



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

MEETING MINUTES • Meeting Date: Tuesday, October 3, 2023

REGULAR MEETING AND CLOSED SESSION

1:00pm

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

Members of the SFMTA Board of Directors will attend this meeting in-person. Members of the public are invited to observe the meeting in-person or remotely online as described below. Members of the public attending the meeting in person will have an opportunity to provide public comment on every action or discussion item.

In addition to in-person public comment, the Board will hear up to 10 minutes of remote public comment on each action or discussion item. The Board will hear remote public comment on items in the order that commenters add themselves to the queue to comment on the item. Because of the 10-minute time limit, it is possible that not every person in the queue will have an opportunity to provide remote public comment. Remote public comment from people who have received an accommodation due to disability (as described below) will not count toward the 10-minute limit.

Members of the public are encouraged to provide public comment via email. Send an email to MTABoard@sfmta.com by 5pm the day before the meeting to ensure your comment is received by the Board in advance of the meeting.

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Christine Silva



ORDER OF BUSINESS

1. Call to Order

Chair Eaken called the meeting to order at 1:03pm.

Board Secretary Silva announced the 10-minute time limit for remote public comment.

2. Roll Call

Present: Dominica Henderson
Fiona Hinze
Lydia So
Stephanie Cajina
Amanda Eaken

Absent: Steve Heminger (at Roll Call)
Manny Yekutieli (with notification)

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

Board Secretary Silva made the announcement.

4. Approval of Minutes

Director Heminger joined the meeting.

No public comment.

On motion to approve the minutes of the September 19, 2023, Regular Meeting:

ADOPTED: AYES – Heminger, Henderson, Hinze, So, Cajina, and Eaken
ABSENT – Yekutieli

5. Communications

None.

6. Introduction of New or Unfinished Business by Board Members

Director Cajina requested an informational item regarding safe parking sites presented with staff from the Department of Homelessness and Supportive Housing.



Director So shared about a recent visit to Kirkland Yard and thanked staff for their time.

Chair Eaken announced new members on the Train Control Upgrade Project Committee which includes Director Henderson and Director So joining Director Heminger and announced a new Vision Zero Committee which includes Director Hinze, Director Heminger, and Chair Eaken.

PUBLIC COMMENT:

Speaker expressed concern about Vision Zero.

Aaron Breetnor expressed concern for skateboarding and small wheel mobility, requesting that the Vision Zero Committee include a member focused on the subject.

Stacey Randecker hoped that the Train Control Upgrade Project Committee would focus on light rail activation and commented on Vision Zero.

7. Director's Report (For discussion only)

- Special Recognition
- Proposed Charter Amendment
- Transit Updates
- Ongoing Activities

Director Tumlin introduced Julie Kirschbaum, Director of Transit, and recognized Terry Fahey, Principal Infrastructure Development Manager, and staff on the Rail Activation Team. Director Tumlin shared about ridership data, recent community engagement awards, a proposed charter amendment related to mayoral approval of certain SFMTA proposals, Walk and Roll to school week, Muni Heritage Weekend, and about Senator Diane Feinstein's recent passing.

PUBLIC COMMENT:

Barry Taranto thanked Board Secretary Silva for her work and commented on the proposed charter amendment.

Speaker expressed concern about the Board's effectiveness.

Stacey Randecker suggested that Muni Heritage Weekend occur quarterly and expressed concern about the proposed charter amendment.



8. Citizens' Advisory Council Report

No report.

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.

Speaker requested that the Board try their best.

Barry Taranto expressed concern about missing taxi stands at recent events and thanked Nick Chapman for his work.

Luke Bornheimer urged the Board to direct staff to update the design for a pedestrianized Valencia Street and requested a citywide no turn on red policy.

Tom Radulovich commented about placemaking and two-lane conversions of one-way streets.

Aaron Breetnor expressed concern about skateboard crashes and installation of traffic dots on the streets.

Marcelo Consecro expressed concern about the taxi medallion program and urged the Board to think of the real victims and not just the agency and the credit union.

Stacey Randecker expressed concern about Valencia Street and asked the SFMTA to make Valencia car-free.

Namdev Sharma expressed concern about taxi pick-up at the San Francisco Airport and urged the SFMTA to help medallion holders.

