



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

**MINUTES**

Tuesday, August 3, 2021

**REGULAR MEETING  
1 P.M.**

Due to the COVID-19 health emergency and to protect our Board Members, SFMTA staff, and members of the public, the Board's Meeting Room (Room 400) is closed.

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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  
Cheryl Brinkman  
Steve Heminger  
Fiona Hinze  
Sharon Lai  
Manny Yekutieli

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

No announcement was made.

### 4. Approval of Minutes

#### PUBLIC COMMENT:

David Pilpel suggested corrections to his comments.

On motion to approve the minutes of the July 20, 2021 Regular Meeting with corrections: unanimously approved.

### 5. Communications

Chair Borden shared that the meeting would be adjourned in honor of Peter Woo.

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.

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

Chair Borden, Director Eaken, Director Yekutieli, Director Heminger, Director Hinze, and Director Lai recognized Director Brinkman at her last meeting as a board member.

#### PUBLIC COMMENT:

Jodie Medeiros thanked Director Brinkman for her 11 years of service on the Board.

Hayden Miller thanked Director Brinkman for her work and service on the Board.

7. Director's Report (For discussion only)

- Special Recognition
- Update on Vision Zero
- Ongoing Activities

Director Kirschbaum and Roger Marengo presented special recognitions to Joseph Kibble and David Banbury.

Director Tumlin shared updates on Vision Zero, COVID-19 vaccinations, the Central Subway Project, information on upcoming street closures at Van Ness Avenue and Mission Streets, and recognized Director Brinkman.

PUBLIC COMMENT:

Richard Rothman discussed transportation issues, Vision Zero, and the addition of stop signs.

Herbert Weiner expressed concern over not restoring full transportation services by the end of the year and shared that transportation has worsened with the Muni Forward Project.

Anonymous expressed concern regarding a scooter fatality on 18<sup>th</sup> and Valencia Streets and asked about the proposed protected bike lane along Valencia Street.

David Pilpel suggested that the Board provide two opportunities for public comment when doing special recognition and thanked the two staff persons recognized.

Hamilton Carter urged the SFMTA to restore the 43 Masonic, 28R 19<sup>th</sup> Avenue Rapid, and 57 Parkmerced lines for San Francisco State University students.

Hammy requested that the SFMTA bring the 43 Masonic line back.

Martin Munoz spoke about the scooter fatality and shared that the SFMTA has not moved quickly enough for protected bike lanes on Valencia Street.

Anonymous shared that masks are not being worn on transit or enforced and asked the SFMTA what was being done about it.

Hayden Miller urged the SFMTA to act on the protected bike lanes on Valencia Street and enforce masks on transit and on its own employees.

Dave Alexander expressed concern over union veto power as related to Vision Zero and urged the SFMTA to make it work.

Paul witnessed the collision on Valencia Street and expressed disappointment in the delay for a protected a protected bike lane.

Luke Bornheimer expressed concern over Vision Zero changes and shared that we need to empower SFMTA staff to protect people rather than deferring to fire dept on street design.

#### 8. Citizens' Advisory Council Report

No report.

#### 9. Public Comment

Anonymous urged the SFMTA to restore the 21 Hayes line.

Anonymous asked about the Vision Zero Rapid Response Team and whether it was still in action.

David Pilpel requested an update on 2022 network outreach plans and regarding the Civil Grand Jury Response, encouraged the Board to look carefully at the proposed findings and responses.

Anonymous thanked SFGovTV for broadcasting the meeting, the Board for listening to the public, and transit operators for their work.

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

- A. ESTABLISH – CROSSWALK – Columbus Avenue at Green Street and Stockton Street, connecting northeast and southwest corners.
- B. ESTABLISH – NO LEFT TURN – Columbus Avenue, northbound, at Stockton Street and at

Beach Blanket Babylon Boulevard, Columbus Avenue, southbound, at Stockton Street and at Green Street.

- C. ESTABLISH – TOW-AWAY, NO STOPPING ANY TIME – ESTABLISH – SIDEWALK WIDENING, Italy Avenue, south side, from Mission Street to 20 feet easterly.
- D. ESTABLISH – TOW-AWAY, NO STOPPING ANY TIME – ESTABLISH – SIDEWALK WIDENING, Mission Street, west side, from 401 feet to 497 feet south of Onondaga Avenue.
- 1. ESTABLISH – NO RIGHT TURN ON RED, Mission Street, northbound, at Admiral Avenue/Ney Street. (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 210803-093

(10.2) Authorizing the Director to enter into an agreement with ZS Associates to accept a gift of pro bono professional services to develop data dashboards to support the SFMTA’s participation in proceedings held by the California Public Utilities Commission in its administration of the statewide transportation network companies (TNC) Access for All Program; the equivalent cost of the professional services is estimated at \$99,840. (Explanatory documents include a staff report and resolution.)

