



**SAN FRANCISCO
MUNICIPAL TRANSPORTATION AGENCY
BOARD OF DIRECTORS AND
PARKING AUTHORITY COMMISSION**

MINUTES

Tuesday, November 2, 2021

**REGULAR MEETING AND CLOSED SESSION
1 P.M.**

Due to the COVID-19 health emergency and to protect our Board Members, SFMTA staff, and members of the public, the SFMTA Board is meeting via teleconferencing under Government Code Section 54953 and the Board's Meeting Room (Room 400) is closed.

Members of the public are encouraged to participate remotely. If you want to ensure your comment on any item on the agenda is received by the Board in advance of the meeting, please send an email to MTABoard@sfmta.com by 5pm the day before the meeting or call (415) 646-4470. Please see the information on the next page for remote meeting access.

SFMTA BOARD OF DIRECTORS

Gwyneth Borden, Chair
Amanda Eaken, Vice Chair
Steve Heminger
Fiona Hinze
Sharon Lai
Manny Yekutieli

Jeffrey Tumlin
DIRECTOR OF TRANSPORTATION

Christine Silva
SECRETARY

ORDER OF BUSINESS

1. Call to Order

Chair Borden called the meeting to order at 1:00 p.m.

2. Roll Call

Present: Gwyneth Borden
Amanda Eaken
Steve Heminger
Fiona Hinze
Sharon Lai
Manny Yekutieli

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

No announcement was made.

4. Approval of Minutes

PUBLIC COMMENT:

David Pilpel shared that he did not have access to his computer and asked that if anything was found on the minutes, that the Board's approval allow for those corrections.

On motion to approve the minutes of the October 19, 2021 Regular Meeting: unanimously approved.

5. Communications

Chair Borden discussed the virtual meeting and expressed appreciation to staff for their work to enable the meeting to be held via teleconference. Board Secretary Silva reviewed how members of the public could watch the meeting and address the Board.

6. Introduction of New or Unfinished Business by Board Members

Director Yekutieli and Chair Borden commended staff for Outside Lands service.

Director Eaken acknowledged that she, Director Heminger and Director Lai attended the Geary Rapid Project Ribbon Cutting event and thanked staff.

PUBLIC COMMENT:

David Pilpel thanked Liz Brisson for her work.

Barry Taranto expressed concern over lack of taxi stands on Sunday at Outside Lands.

7. Director's Report (For discussion only)

- Special Recognition
- Vaccination Update
- Ongoing Activities

Director Tumlin recognized transit operator Sheldon Seymour and SFMTA Planning Director Sarah Jones. He also shared updates on Vision Zero, the vaccination mandate and service impacts, an award for the Presidio Bus Lift Project, and taxi medallions.

PUBLIC COMMENT:

David Pilpel shared that SFGovTV was streaming audio and not video, commented on Sarah Jones' departure, and expressed concern over the vaccination mandate and staff impacts.

Joe Kunzler expressed support for Director Tumlin and the vaccine mandate and also appreciated the high quality of Muni service.

Barry Taranto shared that SFGovTV was not functioning properly and expressed concern over purchased taxi medallions.

Aleta Dupree commented on vaccinations, expressing support for the safest Muni possible.

Michael Sachs expressed concern for free parking in San Francisco and questioned why San Francisco doesn't have congestion pricing in addition to more bike and bus lanes.

Dave Alexander recognized Sarah Jones for her work.

Anonymous thanked Sarah Jones for her work.

Mary Maguire expressed concern regarding taxi medallions and suggested that there be a mandate for taxi drivers to get vaccinated.

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.

Aleta Dupree expressed transportation concerns, commented on long hauling, and the importance of inclusivity.

Herbert Weiner expressed concern about Geary Street and the impacts of discontinuing the express line, which allows riders to get to destinations much faster.

Barry Taranto commented on the Outside Lands festival, enforcement at the Chase Center, and payment changes for the essential worker ride home program.

Mary Maguire agreed with Barry Taranto's comment, expressed concern over a memo regarding the resumption of the full-time driving requirement, and asked the SFMTA to delay the deadline.

