



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

MEETING MINUTES • Meeting Date: Tuesday, September 2, 2025

REGULAR MEETING AND CLOSED SESSION

1:00pm

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

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SFMTA BOARD OF DIRECTORS

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

DIRECTOR OF TRANSPORTATION

Julie Kirschbaum

BOARD SECRETARY

Christine Silva



ORDER OF BUSINESS

1. Call to Order

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

2. Roll Call

Present: Mike Chen
Alfonso Felder
Dominica Henderson
Fiona Hinze
Janet Tarlov

Absent: Stephanie Cajina (with notification)
Steve Heminger (at Roll Call)

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

Board Secretary Silva made the announcement.

4. Approval of Minutes

- August 5, 2025, Regular Meeting

No public comment.

On motion to approve the minutes:

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

5. Communications

None.

6. Director's Report (For discussion only)

- Special Recognition
- State Legislative Update
- Market Street Update
- Crossing Guards Update



- Events & Ongoing Activities

Director Kirschbaum provided a state legislature update, an update to Market Street, the Crossing Guard Program, and current events including Transit Month, Fix-It Week, the Mass Transit 40 Under 40 list, and return to office.

Director Heminger joined the meeting.

PUBLIC COMMENT:

Susan Vaughan expressed support for Better Market Street and concern about private transportation services without outreach and authority.

Speaker shared that the decision to allow commercial vehicles on Market Street should go before the Board and expressed concern about bus service on the street.

Mc Allen expressed opposition to allowing ride hailing services on Market Street and concern about increased congestion as well as slower Muni service.

Griffin Lee expressed support for the mayor's initiative to improve Market Street with ride hailing services, sharing that it creates better accessibility.

Dylan Fabris wished the Board a Happy Transit Month and expressed concern about ride hailing services on Market Street and a lack of outreach.

Barry Taranto expressed frustration about car-free Market Street as well limited night enforcement for taxis.

Lisa Platt expressed concern about cars on Market Street, sharing about economic recovery and public safety.

Marta Lindsay urged the Board to preserve car-free Market Street, expressing concern about traffic danger and pedestrian safety.

Aleta Dupree expressed support for vehicle access for veterans and those with disabilities, sharing about accessibility and inclusion.

Shannon Cairns expressed disappointment about cars on Market Street, commented that a car-free policy advances city goals, and shared about her father's experience.



Carlos expressed concern about rideshare vehicles and impacts to public safety, increasing changes for collisions with little evidence of revitalizing downtown.

Joel Camesher expressed concern about crossing guard shortages, sufficient training and using volunteers.

Carrie Leung expressed concern about Waymo on Market Street, added congestion and safety for bicyclists.

Speaker expressed frustration with the mayor and Waymo vehicles on Market Street.

Rashad expressed frustration about corporate vehicles on Market Streets, sharing that it was a direct attack on the working class and a transit-first city.

Anne Donjacour urged the Board to oppose the change on Market Street, sharing about husband's experience and the need to now use paratransit.

Claire Bonham-Carter expressed opposition to automated vehicles on Market Street, sharing that they were in direct conflict with transit-first policy goals.

Kash expressed opposition to changes on Market Street, sharing that the changes do not support small businesses on the street and would lead to blocked lanes.

Carol Brownson expressed support for Muni on Market Street and concern about Waymo vehicles blocking service.

Claire Amable urged the Board to close the loophole allowing commercial vehicles access to the corridor, also sharing that the change lacks measurable goals for success.

Paul Wormer expressed concern about vehicles on Market Street, highlighting how allowing such blocks Muni buses and increases delays citywide.

David Davies expressed support for transit access on Market Street and shared that adding vehicles offers little public benefit.

Chris Lucera encourage the Board to reverse the decision to allow Waymo and luxury car services on Market Street, especially in light to Muni service cuts also on the street.

Luke Bornheimer shared about the crossing guard program, urging the Board to seek funding from the Mayor, and expressed concern about Market Street.



Speaker expressed support for the car-free Market Street policy and questioned Waymo's safety.

Robin Levitt shared about regularly cycling on Market Street and expressed concern about safety and enforcement of vehicles allowed on the street.

Pete Wilson highlighted safety risks and potential discipline for Muni operators who if collisions occur due to vehicles on Market Street.

Brian urged the Board to charge companies for access, sharing that there's no need for vehicles on Market Street.

Herbert Weiner commented about Transit Month and expressed concern about a shrinking fleet and service.

7. Citizens' Advisory Council Report

None.

8. New or Unfinished Business by Board Members

Chair Tarlov shared about attending a San Francisco Unified School District Back-to-School event and visiting the Transportation Management Center.

