



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

MEETING MINUTES • Meeting Date: Tuesday, May 2, 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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<https://www.sfmta.com/calendar/board-directors-meeting-may-2-2023>

PUBLIC COMMENT CALL-IN: 415.655.0001 ACCESS CODE: 2597 375 3786 ##

SFMTA BOARD OF DIRECTORS

Amanda Eaken, Chair
Stephanie Cajina
Steve Heminger
Fiona Hinze
Manny Yekutieli

DIRECTOR OF TRANSPORTATION

Jeffrey Tumlin

BOARD SECRETARY

Christine Silva



ORDER OF BUSINESS

1. Call to Order

Chair Eaken called the meeting to order at 1:02pm.

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

2. Roll Call

Present: Steve Heminger
Fiona Hinze
Manny Yekutieli
Amanda Eaken

Absent (at Roll Call): Stephanie Cajina

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

Board Secretary Silva made the announcement.

4. Approval of Minutes

No public comment.

On motion to approve the minutes of the April 18, 2023 Regular Meeting:

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

5. Communications

None.

6. Introduction of New or Unfinished Business by Board Members

Chair Eaken acknowledged and thanked former Director Gwyneth Borden for her service.

Director Cajina joined the meeting.



Director Yekutieli thanked Director Borden for her service and acknowledged the Potrero Yard team, N Judah train maintenance team, and reflected about bus shelters and service in the city.

Director Cajina echoed sentiments about Director Borden. She also shared about presenting at the Human Rights Commission and the agency's equity goals related to safety and access.

Director Heminger thanked Director Borden and looked forward to seeing her soon in a capacity that would produce more results and good policy for the city.

Director Hinze thanked Director Borden for being a mentor and sharing her knowledge, acknowledging that she did a great job centering equity, riders, and staff.

PUBLIC COMMENT:

Barry Taranto thanked Director Borden for her service to the agency and commented about an upcoming paratransit meeting.

7. Director's Report (For discussion only)

- Slow Streets Evaluation Report Update
- Rail Rodeo Update
- Active Communities Plan Update
- Ongoing Activities

Tom Maguire, Director of Streets, presented the report. He shared about the Slow Streets Evaluation Report, Twin Peaks Tunnel inspection, Sunday Streets, Sideshow deterrence techniques, Capp Street update, Rail Rodeo, the new sculpture at the Yerba Buena Station, Bike and Roll to School Week, the Active Communities Plan, and upcoming service for the NBA playoffs.

PUBLIC COMMENT:

Roz Arbel expressed concern about Slow Streets and called for better infrastructure and education.

Ruth Malone expressed concern about the Slow Streets Evaluation Report and urged the SFMTA to add diverters to eliminate through traffic.

Joseph Tartacovsky expressed concern for Slow Streets data collection, sharing that it should be revised to and measure segments of the street, not the entirety of the street.



Jaime Vioria asked the SFMTA to improve wayfinding at the Union Square Station.

JP Lavallde expressed concern about safety on Slow Streets, sharing that on Lake Street drivers go too fast.

Trish Gump expressed support for slow streets and urged the SFMTA to add all the original streets back into the program.

Naomi Lochner expressed opposition to adding Chenery Street as a Slow Street, sharing that neighbors do not want it as a slow street.

Jana Paradiso expressed concern about Chenery Slow Street.

Charlie Toohey expressed opposition on Chenery Slow Street.

John Biasatti shared that there was no official support for Chenery Slow Street and that most of the community is against the slow street.

Katherine Murphy expressed opposition to Chenery Slow Street.

Kathleen Tracey expressed opposition to Chenery Slow Street, surrounding single lane streets, and nearby schools.

Laura Yakovenko supported a Slow Streets Network and expressed concern about speeding, cut through drivers, the need for hard diverters on Lake Street.

Catherine expressed concern about the Slow Streets Evaluation Report, sharing that the data should be more tailored to a location.

Speaker expressed concern about the Slow Street evaluation and data accuracy.

Aleta Dupree looked forward to Sunday Streets and appreciated the new art at Yerba Buena Station.