RESOLUTION 210803-094

(10.3) Approving the responses on behalf of the SFMTA and the Board of Directors to the findings and recommendations in the June 2021 Grand Jury Report regarding the Van Ness Corridor Transit Improvement Project and authorizing the Director to make non-material modifications necessary prior to submission. (Explanatory documents include a staff report and resolution.)

The item was continued to a future meeting.

PUBLIC COMMENT:

Members of the public expressing neither support nor opposition: David Pilpel (10.1 and 10.2)

On motion to approve the Consent Calendar (Items 10.1 & 10.2):

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

REGULAR CALENDAR

11. Designating four corridors as Slow Streets to extend beyond the COVID-19 Emergency:

- A. Golden Gate Avenue from Masonic Avenue to Broderick Street
- B. Lake Street from 28th to 2nd Avenues
- C. Sanchez Street from 23rd to 30th Streets

D. Shotwell Street from Cesar Chavez to 14th Street (Explanatory documents include a staff report and resolution. The proposed action is the Approval Action 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: Charles, Reed, Alex, Joshua, Tony Ta, Zack Lipton, Janice Lee, Robin Kutner, Anonymous, Courtney Weaver, Luke Bornheimer, Jodie Medeiros, Kristen Ties, Brian Haagsman, Mike Chen, Dave Alexander, Geneva Gondac, Lynn Mormac, Meredith Nelson, Anonymous, Yukor Shaw, Matt Sweeney, Catherine, Jordan, Martin Munoz, Kyle Gosnell, Andy, Frank Corpuz, Tyrell, Eric Chase, Lisa Church, Ken B, Fabricio, Anonymous, Hayden Miller, Michaela, Chris Nanda, Harold Finley, Jordan Lee, Mary Car, Anonymous, Anonymous, Scott Feeney, Andrea Scarabelly, and Jay Bing

Members of the public expressing opposition: Herbert Weiner, Jesse, Anonymous, Anonymous, Chelsea Wong, Anonymous, Anonymous, Anonymous, Rebecca, Karen Canard, Boots Whitmer, Anonymous, Debbie, David Pilpel, and Linda

**RESOLUTION 210803-095**

On motion to approve:

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

12. Authorizing the Director to execute Contract Modification No. 9 to Contract No. 2013-19: Procurement of New Light Rail Vehicles, with Siemens Mobility, Inc., to update and enhance Vehicle equipment, and, using funds from the escalation allowance, resolve an issue regarding escalation costs for the 151 Phase 2 Vehicles, for an overall amount not to exceed \$80,085,460, with no increase in the total Contract price or Contract term, and make environmental review findings. (Explanatory documents include a staff report and resolution.)

Items 12 and 13 were called together.

Janet Gallegos, Project Manager LRV4, presented the items.

**PUBLIC COMMENT (Items 12 and 13):**

Members of the public expressing support: David Pilpel

Members of the public expressing opposition: Anonymous

Members of the public expressing neither support nor opposition: Herbert Weiner

RESOLUTION 210803-096

On motion to approve:

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

13. Authorizing the Director to execute Contract Modification No. 10 to Contract No. 2013-19: Procurement of New Light Rail Vehicles, with Siemens Mobility, Inc., to exercise an option to procure 30 additional new light rail vehicles for the amount of \$130,409,780, plus additional escalation, with cancellation provisions through June 2025, and with no increase in the total Contract price or in the term of the Contract, and make environmental review findings. (Explanatory documents include a staff report and resolution.)

RESOLUTION 210803-097

On motion to approve:

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

14. Authorizing the Director to execute Modification No. 13 to Contract No. 1289, Van Ness Corridor Transit Improvement Project, with Walsh Construction Company II, for direct costs related to various design changes in the amount of \$1,240,049.98, for a total Contract amount not to exceed \$221,747,266.01, with no time extension, and make environmental review findings. (Explanatory documents include a staff report, resolution, and financial plan.)

Peter Gabancho, Project Manager - Capital Programs & Construction, presented the item.

No public comment.

RESOLUTION 210803-098

On motion to approve:

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

15. Presentation and discussion regarding a Human Resources and Office of Race, Equity and Inclusion update. (Explanatory documents include a slide presentation.)

Kimberly Ackerman, Chief People Officer, and Josephine Ayankoya, Race, Equity, and Inclusion Officer, presented the item.

PUBLIC COMMENT:

Charles Belov expressed support for the work of the Office of Race, Equity, and Inclusion, sharing that it makes for a better, safer, more productive, and more just workplace.

ADJOURN – The meeting was adjourned in memory of Peter Woo at 8:26 p.m.

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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