



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

MEETING MINUTES • Meeting Date: Tuesday, February 4, 2025

REGULAR MEETING AND CLOSED SESSION

1:00pm

1 Dr. Carlton B. Goodlett Place
Room 400, City Hall

REMOTE MEETING ACCESS

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SFMTA BOARD OF DIRECTORS

Janet Tarlov, Chair
Stephanie Cajina, Vice Chair
Mike Chen
Steve Heminger
Dominica Henderson
Fiona Hinze

ACTING DIRECTOR OF TRANSPORTATION

Julie Kirschbaum

BOARD SECRETARY

Christine Silva



ORDER OF BUSINESS

1. Call to Order

Director Tarlov called the meeting to order at 1:06pm.

2. Roll Call

Present: Steve Heminger
Dominica Henderson
Fiona Hinze
Janet Tarlov
Stephanie Cajina

Absent (at Roll Call): Mike Chen

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

Board Secretary Silva made the announcement.

4. Approval of Minutes

- January 21, 2025, Regular Meeting

Secretary Silva suggested an amendment from Herbert Weiner.

No public comment.

On motion to approve the minutes of the January 21, 2025, Regular Meeting:

ADOPTED: AYES – Heminger, Henderson, Hinze, Cajina, and Tarlov
ABSENT – Chen

5. Communications

None.

6. Director's Report (For discussion only)

- Streets Updates
- Transit Updates
- Clipper Update



- Speed Safety Camera Update
- Ongoing Activities

Julie Kirshbaum, Acting Director of Transportation, shared about the N Judah Turnaround Pilot, subway shutdown, Speed Safety Camera Public Education Campaign, Immigration and Customs Enforcement on Muni vehicles, All-Star and Chinese New Year Parade Weekend, and coyotes in the Central Subway tunnel.

PUBLIC COMMENT:

Barry Taranto thanked taxi staff for their work and requested that hotels enforce the taxi stands and zones for the upcoming All-Star game weekend.

Jaime Vilorio was supportive of free transit next weekend, shared that it was an opportunity for better communications, and that adding Know Your Rights signage would be helpful.

Dylan Fabris wished the Board a Happy Transit Equity Day and was supportive of an information campaign about people's rights.

Bob Feinbaum asked about speed camera signage requirements and whether a public hearing occurred for the February service changes.

7. Citizens' Advisory Council Report

No report.

8. New or Unfinished Business by Board Members

Director Heminger requested an update on the Vision Zero Committee and related work.

PUBLIC COMMENT:

Paul Wermer expressed concern about the interior layout of busses and access.

9. Public Comment

Members of the public may address the SFMTA Board of Directors on matters that are within the Board's jurisdiction and are not on today's calendar.

Barry Taranto thanked staff for their work on the Speed Safety Camera Program and expressed concern about illegal parking near the end of games and concerts.



Bob Feinbaum expressed concern about the budget and the need to cut personnel for any significant savings.

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. 7th 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. Requesting the Controller to allot funds and to draw warrants against such funds available or will be available in payment of the following claim against the SFMTA: (Explanatory documents include a resolution.)

- A. Debra Reese vs. City and County San Francisco et al., Superior Ct. Case No. CGC-22-597945 filed 02/01/2022 for \$425,000. Lawsuit involving allegations that SFMTA violated fair employment laws. (Note: This item was previously heard as an informational item by the SFMTA Board in Closed Session on December 17, 2024.)
- B. Farmers Insurance Exchange/Chuong Trieu Chau, Unlitigated Claim No. C25-0079 for \$117,614.81 (SFMTA to receive). Claim involving allegations of property damage to City property.

RESOLUTION No. 250204-007

No public comment.

On motion to approve:

ADOPTED: AYES – Heminger, Henderson, Hinze, Cajina and Tarlov
ABSENT – Chen



REGULAR CALENDAR

11. Amending the Transportation Code, Division II, Article 1100, Section 1113(s)(1)(B) to eliminate the requirement that Taxis submit a valid and current Brake Certificate issued by an official inspection station certified by the State of California during inspections and imposes a requirement that Taxis undergo a 19-point inspection as part of the regular inspection process. (Explanatory documents include a staff report and resolution.)
(Note: This item is being reheard after approval on the Consent Calendar by the Board at the January 21, 2025 hearing pursuant to a request from a member of the public to remove the item from the Consent Calendar made in writing on January 19, 2025.)

