



San Francisco Municipal Transportation Agency Board of Directors & Parking Authority Commission

MEETING MINUTES

SPECIAL MEETING

Tuesday, February 1, 2022 at 9:00 am until recessed (approximately 1:15 pm) and
Wednesday, February 2, 2022 at 9:00 am until adjourned (approximately 12:30 pm)

Due to the COVID-19 health emergency and to protect our Board Members, SFMTA staff, and members of the public, the SFMTA Board is meeting via teleconferencing under Government Code Section 54953. The Board's Meeting Room (Room 400) is closed.

Members of the public are encouraged to participate remotely. If you want to ensure your comment on any item on the agenda is received by the Board in advance of the meeting, please send an email to MTABoard@sfmta.com by 5pm the day before the meeting or call 415.646.4470.

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<https://www.sfmta.com/calendar/board-directors-workshop-february-1-and-2-2022-special-meeting>

Public Comment Call-in:

Tuesday, February 1 – 415.915.0757 Conference ID: 387 988 434#

Wednesday, February 2 – 888.808.6929 Access Code: 9961164

SFMTA BOARD OF DIRECTORS

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

DIRECTOR OF TRANSPORTATION

Jeffrey Tumlin

BOARD SECRETARY

Christine Silva



ORDER OF BUSINESS

1. Call to Order

Chair Borden called the meeting to order at 9:06am, Tuesday, February 1, 2022.

2. Roll Call

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

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

No announcement was made.

4. Communications

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.

5. Welcome and introduction. (Explanatory documents include a slide presentation.)

Jeff Tumlin, Director of Transportation, presented the item.

PUBLIC COMMENT:

David Pilpel shared about the recent passing of Bob Planthold and commented on SFMTA employee morale, public outreach and trust.

Herbert Weiner shared about Bob Planthold.

6. Presentation and discussion of financial projections and context. (Explanatory documents include a slide presentation. Fulfills Charter Section 8A.102 (c) (3) training requirements.)

Ted Egan, Chief Economist, Ben Rosenfield, Controller, and Jonathan Rewers, Acting Chief Financial Officer, presented the item.



PUBLIC COMMENT:

David Pilpel thanked staff for the presentations and reflected on budget priorities and stable, reliable funding sources.

Herbert Weiner urged the SFMTA to restore pre-pandemic service to reflect the increased population of the City.

Wesley Saver expressed support for ending harmful towing practices and looked forward to seeing results for a recent report on tows.

February 1, 2022, 10:40 AM – SPECIAL ORDER

7. Small-group presentations and discussion of services and programs where the agency may focus resources. (Explanatory documents include session handouts.)

Staff will provide a brief introduction to this small-group session portion of the Board Workshop. The Board will then recess and suspend Brown Act requirements to attend small-group sessions. Individual sessions will contain less than a majority of board members.

Members of the public may join sessions via online links or call-in numbers on the meeting webpage: <https://www.sfmta.com/calendar/board-directors-workshop-february-1-and-2-2022-special-meeting>.

The Board will reconvene its Brown Act meeting after the small-group sessions at approximately 1:15 pm on February 1st and expects to finish any business from Item 6 **prior to recessing for the day**. The Board expects to have a full-Board discussion of Item 7, including public comment, near the beginning of its meeting on February 2nd. These times are subject to change.

Small-group Service and Program Sessions include:

- Employee Survey Results
- Funding the Vision Zero Strategy
- Service Equity Expansion
- Office of Racial Equity and Belonging
- Digital Curb Program
- Muni Customer Experience Program
- Public Outreach and Engagement
- Subway Renewal
- Muni Forward 2.0
- Capital Project Delivery



- Shared Spaces
- Apprenticeship Program

The Board recessed at 10:48am, Tuesday, February 1, 2022, to join small-group sessions.

The Board reconvened at 1:17pm and recessed the meeting at 1:19pm, Tuesday, February 1, 2022.

The Board reconvened at 9:15am, Wednesday, February 2, 2022.

Jeff Tumlin introduced the item and Chair Borden facilitated board discussion.

Director Eaken left the meeting.

PUBLIC COMMENT:

David Pilpel expressed concern about adding programs and costs given current uncertainties and expressed interest in organization restructuring.

Edward Mason expressed concern over expansion, enforcement, and commuter shuttles.

Jaime Vioria expressed support for restoring Muni and was concerned about public outreach, asking the SFMTA to make outreach a priority.

