



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

MEETING MINUTES • Meeting Date: Tuesday, March 7, 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.

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BOARD SECRETARY

Christine Silva



ORDER OF BUSINESS

1. Call to Order

Chair Eaken called the meeting to order at 1:01pm.

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

2. Roll Call

Present: Stephanie Cajina
Fiona Hinze
Manny Yekutieli
Gwyneth Borden
Amanda Eaken

Absent: Steve Heminger (at Roll Call)

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

Board Secretary Silva announced that ringing and the use of cell phones and similar sound-producing electronic devices were prohibited at the meeting.

4. Approval of Minutes

Director Hinze requested that the February 7, 2023 Special Meeting minutes, Item 6, identify panelists organizations.

Chair Eaken requested that the February 7, 2023 Special Meeting minutes, Item 6, include a summary of the panel discussion and the minutes be considered at a later date, when ready.

Director Yekutieli noted that adding the summary for Item 6 should be added as an exception, recognizing it was an exceptional gathering.

PUBLIC COMMENT:

Paula Katz thanked the Board for being responsive to concerns and felt that the February 7, 2023 Special Meeting Item 6 panel was a wonderful session.

Edward Mason agreed with the previous commenter.

On motion to approve the minutes of the February 21, 2023 Regular Meeting:



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

5. Communications

- Mid-Valencia Bikeway Pilot Project – The project originally noticed for today’s meeting will be heard at a joint Public Hearing and SFMTA Board of Directors meeting on a future date.

Chair Eaken announced that the Mid-Valencia Bikeway Pilot Project would be heard at a future date to enable additional time for community input and feedback.

PUBLIC COMMENT:

Speaker expressed concern about the project and parking, sharing that residents should be able to vote on the matter.

6. Introduction of New or Unfinished Business by Board Members

Director Yekutieli requested that the Board revisit the newly implemented 10-minute time limit for remote public comment in three to six months and suggested reducing individual public comment time to one minute.

Chair Eaken agreed to revisiting the 10-minute time limit in three months.

Director Yekutieli requested to review the timeline and process for repaving around SFMTA tracks and possibly inviting Public Works staff or commission to join in the conversation.

Director Borden agreed and suggested including budget information.

Director Tumlin suggested bringing the item to a future Policy and Governance Committee Meeting.

Chair Eaken requested the City Attorney provide guidance about additional board members attending Policy and Governance Committee meetings.

PUBLIC COMMENT:

Barry Taranto expressed concern about public comment, sharing that it is very important, and was opposed to the 10-minute time limit.



Edward Mason expressed concern about commuter busses and paving at 24th and Church Streets.

Aleta Dupree respectfully disagreed with the remote public comment time limit.

Speaker expressed support for a joint effort with Public Works focused on cleanliness, sharing that underneath platforms should also be cleaned.

7. Director's Report (For discussion only)

- Special Recognition
- Transit Updates
- Ongoing Activities

Director Tumlin introduced Brent Jones, Chief Transportation Officer, and Fred Butler, Assistant Division Manager – Cable Car Division, who presented a Save Driver Award to Cable Car Division Operator **Oliverio** Valle. Director Tumlin also shared a Duboce switch update, and recent Muni security incidents.

Director Heminger joined the meeting.

PUBLIC COMMENT:

Kimberley Rodler encouraged the SFMTA to preach civility and urged board members to model it by engaging and getting the message out.

Jaime Vilorio appreciated the discussion about values and taking ownership of the transit system and urged the SFMTA to engage the public.

Aleta Dupree was appreciative of staff and Muni operators, sharing that SFMTA should have a sense of responsiveness.

Iris Hall commented asked the SFMTA to install trash receptacles at Muni stops and suggested working with Public Works to get more.

Speaker shared about recreational vehicles (RVs) parked around the speaker's home and asked the SFMTA to move them.

8. Citizens' Advisory Council Report



Michael Chen, Chair, Citizen’s Advisory Council (CAC), presented the report.

PUBLIC COMMENT:

Diana expressed concern about parking enforcement and safety in the Bayview.

