



San Francisco Municipal Transportation Agency Citizens' Advisory Council

MINUTES • Meeting Date: July 11, 2024

SPECIAL 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
Jonathan Bünemann
Queena Chen
Steve Cornell
Robert Jaques
John Lisovsky
Eliza Panike
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 5:30 p.m.

2. Roll Call

CAC members present at Roll Call: Sascha Bittner, Jonathan Bünemann, Stephen Cornell, Aaron Leifer, John Lisovsky, Connor Skelly, Susan Vaughan, and Frank Zepeda

CAC members absent at Roll Call: Chris Arvin

CAC members absent with notification: Queena Chen, Robert Jaques, Eliza Panike, and Yensing Sihapanya

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

CAC Secretary Robinson-Luqman made the announcement.

4. Approval of Minutes:

PUBLIC COMMENT:

No public comment.

On motion to approve the minutes of June 6, 2024:

ADOPTED: AYES – Chris Arvin, Sascha Bittner, Jonathan Bünemann, Stephen Cornell, Aaron Leifer, John Lisovsky, Connor Skelly, Susan Vaughan, and Frank Zepeda

ABSENT – Queena Chen, Robert Jaques, Eliza Panike, Yensing Sihapanya,

5. Report of the Chair (For discussion only)

Chair Leifer reminded the Council about the attendance policy. He also introduced new Council member Jonathan Bünemann who is the new District 2 CAC appointee. He wished well former Council members Salgado and Jaques, both of whom recently resigned from the Council.

No public comment.

6. Public Comment



Edward Mason provided an update on the commuter shuttle program and the various violations that he has seen. There are several buses operating without permits. Enforcement is miniscule. The lack of enforcement is causing a loss in revenue. It is frustrating to see rampant disregard for the program that has been established. The buses are supposed to be reducing pollution but they're doing the opposite by operating mostly empty.

REGULAR CALENDAR

7. Presentation, discussion, and possible action regarding the election of the CAC Chair and Vice Chair.

CAC Secretary Robinson-Luqman opened the floor for nominations for the position of Chair.

Vice Chair Arvin nominated Chair Aaron Leifer for Chair of the CAC. There were no additional nominations, so nominations were closed.

No public comment.

On motion to re-elect Chair Aaron Leifer as Chair:

ADOPTED: AYES – Chris Arvin, Sascha Bittner, Jonathan Bünemann, Stephen Cornell, Aaron Leifer, John Lisovsky, Connor Skelly, Susan Vaughan, and Frank Zepeda

ABSENT – Queena Chen, Robert Jaques, Eliza Panike, and Yensing Sihapanya

Chair Leifer opened the floor for nominations for the position of Vice Chair.

Chair Leifer nominated Vice Chair Arvin for Vice Chair of the CAC. There were no additional nominations, so nominations were closed.

No public comment.

On motion to re-elect Vice Chair Arvin as Vice Chair:

ADOPTED: AYES – Chris Arvin, Sascha Bittner, Jonathan Bünemann, Stephen Cornell, Aaron Leifer, John Lisovsky, Connor Skelly, Susan Vaughan, and Frank Zepeda

ABSENT – Queena Chen, Robert Jaques, Eliza Panike, and Yensing Sihapanya

8. Presentation, discussion, and possible action regarding West Portal Station Safety and Community Improvements Project update. (Liz Brisson, Long Range Transit Corridor Planning Manager. Explanatory documents include a slide presentation.)



PUBLIC COMMENT:

Edward Mason asked what the total estimated cost for the project will be. He also asked about the source of the funds. He suggested establishing loading zones that can be reserved online. By requiring everyone to register their appointment time on the Internet for that space, it would eliminate the need for any double parking.

CAC MOTION 240711.01

The SFMTA CAC recommends that the SFMTA Board of Directors approve the West Portal Safety and Community Space Improvements. The SFMTA CAC also recommends that the SFMTA Board of Directors authorize the agency to implement a pilot – studying transit, safety, and economic impacts – of integrating additional transit-only lanes and/or turn restrictions from the original proposal.

On motion to approve:

ADOPTED: AYES – Chris Arvin, Sascha Bittner, Jonathan Bünemann, Aaron Leifer, John Lisovsky, Connor Skelly, Susan Vaughan, and Frank Zepeda
NAYES – Stephen Cornell
ABSENT – Queena Chen, Robert Jaques, Eliza Panike, and Yensing Sihapanya

9. Presentation, discussion, and possible action regarding the Engineering, Maintenance, and Safety Committee (EMSC) report and recommendations.

Frank Zepeda, Chair, EMSC, presented the item.

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

None.

No public comment.

ADJOURN - The meeting was adjourned at 6:59 p.m.

Submitted by:

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read 'KAR Luqman'.

Keka Robinson-Luqman
SFMTA CAC – Secretary



Next regular meeting: Thursday, August 1st at 5:30pm | Union Square Conference Room