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**\*\*PRESS RELEASE\*\***

**SFMTA Creates Youth Advisory Board, Calls for Applicants**

*Applications for the agency's first youth-centered community advisory board are due Jan. 18*

**San Francisco**—The San Francisco Municipal Transportation Agency's (SFMTA) today announced that it is accepting applications for its first [Youth Transportation Advisory Board](#). The agency seeks San Franciscans 14-18 years old as of Feb. 15, who are interested in transportation, the environment, public health, local government or social justice. The board members will be selected from each of the city's supervisorial districts plus up to six at-large members. Applications must be submitted through the [agency's online form](#) by noon, Monday, Jan. 18.

"The Youth Transportation Advisory Board will include voices of young people from across the city to better inform our policies and practices," said Gwyneth Borden, Chair of the SFMTA Board of Directors. "By specifically amplifying the perspectives of local youth, the SFMTA is investing in the next generation of transit riders, whose experiences can and should shape the development of our transportation system."

"We encourage all youth that love their city and want to improve the lives of our residents, especially historically and presently marginalized communities to apply," said Jeffrey Tumlin, SFMTA Director of Transportation. "We are excited to create an inclusive board that represents the diverse identities, backgrounds and experiences of San Francisco youth."

For the many young people in the San Francisco Bay Area who have limited transportation options, public and active transportation is a key component of their mobility, connecting them to educational, social, and economic opportunities and other critical services. The vision for this board is the result of input, feedback, and collaboration with the current San Francisco Youth Commissioners, external youth advisory groups, and internal agency stakeholders.

The SFMTA's youth advisory board members will attend two meetings per month and assess and recommend city transportation policies, programs, and projects to the SFMTA based on their experiences and community's needs. A seat on this board will provide the opportunity for members to explore their interests and gain professional – and paid – experience while serving their city.



All youth in between the ages of 14 and 18 that live in San Francisco are qualified. No prior work experience or specific academic standing is required to [apply](#).

Applications for the 2021-22 cycle of YTAB are due by 12pm on January 18, 2021. Those who are interested are encouraged to visit the [Youth Transportation Advisory Board page](#) on sfmta.com or contact [ytab@sfmta.com](mailto:ytab@sfmta.com) with any questions.

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