



San Francisco Municipal Transportation Agency Citizens' Advisory Council

MINUTES • Meeting Date: April 3, 2025

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
Jonathan Bünemann
Queena Chen
Steve Cornell
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 5:36 p.m.

2. Roll Call

CAC members present at Roll Call: Chris Arvin, Sascha Bittner, Jonathan Bünemann, Stephen Cornell, Aaron Leifer, John Lisovsky, Eliza Panike, and Frank Zepeda

CAC members absent with notification: Queena Chen, Yensing Sihapanya, Connor Skelly, and Susan Vaughan,

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 March 6, 2025:

ADOPTED: AYES – Chris Arvin, Sascha Bittner, Jonathan Bünemann, Stephen Cornell, Aaron Leifer, John Lisovsky, Eliza Panike, and Frank Zepeda

ABSENT – Queena Chen, Yensing Sihapanya, Connor Skelly Susan Vaughan

5. Report of the Chair (For discussion only)

Chair Leifer reported on upcoming service cuts. Vice Chair Arvin reported on the work of the Muni Funding Working Group.

PUBLIC COMMENT:

Edward Mason expressed frustration with the lack of posted bus schedules, particularly during early morning and late evening hours. He noted that while the headway system works during the day, it complicates connections with regional transit like Caltrain or BART, which have fixed schedules. Mr. Mason urged the agency to post schedules for buses during these hours to help passengers plan and avoid missing connections.

Honest Bodkin expressed interest in hearing Council member thoughts on polling related to various measures for the upcoming year.



6. Public Comment

Edward Mason stated that public space is being given away for free to private commuter shutter buses, particularly at designated bus stops. He suggested commuter bus operations should be required to pay for the privilege of using public space, much like how taxi medallions are monetized, Mr. Mason estimated that monetizing commuter bus operations could generate significant revenue, potentially over \$200 million.

Honest Bodkin highlighted concerns about declining ridership on commuter buses and the environmental impact of large buses operating through the City with few passengers. He suggested exploring ways to generate revenue from these buses.

REGULAR CALENDAR

7. Presentation, discussion, and possible action regarding the Muni Metro Capacity Study. (Liz Brisson, Long Range Transit Corridor Planning Manager. Explanatory documents include a slide presentation.)

PUBLIC COMMENT:

Edward Mason raised concerns about the projected growth in jobs and housing in the Bay Area, questioning where the population to support these numbers will come from, given the ongoing global depopulation trend. He points out that birth rates have been declining for years and wonders if the projected need for 82,000 housing units in San Francisco is realistic, especially with financial constraints slowing construction. Mr. Mason criticized the lack of discussion around depopulation in the planning studies and suggested that the future may unfold in unpredictable ways.

Honest Bodkin asked for clarification on the total amount of funding available for the projects discussed in the presentation, as well as the estimated cost range for all potential projects. He asked about the urgency of securing federal dollars and whether there are specific deadlines associated with the funding.

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

CAC MOTION 250403.01

The SFMTA CAC recommends that the SFMTA pursue adding bikeshare station docks at Kaiser Mission Bay following the forthcoming re-designation of the curbs in front of the facility to allow for parking.



On motion to approve:

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

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

None.

ADJOURN - The meeting was adjourned at 6:56 p.m.

Submitted by:

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read 'Keka Robinson-Luqman'.

Keka Robinson-Luqman
SFMTA CAC – Secretary

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