Barry Taranto expressed concern about parking enforcement, sharing that there are not enough parking control officers, and suggested targeting enforcement in problem areas.

Brian spoke about traffic safety and enforcement issues in the Bayview neighborhood, urging the SFMTA to work with the Police Department.

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.

Joyce Calagos expressed support to add shelters and seats at every Muni bus stop and asked the SFMTA to restore all bus stops.

George Jay expressed concern over parking enforcement and trash related to RV parking in the Bayview and asked the SFMTA to address parking issues.

Barbara expressed concern over traffic safety, parking enforcement, and traffic speed in District 10.

Barry Taranto shared about a recent taxi outreach meeting and expressed concern about enforcement of the Castro Street taxi stand.

Ahman expressed concern about bike lane enforcement, double parking, and RV parking in the Bayview.

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. Kimberly Cox and Conzy Jones v. CCSF, Superior Ct. Case No. CGC-21-593331 filed 7/8/2021 for \$50,000. Lawsuit involves allegations that SFMTA violated fair employment laws resulting in economic damages. (Explanatory documents include a resolution.)

RESOLUTION No. 230307-019

10.2. Approving various routine parking and traffic modifications:

- A. ESTABLISH - RESIDENTIAL PERMIT PARKING AREA U – 537 Natoma Street.
- B. ESTABLISH - RESIDENTIAL PERMIT PARKING AREA U – 1140 Harrison Street.
- C. ESTABLISH – TOW-AWAY, NO STOPPING ANYTIME – Winston Drive, west side, from 80 feet to 160 feet south of Buckingham Way.
- D. ESTABLISH – BUS ZONE – Sacramento Street, south side, from Laguna Street to 100 feet westerly. (The Planning Department has found that items A-D 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.)

RESOLUTION No. 230307-020

10.3. Adopting a Resolution of Local Support for the programming of \$34,277,000 of One Bay Area Grant Cycle 3 funds for the Central Embarcadero Safety Project, the 29 Sunset Phase I Transit Optimization Project, the Light Rail Vehicle Replacement Program, and four years of funding for the SFMTA's Safe Routes to Schools Non-Infrastructure Program; and providing assurances that the SFMTA will comply with Metropolitan Transportation Commission policies. (Explanatory documents include a staff report and resolution.)

RESOLUTION No. 230307-021



- 10.4. Authorizing the Director to execute Contract No. SFMTA-2022-37, Drug and Alcohol Testing Services for Taxicab Drivers, with Energetix Corporation, for an annual amount not to exceed \$300,000, and a total contract amount not to exceed \$1,500,000; and for a contract term of three years, with options to extend the term for up to two years. (Explanatory documents include a staff report and resolution.)

RESOLUTION No. 230307-022

- 10.5. Amending Transportation Code, Division II, Section 801 to implement parking restrictions to prohibit parking on portions of 11th Street unless authorized by the Department of Public Health or the Fire Department to conduct inspections of mobile food facilities. (The Planning Department has found that the project is exempt from the California Environmental Quality Act [CEQA]. The SFMTA Board action constitutes the Approval Action for the project for the purposes of CEQA, pursuant to San Francisco Administrative Code Section 31.04(h). Explanatory documents include a staff report and resolution.)

RESOLUTION No. 230307-023

No public comment.

On motion to approve the Consent Calendar:

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

REGULAR CALENDAR

11. Presentation and discussion regarding Vision Zero including a speed management update, 2022 End of Year Fatality Report, and traffic enforcement update. (Explanatory documents include a slide presentation.)

Uyen Ngo (SFMTA - Vision Zero Acting Program Manager & Education Lead), Iris Tsui (Department of Public Health) and Commander Peter Walsh (Police Department) presented the item.

PUBLIC COMMENT:

Julie Nicholson was appreciative of the conversation and urged the Board to continue to push and hold the agency and Board accountable.



Joyce Calagos proposed solutions including directional arrows on streetlights and additional crosswalks.

Nancy Arbuckle expressed concerns for pedestrians and urged the SFMTA to stay focused on Vision Zero.

Mary Davis expressed support for increasing fees and asked for safe street designs, sharing about examples in the Presidio.