David Pilpel commented on the proposed Winter 2022 service plan, asked for a ramp at Church and 14th Street, and shared that he would follow up with staff on any further questions.

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. Teresa Piccirillo v. CCSF, Superior Ct. #CGC-20-58676 filed on 9/24/2020 for \$12,500 (Explanatory documents include a resolution.)

RESOLUTION 211102-126

(10.2) Approving the following parking and traffic modifications:

- A. ESTABLISH – TOW-AWAY, NO PARKING ANY TIME – Ellis Street, south side, from 75 feet to 206 feet east of Fillmore Street.
- B. ESTABLISH – TOW-AWAY, NO STOPPING ANYTIME – Green Street, north side, from Castle Street to 41 feet easterly.

- C. ESTABLISH - TOW-AWAY, NO PARKING ANYTIME – Kimball Place, along south terminus, from east building line to 14 feet westerly.
- D. ESTABLISH: TOW-AWAY, NO STOPPING ANYTIME – ESTABLISH: CLASS II BIKE WAY – Dewey Boulevard, south side, from Laguna Honda Boulevard to 104 feet westerly.
- E. RESCIND - RESIDENTIAL PERMIT PARKING AREA S – ESTABLISH - RESIDENTIAL PERMIT PARKING AREA R – Buchanan Street, both sides, between Grove Street and Fulton Street 800 block of Buchanan Street.
- F. ESTABLISH--RESIDENTIAL PERMIT PARKING AREA S – Seward Street, both sides, from 19th Street to Douglass Street.
- G. ESTABLISH--2 HOUR PARKING, 8AM TO 9PM, MONDAY THROUGH FRIDAY, EXCEPT VEHICLES WITH AREA S PERMITS – Seward Street, northeast side, from 19th Street to Douglass Street – Seward Street, southwest side, from 19th Street to 110 feet west of Douglass Street. (Explanatory documents include a staff report and resolution. For every parking and traffic modification that received a categorical exemption, the proposed action is the Approval Action as defined by Chapter 31 of the San Francisco Administrative Code.)

RESOLUTION 211102-127

(10.3) Authorizing the Director to execute Modification No. 3 to Contract No. 1309R, Muni Metro East – Boiler and HVAC Rehabilitation Project, with Cal State Constructors, to increase the Contract Amount by \$98,703 and retroactively extend the Contract term by 364 non-compensable days. (Explanatory documents include a staff report, resolution and financial plan.)

RESOLUTION 211102-128

(10.4) Approving Modification No. 2 to Contract No. 2020-61-FHWA, for the Connected Corridor Project, a traffic safety proof of concept pilot project, to delete a traffic simulation and research element of the Project and accept donations of software, equipment and services valued at \$1,376,289 from Project contractors and subcontractors, and to reduce the contract amount \$30,289.84 for a modified contract amount of \$1,484,202.36. (Explanatory documents include a staff report and resolution.)

RESOLUTION 211102-129

(10.5) Adopting findings under the State Emergency Services Act (AB 361) to allow remote meetings during the COVID-19 emergency; continuing remote meetings for the next 30 days; and directing the Board Secretary to amend a similar resolution at a board meeting within 30 days. (Explanatory documents include a staff report and resolution.)

RESOLUTION 211102-130

PUBLIC COMMENT:

Members of the public expressing support: Michael Sachs (10.2) and Aleta Dupree (10.5)

Members of the public expressing neither support nor opposition: David Pilpel (10.3)

On motion to approve the Consent Calendar:

ADOPTED: AYES – Borden, Eaken, Heminger, Hinze, Lai and Yekutieli

REGULAR CALENDAR

11. Endorsing the City’s 2021 Vision Zero Action Strategy, directing staff to move forward in four areas to advance Vision Zero that include: (1) developing, approving and implementing project proposals using the Quick Build toolkit for all remaining corridors on the City’s High Injury Network by 2024; (2) exhausting the Quick Build toolkit within existing approval authority and to consider recommending tow-away zones and/or establishing new bike lanes as appropriate for expedited SFMTA Board approval; (3) advancing speed limit reductions for SFMTA Board consideration and approval as authorized by California Assembly Bill 43, including direction to bring a future item to the SFMTA Board to approve the specific corridors for speed limit reductions by ordinance, as required by the legislation; and (4) developing a comprehensive speed management plan to complement speed limit reductions with education campaigns and traffic calming; and directing SFMTA to conduct outreach and community engagement to inform design options and recommendations for Quick Build projects, but to move forward with robust safety improvements expeditiously, including parking and travel lane removal where appropriate. (Explanatory documents include a staff report and resolution.)