Philip Cranna, Enforcement and Legal Affairs Manager, presented the item.

PUBLIC COMMENT:

Members of the public expressing opposition: Barry Taranto and Mark Gruberg

On motion to approve:

ADOPTED: AYES – Heminger, Henderson, Hinze, Cajina and Tarlov
 ABSENT – Chen

RESOLUTION No. 250204-008

12. Presentation and discussion regarding proposals for Summer 2025 Service Cuts. (Explanatory documents include a slide presentation).

Sean Kennedy, Chief Planning and Implementation Officer, presented the item.

PUBLIC COMMENT:

May Stearman expressed support for keeping the 6 Parnassus and 21 Hayes bus lines and suggested combining the line as a compromise.

Christopher Pederson expressed concern about the options and suggested converting the 49 Van Ness bus line into a rapid route.

Jim Washell expressed support for consolidating the 6 Parnassus and 21 Hayes lines and shared that the agency must be thoughtful when doing big asks of the public.

Iris Biblowitz thanked the Board for the possibility of no service cuts, sharing that Muni is desperately needed.



Fran Taylor commented about exploring a future ballot measure and shared about public safety and pedestrian deaths.

Jean Balibera shared that to decrease gas and discourage people from driving cars, the agency must increase public transportation.

Cyrus Hall shared about the 36 Teresita bus line, expressed concern about accessibility, and urged the agency to have a clear communication strategy.

Lisa Platt expressed concern about service cuts and the degraded quality of life, limited access and hindering progress.

Jaime Vilorio thanked the Board for requesting more options without service cuts and staff for bringing the gap down from \$50M to \$15M.

Director Chen joined the meeting.

Eton Adler expressed concern about service cuts and urged the Board to think about this about a long-term problem.

Dylan Fabris expressed concern that introducing service cuts would lead to a decrease in ridership, urging the Board to meet with City leadership to meet the \$15M gap.

Sara Greenwald commented about the need for public support for revenue measures and encouraged the agency to focus on transit as a climate solution.

Paul Wermer expressed concern about equity for low income, mobility-impaired people who are critically dependent on Muni.

Sarah Katz shared about Muni Diaries, how Muni plays a role in everyday lives and central to the City's soul.

Speaker shared that the same people dismantling the federal government are working to dismantle the local government.

George Wooding expressed support for maintaining all connections and suggested various cuts to the budget.

Bob Feinbaum expressed opposition to service cuts, suggested a 4% service increase, and proposed that projects and plans be put on hold.



Chair Tarlov recessed the meeting at 3:47pm and reconvened the meeting at 4:02pm.

13. Authorizing the Director of Transportation to execute Contract No. SFMTA-2025-22-FTA with New Flyer of America, Inc., to procure four 40-foot and three 60-foot battery-electric transit buses, along with associated spare parts, special tools, manuals, and training through a Cooperative Purchasing Agreement established by the State of Washington for an amount not to exceed \$13,424,512 and a term not to exceed five years. (Explanatory documents include a staff report and slide presentation).

Bhavin Khatri, Zero Emission Program Manager, and Joseph Tabora, Project Manager, presented the item.

PUBLIC COMMENT:

Members of the public expressing support: Cyrus Hall

Members of the public expressing opposition: Alex Lantsberg

Members of the public expressing neither support nor opposition: Dylan Fabris

On motion to approve:

ADOPTED: AYES – Chen, Heminger, Henderson, Hinze, Cajina and Tarlov

RESOLUTION No. 250204-009

Chair Tarlov requested that Item 14 and 15 be called together.

14. Presentation and discussion on the 2024 Facilities Framework, the SFMTA's plan to modernize, electrify, and expand its transit facilities. (Explanatory documents include a report and slide presentation).
15. Adopting the SFMTA's Joint Development Program Goals and Policy; authorizing the Director of Transportation to amend the properties in the Portfolio of properties included in the Joint Development Program Policy, provided that such amendments meet the site selection considerations set forth in the Policy and are made with written notice to the SFMTA Board of Directors; and urging the San Francisco Board of Supervisors to endorse the SFMTA's Joint Development Program Goals and Policy. (Explanatory documents include a staff report and slide presentation).



Jonathan Rewers, Chief Strategy Officer, and Wade Wietgreffe, Joint Development Program Manager, presented the items.