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. Approving various routine parking and traffic modifications: (The Planning Department has found that Items B-D are exempt from the California Environmental Quality Act [CEQA]. For these parking and traffic modifications that received a categorical exemption, the proposed action is the Approval Action as defined by Chapter 31 of the San Francisco Administrative Code. Explanatory documents include a staff report and resolution.)
- A. ESTABLISH – SHARED SPACES ROAD CLOSURE Fulton Street between Hyde and Larkin streets, Wednesday, October 4, 2023, through Saturday, August 31, 2024, 24-hours, daily.
 - B. ESTABLISH - RESIDENTIAL PERMIT PARKING AREA U 860 Folsom Street.
 - C. ESTABLISH - RESIDENTIAL PERMIT PARKING AREA I – 3218-3220 17th Street.
 - D. RESCIND – UNMETERED MOTORCYCLE PARKING – ESTABLISH – 2-HOUR PARKING, 9 AM TO 5 PM, MONDAY THROUGH FRIDAY, EXCEPT AREA U PERMITS – Clara Street, south side, from 317 to 337 feet east of 5th Street (20-foot zone) Clara Street, south side, from 361 to 390 feet east of 5th Street.
 - E. ESTABLISH – TOW-AWAY, NO STOPPING ANYTIME ESTABLISH – SIDEWALK WIDENING – Illinois Street, northeast side, from 20th Street to 40 feet north (6-wide bulb-out), Illinois Street, southeast side, from 20th Street to 40 feet south (6-wide bulb-out), Illinois Street, southeast side, from 22nd Street to 40 feet south.
 - F. ESTABLISH – METERED GENERAL PARKING, NO TIME LIMIT, 8AM TO 10PM, MONDAY THROUGH SUNDAY – 22nd Street, south side, from 53 feet to 453 feet east of Illinois Street.
 - G. ESTABLISH – METERED MOTORCYCLE PARKING, NO TIME LIMIT, 8AM TO 10PM, MONDAY THROUGH SUNDAY – 22nd Street, south side, from 457 feet to 481 feet east of Illinois Street.
 - H. ESTABLISH – TOW-AWAY, NO STOPPING ANYTIME – 22nd Street, north side, from Illinois Street to 480 feet easterly.
 - I. ESTABLISH – CLASS II BICYCLE LANES – 22nd Street, north and south side, from Illinois Street to 480 feet easterly.

No public comment.

On motion to approve the Consent Calendar:

ADOPTED: AYES – Heminger, Henderson, Hinze, So, Cajina, and Eaken
ABESENT – Yekutiel



RESOLUTION No. 231003-078

REGULAR CALENDAR

11. Amending Transportation Code Division II, Section 601, to designate a full-time transit-only area on Hyde Street between McAllister and Market streets; and approving traffic and parking modifications: (The Planning Department has found that the project is exempt from the California Environmental Quality Act [CEQA]. The SFMTA Board action constitutes the Approval Action for the project for the purposes of CEQA, pursuant to San Francisco Administrative Code Section 31.04(h). Explanatory documents include a staff report and resolution.)
 - A. ESTABLISH – BUS AND TAXI ONLY LANE – Hyde Street, southbound, from McAllister Street to Market Street.
 - B. ESTABLISH – TOW-AWAY NO STOPPING ANYTIME – Hyde Street, west side, from Fulton Street to Grove Street.

Jessica Kuo, Transportation Planner, presented the item.

PUBLIC COMMENT:

Members of the public expressing support: Barry Taranto, Jaime Vilorio, Tom Radulovich, Cyrus Hall, Rachel Clyde, Mark Gleason, Dylan Fabris, and Stacey Randecker

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

On motion to approve:

ADOPTED: AYES – Heminger, Henderson, Hinze, So, Cajina, and Eaken
 ABESENT – Yekutieli

RESOLUTION No. 231003-079

Chair Eaken recessed the meeting at 3:24pm and reconvened the meeting at 3:34pm.

Director Henderson left the meeting.

12. Presentation and discussion regarding a Vision Zero update. (Explanatory documents include a slide presentation.)



Uyen Ngo, Vision Zero Program Manager, and Shannon Hake, Speed Safety Camera Program Manager, presented the item.

PUBLIC COMMENT:

Carol Brownson commented on the Vision (VZ) toolkit and expressed concern about right turns on red lights.

Aaron Breetnor expressed concern about the VZ toolkit regarding low height architecture and shared about impediments for small wheel mobility.