Becca Motola-Barnes shared about being a victim of traffic violence and urged the Board to use their leadership to meet Vision Zero and complete projects in the High Injury Network.

Paul Wermer commented on the data reported and asked the SFMTA to use leading indicators not lagging indicators.

Luke Bornheimer shared that the SFMTA is doing too little and urged the agency to do more and sooner to meet Vision Zero.

Speaker shared about their pedestrian experience.

Nick Giorgio commented that street design is more powerful than speed limit and urged the SFMTA to not fall behind on quick build projects.

Linh Hoang shared that there are more targeted attacks on cyclists, that drivers are becoming terrorists and are winning.

Lian Chang commented on the sense of lawlessness, sharing that being able to safely walk down the street is foundational to public trust.

Susan George commented that incidents are likely underreported and suggested two improvements: daylighting and pedestrian head start at intersections.

Marta Lindsey thanked the Board for prioritizing Vision Zero and urged the Board to keep pushing on quick build projects.

David Lewis expressed support for taxing big vehicles and those parked in the bike lane, suggesting the SFMTA use a double-parking lane camera to ticket and fund Vision Zero.

Barnett Truzinski expressed concern over deadline street grid design and urged the SFMTA to prioritize street design for safety.



Alonzo asked the Board to keep Vision Zero among its highest priorities and shared that Vision Zero could only be realized if solutions are layered and applied at scale.

Jaime Vilorio questioned how the agency can speed up quick build projects and asked if community members could get information earlier in order to decrease length of outreach.

Steven Miller shared about his daughter's death and urged the SFMTA to design safe streets.

Speaker urged the SFMTA to implement daylighting, sharing that the agency has the tools but lack of political will to get things done.

Brian shared that the SFMTA needs to rapidly increase quick build work to change the streetscape.

Martin urged the SFMTA to make changes in the ground with concrete so that drivers cannot make reckless decisions.

Lisa Churchill requested that staff present what they accomplished and what they will accomplish to make Vision Zero a success.

Julie Mitchell shared about her son being a victim of traffic violence and expressed concern that SFMTA's efforts are too slow.

Director Yekutieli inquired about the mayor's recent budget supplemental request for the Police Department and asked if the SFMTA could seek 100 new speed radar signs as part of the request.

Chair Eaken requested that staff consider any other actions the Board could take at this time.

12. Discussion and vote pursuant to Administrative Code Section 67.10(b) as to whether to meet in closed session to discuss public employee performance evaluations.

No public comment.

On motion to go into closed session:

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



RECESS REGULAR MEETING AND CONVENE CLOSED SESSION – The Board recessed the meeting at 5:49pm.

CLOSED SESSION

1. Call to Order

Chair Eaken called the closed session to order at 6:00pm.

2. Roll Call

Present: Stephanie Cajina
Steve Heminger
Fiona Hinze
Manny Yekutieli
Gwyneth Borden
Amanda Eaken

Also present: Jeffrey Tumlin, Director of Transportation
Stephanie Stuart Bethune, Deputy City Attorney
Christine Silva, Board Secretary

3. Pursuant to Government Code Section 54957(b) and Administrative Code Section 67.10(b), the SFMTA Board of Directors will meet in closed session to discuss:

PUBLIC EMPLOYEE PERFORMANCE EVALUATION:
Jeffrey Tumlin, Director of Transportation

4. Pursuant to Government Code Section 54957(b) and Administrative Code Section 67.10(b), the SFMTA Board of Directors will meet in closed session to discuss:

PUBLIC EMPLOYEE PERFORMANCE EVALUATION:
Christine Silva, Board Secretary

Director Yekutieli left the meeting.

ADJOURN CLOSED SESSION AND RECONVENE OPEN SESSION – Chair Eaken adjourned the closed session at 7:45pm.

13. Announcement of Closed Session



Board Secretary Silva announced that the Board of Directors met in closed session for performance evaluations and took no action.

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

On motion to not disclose:

ADOPTED: AYES – Cajina, Heminger, Hinze, Borden, and Eaken
ABSENT – Yekutiel

ADJOURN – The meeting adjourned at 7:47pm.

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>.



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