



San Francisco Municipal Transportation Agency Citizens' Advisory Council

MINUTES • Meeting Date: August 3, 2023

REGULAR MEETING

5:30 pm

1 South Van Ness Avenue, 7th Floor
Room 7080, Union Square Conference Room

SFMTA CITIZENS' ADVISORY COUNCIL MEMBERS

Aaron Leifer, Chair

Chris Arvin, Vice-Chair

Sascha Bittner

Michael Chen

Queena Chen

Steve Cornell

Robert Jaques

John Lisovsky

Eliza Panike

Karim Salgado

Yensing Sihapanya

Connor Skelly

Susan Vaughan

Frank Zepeda

COUNCIL LIAISON

Christine Silva

COUNCIL SECRETARY

Keka Robinson-Luqman



ORDER OF BUSINESS

1. Call to Order

Chair Leifer called the meeting to order at 5:40 p.m.

2. Roll Call

CAC members present at Roll Call: Michael Chen, Queena Chen, Stephen Cornell, Aaron Leifer, John Lisovsky, Eliza Panike, Susan Vaughan, and Frank Zepeda

CAC members absent with notification: Chris Arvin, Sascha Bittner, Robert Jaques, Karim Salgado, Yensing Sihapanya, and Connor Skelly

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

CAC Secretary Robinson-Luqman made the announcement.

4. Approval of Minutes:

No public comment.

On motion to approve the minutes of July 6, 2023:

ADOPTED: AYES – Michael Chen, Queena Chen, Stephen Cornell, Aaron Leifer, John Lisovsky, Eliza Panike, Susan Vaughan, and Frank Zepeda

ABSENT – Chris Arvin, Sascha Bittner, Robert Jaques, Karim Salgado, Yensing Sihapanya, and Connor Skelly

5. Report of the Chair (For discussion only)

Chair Leifer introduced Jeff Tumlin, Director of Transportation. Director Tumlin gave an update on the state of the SFMTA including the fiscal cliff, ridership, maintenance, autonomous vehicles, and Vision Zero.

Director Tumlin also introduced Director Lydia So, the newly appointed SFMTA Board member. Director So introduced herself to the CAC and stated that she is jazzed up to be a part of the SFMTA Board of Directors.

PUBLIC COMMENT:

Edward Mason stated that there should be a culture of safety developed. The SFMTA is trying to engineer its way out of the problems, but the root cause is a lack of safety and culture.



6. Public Comment

Edward Mason stated that the SFMTA needs to devote more attention to micro-mobility. There has been an increase in micro-mobility violations. Scooters, skateboards, and hoverboards are a growing safety hazard. There should be a regional campaign to invoke an awareness of safety.

Amelia Lindy stated that the SFMTA should re-evaluate the red curb program.

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7. Presentation, discussion, and possible action regarding SFMTA agency hiring and staffing update. (Kimberly Ackerman, Director, Human Resources. Explanatory documents include a slide presentation.)

William Miles II, Manager, Talent Acquisition presented the item.

PUBLIC COMMENT:

Edward Mason asked how many applications were submitted versus the number of applicants hired. He also asked how many people have successfully completed the City Drive program. The birth rate has been declining in the United States and there are only 22.5 million people between the ages of 30 and 34. United States decarbonization goals require at least a million people working in the field to meet their goals for solar. The workforce age distribution, the residency of the employees, and anticipated retirement should all be forecasted. There should be “we’re hiring” on the head signs of all buses, not just training buses.

8. Presentation, discussion, and possible action regarding the Administration, Operations, and Customer Service Committee (AOCSC) report and recommendations.

Council member John Lisovsky presented the item.

AOCSC Motion 230720.01

The SFMTA CAC recommends that the agency’s active communities plan establish a best practice of placing bicycle lanes curbside and protecting them, when concrete curbs are not available, with soft-hit posts spaced closely enough together that motor vehicles cannot drive between them. Additionally, the bicycle lane should be wide enough to accommodate a passing lane.

CAC MOTION 23

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curbs are not available, with soft-hit posts spaced closely enough together that motor vehicles cannot drive between them. Additionally, the bicycle lanes should be provided in both directions whenever feasible and should be wide enough to accommodate passing.

Members of the public expressing neither support nor opposition: Edward Mason

On motion to approve:

ADOPTED: AYES – Michael Chen, Queena Chen, Stephen Cornell, Aaron Leifer, John Lisovsky, Eliza Panike, Susan Vaughan, and Frank Zepeda

ABSENT – Chris Arvin, Sascha Bittner, Robert Jaques, Karim Salgado, Yensing Sihapanya, and Connor Skelly

9. Council Member Information and Agenda Item Requests. (For discussion only)

No public comment.

Sue Vaughan asked to what extent is the SFMTA depending on overtime to fill transit runs and how has it changed over time.

ADJOURN The meeting was adjourned at 7:28 p.m.

Submitted by:

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read 'KAROLINA LUQMAN'.

Keka Robinson-Luqman
SFMTA CAC – Secretary

Next regular meeting: Thursday, September 7th at 5:30pm | Union Square Conference Room