Jodie Mederios thanked staff for their work on Assembly Bill 645 and asked the SFMTA to deliver on their promise of 50+ miles of work on high injury streets.

Cyrus Hall shared that current policy and plans are not working and asked the Board and staff to work with the Board of Supervisors and dig deeper.

Rick Gerling expressed concern about pedestrian safety, the need to control speed, and expressed support for more timed lights at 25mph.

Tom Radulovich expressed concern about street design and speeding in neighborhood streets, sharing that the SFMTA needs to move beyond quick build projects.

Barry Taranto encouraged the Board to watch a recent Police Commission hearing about citations and urged the SFMTA to reduce the number of transportation network companies (TNCs) on the road.

Stacey Randecker shared that the most prudent way to slow cars down is with concrete and asked why we were not doing more to make the city vibrant and safer.

Steven Bingham shared about his daughter being killed while biking to work and expressed concern about a lack of urgency to save lives.

Michael Zachs expressed concern for the continued numbers of pedestrian fatalities and urged the SFMTA to take a new approach.

Luke Bornheimer shared that the SFMTA must prioritize mode shift, urged staff to shift away from cars, and include a connected network of bike lanes.

Valient Shwartz expressed concern about VZ fatalities, sharing that the SFMTA is not doing the right thing and that more drastic changes are needed.



Speaker expressed concern about VZ not working and urged the Board to implement a No Turn on Red policy.

Herbert Weiner expressed concern about VZ and shared that it should be scrutinized more carefully.

Megan Rizali shared about a crash last year and asked the SFMTA to add more substantial improvements to dangerous intersections.

Director Cajina requested that future quarterly presentations include an update on recent VZ fatalities.

13. Discussion and vote pursuant to Administrative Code Section 67.10(d) 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, Hinze, So, Cajina, and Eaken
 ABESENT – Henderson and Yekutieli

RECESS REGULAR MEETING AND CONVENE CLOSED SESSION – Chair Eaken recessed the meeting at 5:01pm.

Director Cajina left the meeting.

CLOSED SESSION

1. Call to Order

Director Eaken called the meeting to order at 5:04pm.

2. Roll Call

Present: Steve Heminger
 Fiona Hinze
 Lydia So
 Amanda Eaken



Absent: Stephanie Cajina (at Roll Call)
Dominica Henderson (with notification)
Manny Yekutieli (with notification)

Also present: Jeff Tumlin, Director of Transportation
Julie Kirschbaum, Director of Transit
Kate Toran, Director Taxis, Access & Mobility Services
Stephanie Stuart Bethune, Deputy City Attorney
Jaime Huling Delaye, Deputy City Attorney
Christine Silva, Board Secretary

3. Pursuant to Government Code Section 54956.9(d)(1) and (d)(2) and the Administrative Code Section 67.8 (a)(3) and 67.10(d)(1) and (2), the SFMTA Board of Directors will meet in Closed Session to discuss and take action on attorney client matters on the following:

CONFERENCE WITH LEGAL COUNSEL

Existing Litigation:

- A. Mark Donikian v. CCSF, SF Superior Court Case No. CGC-21-591417 filed 05/06/21 for \$650,000. Lawsuit involving allegations of personal injury from operator negligence (revenue vehicle and passenger). (Explanatory documents include a resolution.)

Director Cajina joined the Closed Session.

On motion to approve:

ADOPTED: AYES – Heminger, Hinze, So, Cajina, and Eaken
ABESENT – Henderson and Yekutieli

RESOLUTION No. 231003-080

- B. SF Federal Credit Union v. SFMTA, SF Superior Court Case No. CGC-18-565325 filed 3/27/18, California Court of Appeal Case No. A164463.

Director So left the meeting.

ADJOURN CLOSED SESSION AND RECONVENE OPEN SESSION – Chair Eaken reconvened the meeting at 7:01pm.

14. Announcement of Closed Session



Board Secretary Silva announced that the Board met in closed session to discuss the listed cases and voted to settle Item 3A and took no action on Item 3B.

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

On motion to not disclose:

ADOPTED: AYES – Heminger, Hinze, Cajina, and Eaken
 ABESENT – Henderson, So and Yekutiell

ADJOURN – Chair Eaken adjourned the meeting at 7:03pm in honor of Senator Diane Feinstein.

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.

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/>.

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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.

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