Scully expressed concern over towing for those that live in their vehicles and asked about a report back that the Board had previously requested.

Eric Rozell expressed support for the Vision Zero Action Strategy and urged the Board that now is the time to prioritize Vision Zero.

Zack Deutsch-Gross thanked the Board and SFMTA for the workshop and expressed concern over the current iteration of the Muni 5 Minute Network.

Herbert Weiner shared that neighborhoods are being underserved and the SFMTA should restore pre-pandemic service.

Sarah Greenwald thanked the Board for listening and expressed concern over potential fare increases.

Claire Amable urged the Board to fully fund the Vision Zero Action Strategy and expressed concern over funding programs.



Peter Strauss acknowledged the excellent work of staff and expressed concern for the T Third surface line, urging that it become a priority.

Cathy DeLuca urged the Board to make outreach a priority and increase staffing to allow for more engagement.

Jodie Medeiros expressed support for Vision Zero Action Strategy funding and prioritization to achieve zero traffic fatalities by 2024.

Guthrie expressed support for prioritizing the Vision Zero Action Strategy and commented on increasing transit service in the Tenderloin.

Stephen Bingham expressed support for the Vision Zero Action Strategy, sharing that his daughter was killed on Howard Street, and that time saves lives and time matters.

Christopher White expressed support for fully funding the Vision Zero Action Strategy and thanked the Board and staff for their work.

Martin expressed support for the Vision Zero Action Strategy and shared that it was time to double down on street safety.

Richard Rothman expressed concern for street safety in the Outer Richmond, sharing that he previously requested a stop sign at 38th Avenue and Geary Boulevard to slow traffic.

Christopher Pederson expressed support for Muni improvements that can be done quickly and inexpensively and shared concerns about community engagement.

Luke Bornheimer expressed support for fully funding the Vision Zero Action Strategy and a Vision Zero subcommittee.

Pi Ra expressed concern over community engagement and agreed that more staff would be needed.

John Doherty expressed concern for the apprenticeship program, sharing that it was not yet in place.

8. Presentation and discussion on use of agency funding to address opportunities and challenges. (Explanatory documents include a slide presentation.)

Director Eaken returned to the meeting.



Jonathan Rewers, Acting Chief Financial Officer, presented the item.

PUBLIC COMMENT:

Herbert Weiner shared that priority should be given to full restoration of transit service and that there should be no increase to bus fares.

Zack Deutsch-Gross thanked staff for presentation and shared that there are better ways the SFMTA could address the deficit, encouraging a tax measure on the November ballot.

Sarah Greenwald expressed concern for the planned fare increase which most impacts those least able to pay.

Peter Strauss shared about a regional transportation funding measure for 2024 and urged the SFMTA to support the measure.

David Pilpel expressed concern over the provided budget assumptions and asked the SFMTA to explore a franchise fee and limited fare instruments.

Luke Bornheimer discouraged an increase on fares and instead encouraged that the SFMTA price the Residential Parking Permit program appropriately and apply it citywide.

PJ Eugenio expressed opposition to fare increases and concern over multi-lingual public outreach.

Bob Allen expressed concern for fare increases and potential impact on riders and potential tax measures.

9. Presentation and discussion of next steps in the budget process and upcoming hearings. (Explanatory documents include a slide presentation.)

Jonathan Rewers, Acting Chief Financial Officer, presented the item.

PUBLIC COMMENT:

David Pilpel asked about the schedule for public outreach and whether there was a website and materials being developed.



10. Presentation and discussion regarding the legal responsibilities of the SFMTA. (Explanatory documents include a slide presentation. Fulfills Charter Section 8A.102 (c) (3) training requirements.)

Susan Cleveland-Knowles, Deputy City Attorney, introduced Jonathan Rolnick, Chief Labor Deputy, and Gina Roccanova, Chief Labor Negotiator, who presented the item.

PUBLIC COMMENT:

David Pilpel appreciated the presentation and commented on the Employee Relations Operating Resolution (EROR) from 2006, suggesting it may need to be updated.

ADJOURN – The meeting was adjourned at 12:50pm, Wednesday, February 2, 2022.

A recording of the meeting is on file in the office of the Secretary to the San Francisco Municipal Transportation Agency Board of Directors.

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read 'Christine Silva', is positioned above the typed name.

Christine Silva
Board Secretary

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