Michael Adley thanked staff for preparing the Slow Streets Evaluation Report and asked for better traffic diverters.

Luke Bornheimer expressed concern about ineffective infrastructure on Slow Streets, also sharing that the agency needs to address cut through traffic.



Barry Taranto expressed concern about Transportation Network Companies occupying the taxi staging areas at the Chase Center.

Brian commented on the Slow Streets evaluation report and requested that the SFMTA use traffic diverters on all Slow Streets.

Lian Chang expressed concern about the Slow Streets Evaluation Report.

8. Citizens' Advisory Council Report

None.

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.

Aleta Dupree shared about using Muni and inclusiveness on transit.

Speaker commented about climate change and impacts to erosion on Ocean Beach.

Paula Katz submitted the following public comment summary per Administrative Code Section 67.16:

Many of us are looking forward to seeing the revised minutes of the February 7, 2023, special meeting with the panelist of community and business leaders who presented input, ideas, and insights on building trust. We are glad that the public will be able to read a summary of the suggestions and ideas that the panel presented to you.

Barry Taranto expressed concern for taxi medallion holders and taxi enforcement, urging the Board to build trust with the taxi industry.

Mason Church was opposed to the 10-minute time limit for remote public comment and urged the SFMTA to do a better job to get people to participate.

Luke Bornheimer expressed concern about bike infrastructure, urged the Board to install protected bike lanes on Arguello Boulevard, and to identify and convert other streets.

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 claims against the SFMTA:

- A. Toshia Holloway v. CCSF, Superior Ct. Case No. CGC-22-597723 filed 05/04/2022 for \$10,000 (City to receive). Lawsuit involving allegations of property damage to City property from Transportation Network Company vehicle (Transportation Network Company vehicle and revenue vehicle).
- B. Everett Boston v. CCSF, Superior Ct. Case No. CGC-21-595507 filed 10/15/2021 for \$6,500. Lawsuit involving allegations of personal injury from operator negligence (revenue vehicle and passenger). (Explanatory documents include a resolution.)

RESOLUTION No. 230502-035

10.2. Approving various routine parking and traffic modifications and making environmental review findings (The Planning Department has found that items A-G 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 - RESIDENTIAL PERMIT PARKING AREA HV – 330-350 Gough Street.
- B. ESTABLISH - RESIDENTIAL PERMIT PARKING AREA I – 3364-3366 19th Street.
- C. RESCIND – PERPENDICULAR PARKING, ESTABLISH – PARALLEL PARKING – Quesada Avenue, south side, at 15 feet to 108.5 feet east of Third Street.
- D. ESTABLISH – NO PARKING ANY TIME – Mangels Avenue, north side, from Baden Street east curb line to 19 feet westerly.
- E. RESCIND – 2-HOUR PARKING, MONDAY THROUGH FRIDAY, 8 AM TO 9 PM, EXCEPT AREA S PERMITS, ESTABLISH – 2-HOUR PARKING, MONDAY



THROUGH FRIDAY, 8 AM TO 9 PM, EXCEPT AREA S AND AREA HV PERMITS – Webster Street, west side and east side, between Hermann Street and Hermann Street south terminus.

- F. ESTABLISH – NO PARKING ANY TIME – Mark Lane, west side and east side, from Bush Street to Harlan Place.
- G. ESTABLISH – TOW AWAY, NO PARKING ANY TIME – Pacific Avenue, north side, from 200 feet east of Laurel Street east property line to 20 feet west of Laurel Street east property line.
- H. ESTABLISH – SHARED SPACES ROAD CLOSURE Maiden Lane between Kearny Street and Grant Avenue, Saturday, April 1, 2023, through Sunday, March 31, 2024, 5 pm to 1:30 am, every Monday through Friday night, and 1 pm to 1:30 am, every Saturday and Sunday night.
- I. ESTABLISH – SHARED SPACES ROAD CLOSURE Trinity Street from Bush to Sutter streets, Saturday, April 1, 2023, through Sunday, March 31, 2024, 8am to 10 pm, daily.
- J. ESTABLISH – SHARED SPACES ROAD CLOSURE Armstrong Avenue, form Keith Street to 250-feet easterly, Saturday, April 1, 2023, through Sunday, March 31, 2024, 24-hours, daily.
- K. ESTABLISH – SHARED SPACES ROAD CLOSURE Larkin Street between Eddy and O’Farrell streets; Intersections: Larkin at Willow and Olive streets, Saturday, April 8, 2023, through Saturday, December 9, 2023, 11 am to 6 pm, second Saturday of each month.

