MEETING MINUTES • Meeting Date: Tuesday, March 19, 2024

REGULAR MEETING AND CLOSED SESSION
1:00pm

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

REMOTE MEETING ACCESS
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SFMTA BOARD OF DIRECTORS
Amanda Eaken, Chair
Stephanie Cajina, Vice Chair
Steve Heminger
Dominica Henderson
Fiona Hinze
Lydia So
Janet Tarlov

DIRECTOR OF TRANSPORTATION
Jeffrey Tumlin

BOARD SECRETARY
Christine Silva
ORDER OF BUSINESS
1. Call to Order

Chair Eaken called the meeting to order at 1:07pm.

2. Roll Call

Present:  Steve Heminger
Dominica Henderson
Fiona Hinze
Lydia So
Janet Tarlov
Amanda Eaken

Absent:  Stephanie Cajina (with notification)

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

Board Secretary Silva made the announcement.

4. Approval of Minutes

Chair Eaken acknowledged the recent fatalities near West Portal Station.

No public comment.

On motion to approve the minutes of the March 5, 2024, Regular Meeting:

ADOPTED:  AYES – Heminger, Henderson, Hinze, So, Tarlov, and Eaken
ABSENT – Cajina

5. Communications

None.

6. Introduction of New or Unfinished Business by Board Members

Director So shared that Central Subway Rose Pak Station recently won the International Interior Design Association (IIDA) Interior Design Award and recognized staff and their work.
No public comment.

7. Director’s Report (For discussion only)

- Legislative Updates
- Transit Appreciation Day
- Ongoing Activities

Director Tumlin shared about Senate Bill (SB) 1031 to allow a nine-county transit measure for the November 2026 ballot, the President’s budget request grant, an update about the Potrero Yard project, funding for electric vehicle charging study, Transit Employee Appreciation Day, and the Mayor’s State of the City address.

PUBLIC COMMENT:

Speaker expressed concern about Vision Zero and electric vehicles (EVs).

Tom Radulovich commented about climate commitments and expressed concern about parking structures and garages, urging the SFMTA to review its assets.

Cyrus Hall expressed concern about EV curbside charging and potential challenges to removing parking and speeding up transit.

Luke Bornheimer expressed concern about curbside charging, sharing that the agency needs to protect protected bikeways.

Herbert Weiner urged the agency to improve transportation in the neighborhoods, not just downtown.


Aaron Leifer, Citizens’ Advisory Council Chair, presented the report.

PUBLIC COMMENT:

Speaker urged the Board to understand the full picture and pay attention.

Jodie Mederios commented on the recent fatalities from the weekend and looked to the Board for their Vision Zero commitments in the near and long term.

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.

Speaker shared that Vision Zero has zero vision.

Chris Wortclein shared about a recent FBI report, expressing concern about SFMTA systems and access control issues which could be a prime location for 3rd party hackers to gain access.

Cyrus Hall expressed concern about safety at a bus stop near Forest Hill Station, sharing about high speeds and lack of stopping at the intersection.

Kate Bloomberg urged the SFMTA to install protected bike lanes on Illinois Street in order to provide a safe and alternative mode to avoid traffic delays.

Dave Alexander expressed concern about traffic fatalities and encouraged the Board to keep taking action.

Tom Radulovich expressed concern about the traffic dots on Dolores Street, urging the SFMTA to uninstall the dots for cyclist safety.

Luke Bornheimer commented about recent fatalities and urged the Board to take immediate action and close the intersections to car traffic at West Portal to prevent future tragedies.

Herbert Weiner expressed concern over Muni service, Vision Zero, and considering tourists and their transportation needs.

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 claim against the SFMTA: (Explanatory documents include a resolution.)

A. Lucy Brindley v. CCSF, Superior Ct. Case No. CGC-22-601422 filed 08/25/22 for $20,000. Lawsuit involving allegations of personal injury from operator negligence (Plaintiff vehicle and revenue vehicle).

RESOLUTION No. 240319-023

10.2. Approving various routine parking and traffic modifications: (The Planning Department has found that Items A-E 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.)

