon vs. CCSF, Superior Ct. #CGC19572827 filed on 1/16/19 for \$10,000
- B. Karen Gourneau vs. CCSF, Superior Ct. #CGC19576682 filed on 6/13/19 for \$24,999  
(Explanatory documents include a resolution.)

RESOLUTION 210406-039

(10.2) Making environmental review findings and approving the following parking and traffic modifications:

- A. ESTABLISH – RESIDENTIAL PERMIT PARKING ELIGIBILITY, AREA J – Irving Street, south side, between 8th Avenue and 9th Avenue.
- B. ESTABLISH – RESIDENTIAL PERMIT PARKING AREA J – Cole Street, both sides, between Haight Street and Waller Street.
- C. ESTABLISH – 2-HOUR PARKING, 8AM TO 5PM, MONDAY THROUGH FRIDAY, EXCEPT VEHICLES WITH AREA J PERMITS – Cole Street, east side, from 76 feet south of Haight Street to Waller Street; Cole Street, west side, from 113 feet south of Haight Street to Waller Street.
- D. ESTABLISH – TOW-AWAY NO STOPPING ANTIME – ESTABLISH – SIDEWALK WIDENING – Avalon Avenue – north side, from 123 feet to 246 feet east of Mission Street; Lisbon Street – west side, from 27 feet to 131 feet south of Silver Street.
- E. ESTABLISH – RED ZONE – ESTABLISH – SIDEWALK WIDENING – Mission Street – east side, from 10 feet to 49 feet north of Avalon Avenue; Lisbon Street – west side, from 60 feet to 72 feet north of Avalon Avenue. (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 S.F. Administrative Code Chapter 31.)

RESOLUTION 210406-040

(10.3) Amending the Transportation Code, Division II, Section 801 to rescind existing parking restrictions in order to establish general metered parking on Brannan Street and rescind 2-Hour Parking restrictions to establish parking restrictions on Bryant Street except for vehicles displaying an SFMTA issued permit; and approving various parking and traffic regulations as follows:

- A. RESCIND – TOW-AWAY, NO STOPPING ANYTIME EXCEPT VEHICLES DISPLAYING A PERMIT ISSUED BY THE SFMTA — Brannan Street, north side, from 15 feet to 115 feet east of Boardman Place and from 16 feet to 116 feet west of Boardman Place
- B. ESTABLISH – GENERAL METERED PARKING, NO TIME LIMIT, MONDAY THROUGH SATURDAY 9AM-6PM – Brannan Street, north side, from 15 feet to 115 feet east of Boardman Place and from 16 feet to 116 feet west of Boardman Place
- C. RESCIND – 2-HOUR PARKING, MONDAY THROUGH SATURDAY, 7AM-6PM - Bryant Street, south side, from 72 feet to 117 feet south of Langton Street
- D. ESTABLISH – TOW-AWAY, NO STOPPING ANYTIME EXCEPT VEHICLES DISPLAYING A PERMIT ISSUED BY THE SFMTA, AT ALL TIMES – Bryant Street, south side, from 72 feet to 117 feet south of Langton Street. (Explanatory documents include a staff report, amendment and resolution. All of the proposed actions listed above are Approval Actions as defined by S.F. Administrative Code Chapter 31.)

RESOLUTION 210406-041

(10.4) Amending the Transportation Code Division II, Section 305(a)(1)(D) to prohibit reductions and waivers of towing and storage fees when a vehicle is towed and impounded because of or in connection with felony or misdemeanor crimes. (Explanatory documents include a staff report, resolution and amendment.)

RESOLUTION 210406-042

(10.5) Approving Modification No. 3 to Contract CN 1266-2, Design Review, Software, Implementation and Testing Services for an Advanced Train Control System (ATCS) for the Central Subway Project, with Thales Transport & Security Inc., to modify ATCS software and designs to conform to national fire codes, correct track speed limits, modify installation requirements, accelerate completion of work, and compensate Thales for costs and impacts it incurred arising from delay to the Project, increasing the contract amount by \$12,831,743.60 for a total amount not to exceed \$27,730,300.40; extending the substantial completion by 670 days to April 29, 2022, extending the contract warranty period to April 29, 2025 and making environmental review findings. (Explanatory documents include a staff report, resolution, modification, environmental review documents and summary.)

At the request of Director Hinze, Lisa Walton, Chief Technology Officer, and Tom Maguire, Director of Streets, presented the item.

RESOLUTION 210406-043

Lauren Chung, Aide to Supervisor Safai, expressed support for Item 10.4.

PUBLIC COMMENT:

Members of the public expressing support: Hayden Miller (Item 10.4)

Members of the public expressing opposition: Hayden Miller (Item 10.5)

Members of the public expressing neither support nor opposition: Barry Taranto (10.3)

On motion to approve the Consent Calendar:

ADOPTED: AYES – Borden, Eaken, Heminger, Hinze, Lai and Yekutieli

ABSENT – Brinkman

REGULAR CALENDAR

11. Presentation and discussion regarding the Racial Equity Action Plan and the quarterly update for Human Resources. (Explanatory documents include a slide presentation.)

Josephine Ayankoya, Race, Equity and Inclusion Officer, and Kimberly Ackerman, Director of Human Resources, presented the item.

**PUBLIC COMMENT:**

Dustin White welcomed Josephine Ayankoya to the SFMTA and reminded the Board that sometimes this work has been done by staff with support from managers, but that there have been times it has been done in spite of management pushing back against transparency and changes to the status quo. He urged the Board to hold the SFMTA accountable for effectively implementing Phase 1 of the plan and developing Phase 2.

