



San Francisco Municipal Transportation Agency **Citizens' Advisory Council**

MINUTES • Meeting Date: July 2, 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
Jonathan Hee
Steven Huang
John Lisovsky
Francis Molettieri
Eliza Panike
Susan Vaughan
Lucas Wang
Frank Zepeda

COUNCIL LIAISON

Christine Silva

COUNCIL SECRETARY

Keka Robinson-Lugman



ORDER OF BUSINESS

1. Call to Order

Secretary Robinson-Lugman called the meeting to order at 5:31 p.m.

2. Roll Call

CAC members present at Roll Call: Chris Arvin, Sascha Bittner, Akash Borde, Jonathan Bünemann, Jonathan Hee, Steven Huang, Aaron Leifer, Susan Vaughan, Lucas Wang, and Frank Zepeda

CAC members absent at Roll Call: Eliza Panike

CAC members absent with notification: Alyssa Cheung, John Lisovsky, and Francis Molettieri

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

CAC Secretary Robinson-Lugman made the announcement.

4. Approval of Minutes:

No public comment.

On motion to approve the minutes of June 4, 2026:

ADOPTED: AYES – Chris Arvin, Sascha Bittner, Akash Borde, Jonathan Bünemann, Jonathan Hee, Steven Huang, Aaron Leifer, Eliza Panike, Susan Vaughan, Lucas Wang, and Frank Zepeda

ABSENT – Alyssa Cheung, John Lisovsky, and Francis Molettieri

5. Report of the Chair (For discussion only)

Chair Leifer reported that it was a pleasure to serve as Chair of the CAC.

No public comment.

6. Public Comment

Written 150-Word Public Testimony by Edward Mason for Minutes of SFMTA Citizens' Advisory Council Regular Meeting July 2, 2026: Agenda Item #6, Public Comment:



June 26, 2026, Gov Newsom signed an Executive Order to accelerate new technologies and services for local transit and passenger rail networks projects to increase transit ridership statewide.

A Smart Cities Dive interview with Lyft Policy Officer reveals interacting and influencing state officials. Bike share, autonomous vehicles, Robotaxis in Nashville Tennessee in collaboration with Waymo. Lyft's vision questions car ownership and pursues a policy of fewer cars on the road.

Tuesday, June 23, 2026, a tree fell in Dolores Park. About 2pm, a retired neighbor waited 50 minutes at 16th and Church for an outbound substitute bus. Two steep hills and grocery bags prevented her from walking home. The neighbor was disappointed having to wait so long as the LRV operator mentioned about a 10-minute walk.

Bruce Halperin discussed the SFMTAs blanket policy of banning all bikes on Muni Metro. He stated that he would like to see the agency change the policy.

REGULAR CALENDAR

7. Presentation, discussion, and possible action regarding the election of the CAC Chair and Vice Chair.

CAC Secretary Robinson-Luqman opened the floor for nominations for the position of Chair.

Chair Leifer nominated Vice Chair Chris Arvin for Chair of the CAC. There were no additional nominations, so nominations were closed.

PUBLIC COMMENT:

Edward Mason stated that he would like a Chair that will allow more than two minutes for public comment.

Bruce Halperin stated that he has known Vice Chair Arvin for a long time and thinks they are an excellent choice for Chair of the CAC.

On motion to elect Vice Chair Arvin as Chair:

ADOPTED: AYES – Chris Arvin, Sascha Bittner, Akash Borde, Jonathan Bünemann, Jonathan Hee, Steven Huang, Aaron Leifer, Eliza Panike, Susan Vaughan, Lucas Wang, and Frank Zepeda

ABSENT – Alyssa Cheung, John Lisovsky, and Francis Molettieri

Chair Arvin opened the floor for nominations for the position of Vice Chair.



Chair Arvin nominated Council member Eliza Panike for Vice Chair of the CAC. There were no additional nominations, so nominations were closed.

No public comment.

On motion to elect Council member Panike as Vice Chair:

ADOPTED: AYES – Chris Arvin, Sascha Bittner, Akash Borde, Jonathan Bünemann, Jonathan Hee, Steven Huang, Aaron Leifer, Eliza Panike, Susan Vaughan, Lucas Wang, and Frank Zepeda

ABSENT – Alyssa Cheung, John Lisovsky, and Francis Molettieri

8. Presentation, discussion, and possible action regarding Streets Division Quarterly Update. (Viktoriya Wise, Director, Streets Division. Explanatory documents include a slide presentation.)

PUBLIC COMMENT:

Edward Mason made several suggestions including licensing for bikes and signs that say “Drive Like Your Kids Live Here.” He also suggested that the youth who receive free Muni should still have to tag on and off with a Clipper Card.

Bruce Halperin emphasized connectivity and filling in gaps between slow streets.

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

None.

No public comment.

ADJOURN - The meeting was adjourned at 6:41 p.m.

Submitted by:

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read 'KAR Robinson-Lugman'.

Keka Robinson-Lugman
SFMTA CAC – Secretary

Next regular meeting: Thursday, August 6th at 5:30pm | Union Square Conference Room