



SAN FRANCISCO  
MUNICIPAL TRANSPORTATION AGENCY  
CITIZENS' ADVISORY COUNCIL

MINUTES

September 2, 2021

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**PUBLIC COMMENT CALL-IN:** (415) 915-0757 | Conference ID: 589 180 11#

REGULAR MEETING  
5:30 P.M.

COUNCIL MEMBERS

Michael Chen (Chair), Aaron Leifer (Vice Chair),  
Chris Arvin, Sascha Bittner, Queena Chen, Steve Cornell, John Lisovsky, Obai Rambo, Karim Salgado, Yensing Sihapanya, Susan Vaughan, Dorris Vincent, and Frank Zepeda

COUNCIL LIAISON  
Christine Silva

COUNCIL SECRETARY  
Keka Robinson-Luqman

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## ORDER OF BUSINESS

### 1. Call to Order

Chair Chen called the meeting to order at 5:3 p.m.

### 2. Roll Call

CAC members present at Roll Call: Chris Arvin, Sascha Bittner, Michael Chen, Queena Chen, Stephen Cornell, Aaron Leifer, Karim Salgado, Yensing Sihapanya, Dorris Vincent, and Frank Zepeda

CAC members absent at Roll Call: Susan Vaughan

CAC members absent with notification: John Lisovsky

CAC members absent without notification: Obai Rambo

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

No announcement was made.

### 4. Approval of Minutes:

PUBLIC COMMENT: David Pilpel made edits to the August 5, 2021 minutes.

On motion to approve the minutes of August 5, 2021:

ADOPTED: AYES –Chris Arvin, Sascha Bittner, Michael Chen, Queena Chen, Stephen Cornell, Aaron Leifer, Karim Salgado, Susan Vaughan, Yensing Sihapanya, Dorris Vincent, and Frank Zepeda

ABSENT – John Lisovsky and Obai Rambo

### 5. Report of the Chair (For discussion only)

Chair Chen reported on upcoming agency changes. He presented a slide presentation on Council member priorities.

No public comment.

### 6. Public Comment:

Richard Rothman stated that there is no outside oversight on the budget. If the agency wants to be trusted by the people, there needs to be oversight. The SFMTA Board needs to listen to the public.

Edward Mason stated that he attempted to call the 888 number for the MTA Board special meeting on Tuesday, August 17<sup>th</sup> and for over half an hour off and on, there was no communication via the telephone. He inquired if the meeting was conducted.

Mike Regan stated that there are 13,000 people who signed a petition to keep the Great Highway open. Only 2.2% of people ride bikes in the Sunset. Citywide bike ridership is only 7%. This is a regional issue. The Great Highway is the safest way for motor vehicles to move through the Sunset. Please stop penalizing motorists to appease the bike coalitions 7% cyclists.

Lorraine Petty stated that the agency needs to produce the plan to restore lines including the full J Church service, the 31, and the 21 lines. Restoring service is critical to getting riders to use the service again.

David Pilpel stated that there should be documents available on the 2022 Service Plan prior to the next meeting. The BOS asked for a written service restoration plan from the SFMTA.

#### REGULAR CALENDAR

7. Presentation, discussion, and possible action regarding Free Muni for Youth. (Diana Hammons, Senior Manager, Revenue Collection & Sales. Explanatory documents include a slide presentation.)

Diana Hammons, Senior Manager, Revenue Collection & Sales presented the item. Eliska Ferdinand and Alan San Martin from Proof of Payment assisted in presenting the item.

#### PUBLIC COMMENT:

Calvin Quick stated that he is extremely happy to see this program roll out. He expressed appreciation to SFMTA and community advocates.

Hayden Miller stated concern about identifying someone's age by looking at them. There should be more outreach to let the youth know about the program.

David Pilpel suggested the slogan Free Muni for YOU.

8. Presentation, discussion, and possible action regarding Muni 2022 Service Plan. (Sean Kennedy, Manager, Transit Planning. No explanatory documents.)

#### PUBLIC COMMENT:

Hayden Miller suggested having an outreach event specifically for youth.

David Pilpel stated that it would be good to start with assumptions and principles that drive the map, span, and coverage. He would like to see as much or more service with fewer lines. He suggested combining lines like the 66 and the 35.

9. Presentation, discussion, and possible action regarding the Engineering, Maintenance, and Safety Committee (EMSC) report and recommendations.

No report.

No public comment.

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

Stephen Cornell asked what the SFMTA is going to do to ensure compliance with the federal mask mandate.

Dorris Vincent asked why angled white lines were added on Palou Avenue.

Dorris Vincent asked why there is no sidewalk parking enforcement.

No public comment.

ADJOURN - The meeting was adjourned at 8:06 p.m.

Submitted by:



Keka Robinson-Luqman  
SFMTA CAC – Secretary

Next regular meeting: Thursday, October 7<sup>th</sup> at 5:30pm | Online via Microsoft Teams