Val Maldonado congratulated Josephine and appreciated hearing about the comprehensive overview of how the SFMTA is leading this effort. He looks forward to the work being publicized externally.

12. Approving corridors for closure to through traffic and for inclusion in the Slow Streets Program to be in effect until 120 days after the conclusion of the COVID-19 Emergency as follows:

1. 12<sup>th</sup> Avenue from Lincoln Way to Noriega Street,
2. Armstrong Avenue/Kalmanovitz Street/Bitting Ave. from Newhall Street to Newhall St.,
3. Hearst Avenue from Ridgewood Avenue to Baden Street,
4. Hollister Avenue from Third Street to Hawes Street,
5. Lapu Lapu/Rizal/Tandang Sora/Bonifacio/Mabini streets from Folsom Street to Harrison Street,
6. Leland Avenue from Hahn Street to Alpha Street,
7. Lyon Street from Turk Street to Haight Street,
8. Mendell Street from Newcomb Avenue to Evans Avenue, and
9. Scotia/Thornton/Thomas avenues from Silver Avenue to Griffith Street. (Explanatory documents include a staff report, resolution and map. The proposed actions listed above are Approval Actions as defined by S.F. Administrative Code Chapter 31.)

Tom Maguire, Director of Streets, and Shannon Hake, Slow Streets Program Manager, presented the item.

**PUBLIC COMMENT:**

Members of the public expressing support: David Wu, Mary Roque, Celaya, Tim Hickey, Paul Valdez, Hayden Miller, Raul Maldonado, Kristen Leckie, Claire Amable, Parker Day, Harold, Andrew Sullivan, Edward Carolan, Cathy Maupin, Zack Clifton, Luke, Jodie Medeiros, Jay Bing and John Winston

Members of the public expressing opposition: Barry Taranto and Herbert Weiner

Members of the public expressing neither support nor opposition: Theodore Randolph

**RESOLUTION 210406-044**

On motion to amend and approve the following corridors: 12<sup>th</sup> Avenue from Lincoln Way to Noriega Street, Hearst Avenue from Ridgewood Avenue to Baden Street, Lapu Lapu/Rizal/Tandang



Sora/Bonifacio/Mabini streets from Folsom Street to Harrison Street, Lyon Street from Turk Street to Haight Street:

ADOPTED: AYES – Borden, Eaken, Heminger, Hinze, Lai and Yekutiel

ABSENT – Brinkman

13. Approving the issuance and sale of the fourth series of Transportation and Road Improvement General Obligation Bonds, Series 2021C, in the amount of \$121.3 million to fund costs associated with capital projects including Accessibility Improvements, Complete Streets Improvements, Muni Forward Rapid Network, Pedestrian Safety Improvements, and Traffic Signal Improvements; and making environmental review findings. (Explanatory documents include a staff report, resolution and environmental review documents. The proposed actions listed above are Approval Actions as defined by S.F. Administrative Code Chapter 31.)

Jonathan Rewers, Acting Chief Financial Officer, and Charlotte Wu, Acting Manager Funding Strategy and Programs, presented the item.

No public comment.

RESOLUTION 210406-045

On motion to approve:

ADOPTED: AYES – Borden, Eaken, Heminger, Hinze, Lai and Yekutiel

ABSENT – Brinkman

14. 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 invoke the attorney-client privilege: unanimously approved (Brinkman-absent).

RECESS REGULAR MEETING AND CONVENE CLOSED SESSION

CLOSED SESSION

1. Call to Order

Chair Borden called the closed session to order at 6:04 p.m.

2. Roll Call

Present: Gwyneth Borden  
Amanda Eaken

Steve Heminger  
Fiona Hinze  
Sharon Lai  
Manny Yekutieli

Absent: Cheryl Brinkman – with notification

Also present: Jeffrey Tumlin, Director of Transportation  
Christine Silva, Board Secretary  
John Kennedy, Deputy City Attorney  
Mark Lipton, Deputy City Attorney  
David Delbon, Deputy City Attorney  
Tom Maguire, Director of Streets  
Ted Graff, Director of Parking  
Janet Gallegos, Project Manager, Transit  
Leda Rozier, Senior Operations Manager, Transit

3. Pursuant to Government Code Section 54956.9(d)(1) and the Administrative Code Section 67.8 (a)(3), the Municipal Transportation Agency 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:

CCSF vs. IMCO Parking, Superior Ct. #CGC19578648 filed on 8/23/19 for \$472,484.84 (City to receive)

#### RESOLUTION 210406-046

On motion to approve:

ADOPTED: AYES – Borden, Eaken, Heminger, Hinze, Lai and Yekutieli

ABSENT – Brinkman

Choi Ngor Li vs. CCSF, Superior Ct. #CGC19576285 filed on 5/28/19 for \$450,000 (SFMTA to receive \$100,000 from co-defendants for attorney's fees)

#### RESOLUTION 210406-047

On motion to approve:

ADOPTED: AYES – Borden, Eaken, Heminger, Hinze, Lai and Yekutieli

ABSENT – Brinkman

## ADJOURN CLOSED SESSION AND RECONVENE OPEN SESSION

The closed session was adjourned at 6:18 p.m.

### 15. Announcement of Closed Session.

Board Secretary Silva announced that the SFMTA Board of Directors met in closed session to discuss the case with the City Attorney. The Board of Directors voted to settle the cases.

### 16. Motion to disclose or not disclose the information discussed in closed session.

On motion to not disclose the information discussed: unanimously approved (Brinkman – absent).

ADJOURN - The meeting was adjourned at 6:22 p.m. in memory of Anne Halsted

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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