B. ESTABLISH – RESIDENTIAL PERMIT PARKING AREA S – 4063-4067 24th Street.
C. ESTABLISH – RESIDENTIAL PERMIT PARKING AREA I – 976-980 Valencia Street.
D. ESTABLISH – RESIDENTIAL PERMIT PARKING AREA S – 760-762 Valencia Street.
E. ESTABLISH – RESIDENTIAL PERMIT PARKING AREA I – 3165-3167 24th Street.

RESOLUTION No. 240319-024

10.3. Approving various Roadway Shared Spaces street closures: (1) Harlan Place between Grant Avenue and Mark Lane, Saturday, May 25, 2024, through Sunday, May 25, 2025, 2 pm to 11 pm, Sunday through Monday, and 2 pm to 1:30 am, Tuesday through Saturday; (2) Mark Lane between Bush Street and Harlan Place, Saturday, April 1, 2024, through Sunday, March 31, 2025, 11 am to 11 pm, daily; (3) Leidesdorff Street between Sacramento and Commercial streets, Saturday, May 25, 2024, through Sunday, May 25, 2025, 11:30 am to 9 pm, each Sunday through Thursday, and 11:30 am to 10 pm, each Friday and Saturday; and making environmental review findings. (Explanatory documents include a staff report and resolution.)

RESOLUTION No. 240319-025
10.4. Delegating to the Director of Transportation authority to request the Board of Supervisors’ approval of SFMTA Surveillance Technology Policies required under Administrative Code Section 19B.2, and to submit to the Board of Supervisors the Annual Surveillance Reports required annually thereafter under Administrative Code Section 19B.6; and amending the SFMTA Contract Approval Delegation and Requirements Policy to include these authorizations. (Explanatory documents include a staff report and resolution.)

RESOLUTION No. 240319-026

No public comment.

On motion to approve:

ADOPTED: AYES – Heminger, Henderson, Hinze, So, Tarlov, and Eaken
ABSENT – Cajina

REGULAR CALENDAR

11. Approving a Roadway Shared Spaces closure of Via Bufano from Columbus Avenue to 75-feet northerly, Friday, March 22, 2024, through Saturday, March 22, 2025, 4 pm to 11:30 pm, each Tuesday through Thursday; 4 pm to midnight, each Friday; 1 pm to midnight, each Saturday; 1 pm to 10 pm, each Sunday; and making environmental review findings. (Explanatory documents include a staff report and resolution.)

Monica Munowitch, Shared Spaces Program Manager, presented the item.

PUBLIC COMMENT:

Members of the public expressing neither support nor opposition: Nate Horrell and Stacey Randecker

On motion to approve:

ADOPTED: AYES – Heminger, Henderson, Hinze, Tarlov, and Eaken
NAYES – So
ABSENT – Cajina

RESOLUTION No. 240319-027

12. Presentation and discussion on the Fiscal Year 2024-2025 and Fiscal Year 2025-2026 Operating and Capital Budget. (Explanatory documents include a slide presentation.)
Bree Mawhorter, Chief Financial Officer, presented the item.

PUBLIC COMMENT:

Speaker urged the SFMTA to raise parking fees and implement Sunday fees.

Kate Bloomberg commented about SFMTA as an enterprise agency and shared that the agency should increase parking fees and meters.

Tom Radulovich commented on equity and urged the SFMTA to collect from fees and not fines.

Cyrus Hall proposed an alternative option for the budget, sharing that any proposal should put riders first.

Dylan Fabris suggested alternatives to the proposed budget and questioned raising fares by 20%.

Lian Chang commented on mode shift and encouraged the SFMTA to hold cash fares, reduce the Clipper discount by half, and charge for parking on evenings and weekends.

Maia Chaffey expressed concern for Clipper users and also shared that if parking is free on Sundays, transit should also be free on Sundays.

Speaker expressed frustration with the proposed options and urged the SFMTA to implement more creative policies.

Jaime Viloria expressed concern over increasing fares and urged the SFMTA to do better with discount fare usage.

Luke Bornheimer agreed with others about extending meter parking and spoke about roadway safety and potential fee and fare bundling.

Speaker asked about whether paratransit was being impacted.

Herbert Weiner suggested the agency look at employee salaries for additional funding, sharing that everyone should make sacrifices.

Chair Eaken recessed the meeting at 4:32pm and reconvened the meeting at 4:50pm.
Chair Eaken took Item 14 out of order.