PUBLIC COMMENT:

Members of the public expressing support: Bob Feinbaum

Members of the public expressing opposition: Alex Lantsberg

On motion to approve:

ADOPTED: AYES – Chen, Heminger, Henderson, Hinze, Cajina and Tarlov

RESOLUTION No. 250204-010

16. Discussion and vote pursuant to Administrative Code Section 67.10(b) as to whether to invoke the attorney-client privilege and conduct a closed session conference with legal counsel.

No public comment.

On motion to go into Closed Session:

ADOPTED: AYES – Heminger, Henderson, Hinze, Cajina and Tarlov
ABSENT – Chen

RECESS REGULAR MEETING AND CONVENE CLOSED SESSION – Chair Tarlov recessed the meeting at 5:34pm.

CLOSED SESSION

1. Call to Order

Chair Tarlov called the Closed Session to order at 5:40pm.

2. Roll Call

Present: Mike Chen
Steve Heminger
Dominica Henderson
Fiona Hinze
Stephanie Cajina



Janet Tarlov

Also present: Kimberly Ackerman, Chief People Officer
Susan Cleveland-Knowles, Deputy City Attorney
Christine Silva, Board Secretary

3. Pursuant to Government Code Section 54957(b) and Administrative Code Section 67.10(b), the SFMTA Board of Directors will meet in closed session to discuss:

PUBLIC EMPLOYEE APPOINTMENT/HIRING
Director of Transportation

ADJOURN CLOSED SESSION AND RECONVENE OPEN SESSION – Chair Tarlov adjourned the Closed Session and reconvened the meeting at 6:53pm.

17. Announcement of Closed Session

Board Secretary Silva announced that the Board met in Closed Session and Chair Tarlov appointed Director Heminger to be the labor negotiator in the Director of Transportation hiring process.

18. Motion to disclose or not disclose the information discussed in Closed Session

On motion to not disclose:

ADOPTED: AYES – Chen, Heminger, Henderson, Hinze, Cajina, and Tarlov

ADJOURN – Chair Tarlov adjourned the meeting at 6:54pm.

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 written over a horizontal line.

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.

Board of Supervisors review of certain SFMTA Decisions: Certain parking and traffic modifications as well as Private Transportation Programs that involve certain parking modifications can be reviewed by the Board of Supervisors. These decisions are subject to review within 30 calendar days after they are made by the SFMTA Board of Directors. For information on requesting a review, contact the Clerk of the Board of Supervisors at City Hall, 1 Dr. Carlton B. Goodlett Place, Room 244, San Francisco, CA 94102, call 415.554.5184. Ordinance No. 127-18 specifying which SFMTA decisions are reviewable by the Board of Supervisors can be accessed on-line: <https://sfbos.org/sites/default/files/o0127-18.pdf>.

The Ethics Commission of the City and County of San Francisco has asked us to remind individuals and entities that influence or attempt to influence local legislative or administrative action may be required by the San Francisco Lobbyist Ordinance [S.F. Campaign and Governmental Conduct Code section 2.100 et seq.] to register and report lobbying activity. For more information about the Lobbyist Ordinance, please contact the Ethics Commission at 415.581.2300; fax: 415.581.2317; 25 Van Ness Avenue, Suite 220, SF, CA 94102-6027 or the website: <https://sfethics.org/>.

If you wish to contact the Board regarding an item that is expected to be on an agenda, please email the Board at MTABoard@sfmta.com. Please know that the Board appreciates receiving such communication by 12pm the day before the meeting so they have time to review and consider the comments prior to the meeting.

KNOW YOUR RIGHTS UNDER THE SUNSHINE ORDINANCE

Government's duty is to serve the public, reaching its decision in full view of the public. Commissions, boards, councils and other agencies of the City and County exist to conduct the people's business. This ordinance assures that deliberations are conducted before the people and that City operations are open to the people's review. For more information on your rights under the Sunshine Ordinance or to report a violation of the ordinance, contact Administrator, by mail to Sunshine Ordinance Task Force, 1 Dr. Carlton B. Goodlett Place, Room 244, San Francisco CA 94102-4689; by phone at 415.554.7724; by fax at 415.554.7854; or by email at sotf@sfgov.org.

Copies of the Sunshine Ordinance can be obtained from the Clerk of the Sunshine Task Force, the San Francisco Public Library and on the City's website at <https://sfgov.org/sunshine/>.