No public comment.

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.

Brendan Bartholemew expressed opposition to the Operator Personal Necessity Procedure, sharing that it undermines road safety and prioritizes service schedules.

Sincere Dow expressed opposition to the 702 policy and concern about unrealistic travel times, challenging work, and needing to recover instead of being forced to turn and burn.

Chris expressed concern about 702 policy and the inability to self-care as an operator.



Michael Dennis expressed concern about new 702 restrictions, sharing about the operators' need for breaks.

Mc Allen expressed opposition to the 702 Bulletin that operators recently received, sharing that is overly broad and harmful to operators.

Devon Anderson expressed frustration about overnight shifts and back pay, demanding that the agency correct its payroll practices.

Sanna Dun expressed concern about recent payroll shortage, sharing that it was unacceptable and employees were not full and fair compensation.

Alicia Joseph expressed concern about the 702 Bulletin and medical needs of operators.

Melissa Marquette expressed support for the operators speaking against the new policy, sharing that they are the backbone of the city.

Anthony Ballester reminded the Board that operators keep the city running and expressed concern about the 702 Bulletin.

Speaker expressed concern for Muni operators and urged the Board to treat them fairly.

Speaker expressed concern about the 702 Bulletin and sharing data about the cost to take necessity breaks.

Barry Taranto thanked staff for keeping taxi stands clear and expressed concern on behalf of taxi drivers.

Speaker shared that Muni is reliable and expressed frustration about the narrative that Muni is full of problems and is terrible.

Brian Storrer shared his experience about a head injury.

Cat Lines expressed concern about the 702 Bulletin, medical concerns while driving and being unfairly treated as an operator.

Aleta Dupree expressed support for transit that is welcoming and inclusive for all.

Pete Wilson expressed concern about cable car rules and frustration about the new 702 Bulletin for operators.



Rudy Gonzalez expressed concern for operators and the bulletin, sharing that it was a labor relations failure and opportunity to effectively work on the issue.

David Davies commented about the need for reliable public transit and suggested SFMTA properties be used for low-income housing.

Griffin Lee observed that there were limited items on the Consent Calendar and appreciated that it was brief.

Speaker expressed frustration as an operator, sharing that the bulletin does not take humanity into consideration.

Olga Miranda expressed support for the operators and encouraged Board Members to shadow operators to understand their work.

Herbert Weiner shared about a crash at Sunset Dunes and expressed concern about the 702 Bulletin.

Greggory Ruff expressed frustration with SFMTA management and operations, sharing about a lack of communication and responsiveness.

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 simple or 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. Fleming Transport LLC, Unlitigated Claim No. C23-0135 for \$255,110.61 (City to receive). Claim involving allegations of property damage to City property.



RESOLUTION No. 250902-077

- 10.2. Approving various routine parking and traffic modifications: (The Planning Department has found that Items A-B are exempt from the California Environmental Quality Act [CEQA]. For these parking and traffic modifications that received a categorical exemption, the proposed SFMTA Board action constitutes the Approval Action as defined by Chapter 31 of the SF Administrative Code. Explanatory documents include a staff report and resolution.)
 - A. ESTABLISH– RESIDENTIAL PERMIT PARKING AREA F, California Street, both sides, between Maple Street and Spruce Street.
 - B. ESTABLISH – RESIDENTIAL PERMIT PARKING AREA U, Bryant Street, both sides, between 4th Street and 5th Street.

RESOLUTION No. 250902-078

- 10.3. Adopting a Resolution of Local Support for the programming of \$2,254,000 in Metropolitan Transportation Commission (MTC) Climate Program Implementation (CPI) grant funds for the Expanding Charging Access in San Francisco's Equity Priority Communities project; and providing assurances that the SFMTA will comply with MTC policies. (Explanatory documents include a staff report and resolution.)

RESOLUTION No. 250902-079

- 10.4. Requesting that the San Francisco Municipal Transportation Agency Board of Directors adopt the revised Substance Abuse Policy, which has been updated effective September 2, 2025, to clarify certain existing drug testing program provisions and to make technical amendments consistent with 49 Code of Federal Regulations Part 40 and recommended as a result of a Federal Transit Administration (FTA) Audit. (Explanatory documents include a staff report and resolution.)

RESOLUTION No. 250902-080

- 10.5. Authorizing the Director of Transportation to execute Contract Modification No. 3 (Final) to Contract No. 1306, L Taraval Improvement Project - SF Zoo to Sunset Boulevard, with NTK Construction Inc., to close out the Contract by extending the contract term, compensating the Contractor for additional work due to differing site conditions and errors and omissions, and adjusting the quantity in the Schedule of Bid Prices to reflect the actual quantity of work performed. This Modification increases the Contract Amount by \$258,699.96, for a total Contract Amount of \$40,225,556.96 and increases the overall Contract Time to substantial completion



by 34 days for a total Contract Time of 634 days to Substantial Completion. (Explanatory documents include a staff report and resolution.)