13. Amending Transportation Code, Division II, Articles 300 and 900 to establish base fees and fines as those in effect March 19, 2024; automatically increase designated fees and fines annually based on an index calculated using the Bay Area Consumer Price Index for all Urban Consumers and the San Francisco Controller’s Operating Budget Labor Cost Change; consolidate sections authorizing the SFMTA to recover costs for various services based on a time and materials basis and repealing specific time and materials cost recovery sections; delete obsolete provisions, and make technical corrections. (Explanatory documents include a staff report and resolution.)

Diana Hammons, Senior Manager Revenue Collection & Sales, presented the item.

No public comment.

On motion to approve:

ADOPTED: AYES – Heminger, Henderson, Hinze, Tarlov, and Eaken

ABSENT – Cajina and So

RESOLUTION No. 240319-028

14. Authorizing the SFMTA to use a design-build-operate-maintain (DBOM) delivery method for the implementation of the Automated Speed Enforcement Project; and authorizing the Director of Transportation to seek approval from the Board of Supervisors for a Project-specific ordinance to implement the DBOM delivery method in a manner that is most efficient for the Project. (Explanatory documents include a staff report and resolution.)

Shannon Hake, Speed Safety Camera Program Manager, presented the item.

PUBLIC COMMENT:

Members of the public expressing support: Bettina Cohen, Robin Levitt, Paul Albert, Richard Zieman, Josie Domiguez, Speaker, Carol Brownson, Marta Lindsey, Kate Bloomberg, John Lowell, Rachel, Claire Amable, Dan Connelly, and Tina Martin

Director So left the meeting.

On motion to approve:

ADOPTED: AYES – Heminger, Henderson, Hinze, So, Tarlov, and Eaken
ABSENT – Cajina and So

RESOLUTION No. 240319-029

15. Discussion and vote pursuant to Government Code Section 54957.6 and Administrative Code Section 67.10(e) as to whether to invoke the attorney-client privilege and conduct a closed session conference with designated representatives.

No public comment.

On motion to go into Closed Session:

ADOPTED: AYES – Heminger, Henderson, Hinze, Tarlov, and Eaken
ABSENT – Cajina and So

RECESS REGULAR MEETING AND CONVENE CLOSED SESSION – Chair Eaken recessed the meeting at 6:00pm.

Director Henderson left the meeting.

CLOSED SESSION

1. Call to Order

Chair Eaken called the Closed Session to order at 6:06pm.

2. Roll Call

Present: Steve Heminger
Fiona Hinze
Janet Tarlov
Amanda Eaken

Absent: Stephanie Cajina
Dominica Henderson
Lydia So

Also present: Jeff Tumlin, Director of Transportation
Kimberly Ackerman, Chief People Officer
Shana Dines, Sr. Employee & Labor Relations Manager
Julie Kirschbaum, Director of Transit
Jonathan Rewers, Chief Strategy Officer
3. Pursuant to Government Code Section 54957.6(a) and Administrative Code Section 67.8, the Municipal Transportation Agency Board of Directors shall meet in closed session for:

CONFERENCE WITH LABOR NEGOTIATOR

CCSF Representative: Gina Roccanova and/or designees

Employee Organizations:
1. Transportation Workers Union Local 250-A
2. Transportation Workers Union Local 200
3. International Brotherhood of Electrical Workers Local 6
4. International Association of Machinists & Aerospace Workers Local 1414
5. Service Employees International Union Local 1021
6. Municipal Executives Association
7. Service Employees International Union City Wide Contract
8. The International Federation of Professional and Technical Engineers, Local 21

To discuss:
___ Wages
___ Hours
___ Benefits
___ Working Conditions
___ Other
_X__ All

ADJOURN CLOSED SESSION AND RECONVENE OPEN SESSION – Chair Eaken adjourned the Closed Session and reconvened the meeting at 6:40pm.

16. Announcement of Closed Session

   Board Secretary Silva announced that the Board met in closed session with designated representatives and took no action on Item 3.

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

   ADOPTED: AYES – Heminger, Hinze, Tarlov, and Eaken
   ABSENT – Cajina, Henderson, and So
ADJOURN – Chair Eaken adjourned the meeting at 6:41pm.

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](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/](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](mailto: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.

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