RESOLUTION No. 230502-036

No public comment.

On motion to approve the Consent Calendar:

ADOPTED: AYES – Cajina, Heminger, Hinze, Yekutieli, and Eaken

REGULAR CALENDAR

11. Presentation and Discussion on the 2023 SFMTA Community Survey Results and related feedback from riders and the general public. (Explanatory documents include a slide presentation.

Jonathan Rewers, Chief Strategy Officer, John Canapary, Executive Vice President, Corey, Canapary & Galanis, Lucia De Puppato, Senior Vice President, FM3, and Beth Resta, Partnerships at Transit App presented the item.



PUBLIC COMMENT:

Aleta Dupree commented that there are some communities not being heard in the surveys and asked about how Muni can be approachable.

Paula Katz submitted the following public comment summary per Administrative Code Section 67.16:

Slides 49 & 51 show the same percentages of survey takers want both frequent, reliable buses even if stops are more than 2 or 3 blocks from where they live, and also service that is accessible to all, with improved access for the disabled. These goals are inconsistent because removing bus stops to get faster service can cause difficulties for many vulnerable seniors, the disabled, and others who have to walk farther to catch MUNI, but SFMTA surveys don't tell riders this. Many riders want it easier, not harder, for their elderly parents, relatives, neighbors to catch Muni. Surveys should specifically ask if it's ok to remove bus stops to create more frequent, reliable service if it means that seniors, the disabled, and others might have difficulty walking extra blocks to catch their bus. Then let riders pick between faster service versus easier access for the elderly and disabled.

12. 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 – Cajina, Heminger, Hinze, Yekutieli, and Eaken

RECESS REGULAR MEETING AND CONVENE CLOSED SESSION – Chair Eaken recessed the meeting at 4:22pm.

CLOSED SESSION

1. Call to Order

Chair Eaken called the Closed Session to order at 4:30pm.

2. Roll Call

Present: Stephanie Cajina



Steve Heminger
Fiona Hinze
Manny Yekutieli
Amanda Eaken

Also present: Tom Maguire, Director of Streets
Julie Kirschbaum, Director of Transit
Susan Cleveland-Knowles, Deputy City Attorney
Sabrina Berdux, Deputy City Attorney
Kate Bearman, Deputy City Attorney
Christine Silva, Board Secretary

3. Pursuant to Government Code Section 54956.9(d)(1) and the Administrative Code Section 67.8 (a)(3), 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. Michele Walker v. CCSF, Superior Ct. Case No. CGC-20-586915 filed 10/01/2020 for \$250,000. Lawsuit involving allegations of personal injury from operator negligence (revenue vehicle and pedestrian).
- B. Mattie Rance v. CCSF, Superior Ct. Case No. CGC-20-588016 filed 11/20/2020 for \$200,000. Lawsuit involving allegations of personal injury from operator negligence (revenue vehicle and passenger). (Explanatory documents include a resolution.)

On motion to approve:

ADOPTED: AYES – Cajina, Heminger, Hinze, Yekutieli, and Eaken

RESOLUTION No. 230502-037

ADJOURN CLOSED SESSION AND RECONVENE OPEN SESSION – Chair Eaken reconvened the meeting at 4:55m.

13. Announcement of Closed Session

Board Secretary Silva announced that the Board of Directors met in closed session and voted to settle both items.

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



On motion to not disclose:

ADOPTED: AYES – Cajina, Heminger, Hinze, Yekutieli, and Eaken

ADJOURN – Chair Eaken adjourned the meeting at 4:56pm.

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/>.

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 not later than 5pm 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.

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