RESOLUTION No. 250902-081

- 10.6. Accepting a gift of \$80,000 from the American Indian Cultural District, as reimbursement toward the construction of decorative crosswalks at 16th and Mission streets. (Explanatory documents include a staff report and resolution.)

RESOLUTION No. 250902-082

PUBLIC COMMENT:

Members of the public expressing support: Aleta Dupree (10.3)

Members of the public expressing neither support nor opposition: Barry Taranto (10.4)

On motion to approve:

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

REGULAR CALENDAR

11. Approving the Winston Drive Quick-Build Project to improve transportation safety and connectivity, including the conversion of existing Class II bikeways (bike lanes) to a Class IV separated bikeway on Winston Drive between Lake Merced Boulevard and Buckingham Way and other related traffic and parking modifications: (The Planning Department has determined that the project is statutorily exempt from the California Environmental Quality Act [CEQA]. The proposed action is the Approval Action as defined by the S.F. Administrative Code Chapter 31. Explanatory documents include a staff report and resolution.)

A. ESTABLISH – TOW-AWAY, NO PARKING ANYTIME

- i. Winston Drive, south side, from Lake Merced Boulevard to Buckingham Way
- ii. Winston Drive, north side, from 198 feet to 248 feet east of Lake Merced Boulevard
- iii. Winston Drive, north side, from Buckingham Way to 30 feet west

B. RESCIND – CLASS II BIKEWAY

- i. Winston Drive, north side and south side, Lake Merced Boulevard to Buckingham Way

C. ESTABLISH – CLASS IV BIKEWAY (TWO-WAY)



- i. Winston Drive, south side, Lake Merced Boulevard to Buckingham Way
- D. ESTABLISH – BUS ZONE
 - i. Winston Drive, north side, from 98 feet to 198 feet east of Lake Merced Boulevard (converts existing flag stop to a bus zone)
 - ii. Winston Drive, north side, from 50 feet to 170 feet west of Buckingham Way (converts existing flag stop to a bus zone)
- E. ESTABLISH – LEFT LANE MUST TURN LEFT
 - i. Winston Drive, eastbound, from Lake Merced Boulevard to 455 feet easterly

Mike Sallaberry, Senior Engineer – Livable Streets, presented the item.

Emma Hare, Legislative Aide for Supervisor Melgar, spoke in support of the project sharing about its connection to the nearby schools.

PUBLIC COMMENT:

Members of the public expressing support: Aleta Dupree

On motion to approve:

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

RESOLUTION No. 250902-083

- 12. Presentation and discussion regarding Fiscal Year 2025-2026 Budget Amendments and Five-Year Projection. (Explanatory documents include a slide presentation.)

Bree Mawhorter, Chief Financial Officer, presented the item.

PUBLIC COMMENT:

Aleta Dupree expressed support for regional transit funding and urged proactive action to avoid a crisis.

Herbert Weiner expressed concern about budget prioritization, emphasizing that the primary focus be on improving public transit for riders.

- 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 – Chen, Felder, Heminger, Henderson, Hinze, and Tarlov
ABSENT – Cajina

RECESS REGULAR MEETING AND CONVENE CLOSED SESSION – Chair Tarlov recessed the meeting at 4:54pm.

CLOSED SESSION

1. Call to Order

Chair Tarlov called the Closed Session to order at 5:05pm.

2. Roll Call

Present: Mike Chen
Alfonso Felder
Steve Heminger
Dominica Henderson
Fiona Hinze
Janet Tarlov

Absent: Stephanie Cajina (with notification)

Also present: Susan Cleveland-Knowles, Deputy City Attorney
Jenny Delumo, Special Assistant
Julie Kirschbaum, Director of Transportation
Chava Kronenberg, Pedestrian Safety Program Manager
Lillian Levy, Deputy City Attorney
Christine Silva, Board Secretary
Viktoriya Wise, Director of Streets

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

CONFERENCE WITH LEGAL COUNSEL



Anticipated Litigation:

 X As defendant _____ As plaintiff

ADJOURN CLOSED SESSION AND RECONVENE OPEN SESSION – Chair Tarlov reconvened the meeting at 6:12pm.

14. Announcement of Closed Session

Board Secretary Silva announced that the Board took no action.

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

On motion to not disclose:

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

ADJOURN – Chair Tarlov adjourned the meeting at 6:15pm.

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'.

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/>.