Tom Maguire, Director of Streets, and Ryan Reeves, Vision Zero Program Manager, presented the item.

PUBLIC COMMENT:

Members of the public expressing support: Malcolm Jaramillo, Jodie Medeiros, Aleta Dupree, Alice Rodgers, Caroline Mitzy Mandleman, Olivia Gamboa, John Alex Low, Parker Day, Anonymous, and Luke Bornheimer

Members of the public expressing opposition: David Pilpel

Members of the public expressing neither support nor opposition: Herbert Weiner and Barry Taranto

RESOLUTION 211102-131

On motion to approve:

ADOPTED: AYES – Borden, Eaken, Heminger, Hinze, Lai and Yekutieli

12. Presentation and discussion regarding Transportation 2050 and the 2022 Muni Reliability and Street Safety Improvement General Obligation Bond. (Explanatory documents include a report and slide presentation.)

Jonathan Rewers, Acting Chief Financial Officer, presented the item.

PUBLIC COMMENT:

Jodie Medeiros expressed concern over a lower bond amount and urged the Board to fully fund safety improvements.

Barry Taranto opposed the bond unless it includes relief for taxi medallion holders.

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 invoke the attorney-client privilege: unanimously approved.

RECESS REGULAR MEETING AND CONVENE CLOSED SESSION

CLOSED SESSION

1. Call to Order

Chair Borden called the closed session to order at 4:26 p.m.

2. Roll Call

Present: Gwyneth Borden
Amanda Eaken
Steve Heminger
Fiona Hinze
Sharon Lai
Manny Yekutieli

Also present: Jeffrey Tumlin, Director of Transportation
Susan Cleveland-Knowles, Deputy City Attorney
Rose Darling, Deputy City Attorney
Kimberly Ackerman, Chief People Officer
Tom Maguire, Director of Streets
Julie Kirschbaum, Director of Transit
Christine Silva, Board Secretary

3. Pursuant to Government Code Section 54956.9(d)(1) and the Administrative Code Section 67.8 (a)(3), the Municipal Transportation Agency 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. Mona Githens v. CCSF, Superior Ct. #CGC-19-574923 filed on 3/29/2019 for \$297,500
- B. Whitney Smith v. CCSF, Superior Ct. #CGC-19-574923 filed on 3/29/2019 for \$180,175
- C. Lanita Jefferson v. CCSF, Superior Ct. #CGC-21-594633 filed on 8/20/2021 for \$200,000
- D. Daniel Seabrooks v. CCSF, Superior Ct. #CGC-20-588483 filed on 12/15/2020 for \$125,000

RESOLUTION 211102-132

On motion to approve:

ADOPTED: AYES – Borden, Eaken, Heminger, Hinze, Lai and Yekutiel

ADJOURN CLOSED SESSION AND RECONVENE OPEN SESSION – The closed session was adjourned at 5:28 p.m.

14. Announcement of Closed Session.

Board Secretary Silva announced that the SFMTA Board of Directors met in closed session to discuss the cases with the City Attorney. The Board of Directors voted to settle the cases.

15. Motion to disclose or not disclose the information discussed in closed session.

On motion to not disclose the information discussed: unanimously approved.

ADJOURN – The meeting was adjourned at 5:32 p.m.

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 web site: sfgov.org/ethics.

If you wish to contact the Board regarding an item that is expected to be on a agenda, please email the Board at MTABoard@sfmta.com. Please know that the Board appreciates receiving such communication not later than Monday, 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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