



San Francisco Municipal Transportation Agency Citizens' Advisory Council

MINUTES • Meeting Date: March 5, 2026

REGULAR MEETING

5:30 pm

1 South Van Ness Avenue, 7th Floor
Room 7080, Union Square Conference Room

SFMTA CITIZENS' ADVISORY COUNCIL MEMBERS

Aaron Leifer, Chair
Chris Arvin, Vice Chair
Sascha Bittner
Akash Borde
Jonathan Bünemann
Alyssa Cheung
Steven Huang
John Lisovsky
Francis Molettieri
Eliza Panike
Susan Vaughan
Lucas Wang
Frank Zepeda

COUNCIL LIAISON

Christine Silva

COUNCIL SECRETARY

Keka Robinson-Luqman



ORDER OF BUSINESS

1. Call to Order

Chair Leifer called the meeting to order at 5:32 p.m.

2. Roll Call

CAC members present at Roll Call: Akash Borde, Jonathan Bünemann, Alyssa Cheung, Steven Huang, Aaron Leifer, John Lisovsky, Francis Molettieri, and Susan Vaughan

CAC members absent at Roll Call: Chris Arvin

CAC members absent with notification: Sascha Bittner, Eliza Panike, Lucas Wang, and Frank Zepeda

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

CAC Secretary Robinson-Luqman made the announcement.

4. Approval of Minutes:

No public comment.

On motion to approve the minutes of February 5, 2026:

ADOPTED: AYES – Akash Borde, Jonathan Bünemann, Alyssa Cheung, Steven Huang, Aaron Leifer, John Lisovsky, Francis Molettieri, Susan Vaughan

ABSENT – Chris Arvin, Sascha Bittner, Eliza Panike, Lucas Wang, and Frank Zepeda

5. Report of the Chair (For discussion only)

Chair Leifer praised the agency for their high customer satisfaction rating. He welcomed the two new members of the council. He also informed the council that he and Vice Chair Arvin are creating a CAC meeting code of conduct.

PUBLIC COMMENT:

Edward Mason discussed Operator Appreciation Day, which is coming up on Wednesday, March 18th.

Kelsey Jeter asked where she could find the Customer Satisfaction Survey.



6. Public Comment

Evelyn Posamentier discussed not getting feedback on a complaint. She stated that she wants to make sure that the operators are receiving her positive feedback submitted through 311. She said that down escalators are important for people with certain disabilities such as Multiple Sclerosis.

Kelsey Jeter discussed the 8-Bayshore line. Currently it is re-routed, which causes it to skip the entire Sunnydale area. Residents must walk 10 minutes out of the way to get to the nearest 8-line bus stop. It's a huge hindrance and does a disservice. The signage is all expired. Construction concluded in December, but the re-route is still ongoing.

Mindy stated that the SFMTA is making changes to bike lanes on Valencia Street. The lanes are already hideous. The changes they are making to the bike lanes prioritize cars instead of cyclists.

REGULAR CALENDAR

7. Presentation, discussion, and possible action regarding the SFMTA Budget. (Bree Mawhorter, Chief Financial Officer. Explanatory documents include a slide presentation.)

PUBLIC COMMENT:

Edward Mason stated that the agency should consider a medallion fee on the corporate commuter buses as a funding source. The SFMTA should consider a 5% utility tax on autonomous vehicles for their electric use, like the city of San Jose. He stated that there should also be delivery fees so that people can pay for the congestion and pollution created by the culture of convenience.

CAC MOTION 260305.01

Recognizing that the SFMTA faces the most existential budget crisis since its inception, the SFMTA CAC urges the SFMTA Board to consider the following recommendations:

1. Continue to maximize efficiency gains wherever possible to reduce operating expenses
2. Minimize reliance on interest-bearing loans from the State which will only exacerbate future funding shortages
3. Use the SFMTA reserve fund as it was intended to bridge funding gaps in a crisis like this
4. Don't defer maintenance, including for bus lifts and station elevators; prioritizing state of good repair has been a core part of Muni's customer satisfaction gains



5. Increase parking revenue by adjusting meter rates and charging for metered parking spaces on Sundays
6. Don't raise bus or rail fares this budget cycle
7. Raise cable car fares to bring revenue closer to the cost of operation
8. Implement daily fare capping and study monthly fare capping

On motion to approve:

ADOPTED: AYES – Chris Arvin, Akash Borde, Jonathan Bünemann, Alyssa Cheung, Steven Huang, Aaron Leifer, John Lisovsky, Francis Molettieri, and Susan Vaughan

ABSENT – Sascha Bittner, Eliza Panike, Lucas Wang, and Frank Zepeda

8. Presentation, discussion, and possible action regarding the Muni Service Equity Strategy. (Jessica Garcia, Manager, Transit Planning and Implementation. Explanatory documents include a slide presentation.)

PUBLIC COMMENT:

Evelyn Posamentier thanked staff for their presentation. She discussed the Bayview shuttles, of which she is in favor.

Edward Mason stated that there needs to be close evaluation of any van system such as the Bayview shuttle. He has reservations about how effective shuttles are for the amount of money that is being spent on them.

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

Council member John Lisovsky and CAC Chair Leifer gave a synopsis of the meeting.

No public comment.

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

Sue Vaughan asked what is happening with the 8-Bayshore reroutes in Visitacion Valley.

No public comment.

ADJOURN - The meeting was adjourned at 7:57 p.m.



Submitted by:

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read 'Keka Robinson-Luqman'.

Keka Robinson-Luqman
SFMTA CAC – Secretary

Next regular meeting: Thursday, April 2nd at 5:30pm | Union Square Conference Room