MEETING MINUTES • Meeting Date: Tuesday, June 4, 2024

REGULAR MEETING AND CLOSED SESSION
1:00pm

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

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SFMTA BOARD OF DIRECTORS
Amanda Eaken, Chair
Stephanie Cajina, Vice Chair
Steve Heminger
Dominica Henderson
Fiona Hinze
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  
         Fiona Hinze  
         Janet Tarlov  
         Amanda Eaken

Absent (at Roll Call):  Dominica Henderson  
                       Stephanie Cajina

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

Board Secretary Silva made the announcement.

4. Approval of Minutes

- May 21, 2024, Regular Meeting

No public comment.

Director Henderson joined the meeting.

On motion to approve the minutes of the May 21, 2024, Regular Meeting:

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

5. Communications

None.

6. Introduction of New or Unfinished Business by Board Members

None.

7. Director’s Report (For discussion only)
• Disclosure of Labor Agreements
  o Transportation Workers Union Local 250-A
  o Transportation Workers Union Local 200
  o International Brotherhood of Electrical Workers Local 6
  o International Association of Machinists & Aerospace Workers Local 1414
  o Service Employees International Union Local 1021
  o Municipal Executives Association
  o Service Employees International Union City Wide Contract
  o The International Federation of Professional and Technical Engineers, Local 21

• U.S. Transportation Department Grant: All Stations Accessibility

• Twin Peaks Tunnel Closure Dates

• Ongoing Activities

Viktoriya Wise, Acting Director of Transportation, disclosed labor agreements, shared about Senate Bill 1031, receiving a Federal Transit Administration grant, Twin Peaks Tunnel closure dates, Slow Streets improvements, and the Sunday Streets kick-off.

Director Cajina joined the meeting.

Chair Eaken requested more information about the tunnel closure, requesting to better understand whether the school calendar was considered.

PUBLIC COMMENT:

Speaker expressed concern about Slow Streets and the agency’s work.

Allan Burdell expressed concern about the budget and suggested the agency look back at what was done 15 years ago when everyone pitched in.

Herbert Weiner questioned why staff were pursuing projects when resources are not available and commented about the 2 Sutter line.


None.

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.
Harold Findley shared about a bike crash and expressed concern about pedestrian safety and Valencia Street.

Andrew Singer shared about Hayes Street, recent events, and community engagement.

Herbert Weiner expressed concern about Muni service and missing lines, urging the agency to add more coaches to the fleet.

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

A. ESTABLISH – PERPENDICULAR PARKING, Carroll Avenue, south side, from Hawes Street to 85 feet westerly.
B. ESTABLISH – TOW-AWAY, NO STOPPING ANY TIME, Bosworth Street, north side, from east crosswalk at Lyell Street to 107 feet westerly.
C. ESTABLISH – RESIDENTIAL PERMIT PARKING AREA Y, 660-690 King Street.
D. ESTABLISH – RESIDENTIAL PERMIT PARKING AREA I, 900 block of Valencia Street.
E. ESTABLISH – RESIDENTIAL PERMIT PARKING AREA J, 1600 block of Haight Street.
F. ESTABLISH – RESIDENTIAL PERMIT PARKING AREA I, 2100 block of Mission Street.
G. RESCIND – TOW AWAY, NO STOPPING ANY TIME, 7 AM TO 9 AM, MONDAY THROUGH FRIDAY, Bush Street, south side, from Grant Avenue to Kearny Street.

H. RESCIND – METERED YELLOW ZONE, 6 WHEEL COMMERCIAL LOADING, 9 AM TO 6 PM, MONDAY THROUGH FRIDAY, ESTABLISH – METERED YELLOW ZONE, 6 WHEEL COMMERCIAL LOADING, 7 AM TO 6 PM, MONDAY THROUGH FRIDAY, Bush Street, south side, from 6 feet to 84 feet west of Claude Lane.

I. RESCIND – METERED YELLOW ZONE, COMMERCIAL LOADING, 9 AM TO 6 PM, MONDAY THROUGH SATURDAY, ESTABLISH – METERED YELLOW ZONE, COMMERCIAL LOADING, 7AM TO 6 PM, MONDAY THROUGH SATURDAY, Bush Street, south side, from 25 feet to 55 feet west of Kearny Street, Bush Street, south side, from Mark Lane to 20 feet west of Mark Lane, Bush Street, south side, from 50 feet to 70 feet west of Mark Lane.

J. RESCIND – 2-HR RPP, EXCEPT AREA HV PERMITS, 9 AM TO 9 PM, MONDAY THROUGH SATURDAY, ESTABLISH – GENERAL METERED PARKING, NO TIME LIMIT, 9 AM TO 6 PM MONDAY THROUGH SATURDAY, Gough Street, west side, between Fulton Street and Grove Street.

K. ESTABLISH – RED ZONE, Gough Street, west side, from Grove Street to 20 feet northerly.

L. RESCIND – BUS ZONE, Eddy Street, south side, from Mason Street to 121 feet westerly.

M. ESTABLISH – GENERAL METERED PARKING, 7AM-6PM, NO TIME LIMIT, MONDAY THROUGH SATURDAY, Eddy Street, south side, from 20 feet west of Mason Street to 100 feet westerly.

N. ESTABLISH – RED ZONE, Eddy Street, south side, from Mason Street to 20 feet westerly, Eddy Street, south side, from 100 feet west of Mason Street to 121 feet westerly.

O. RESCIND – YELLOW METER LOADING ZONE, 7AM-6PM, MONDAY THROUGH FRIDAY ESTABLISH – BUS ZONE, Eddy Street, south side, from 80 feet east of Taylor Street to 140 feet easterly.

RESOLUTION No. 240604-057

10.2. Approving the Second Amendment to Contract No. SFMTA-2021-64/2 with IMCO Parking, LLC, to add operation of the Music Concourse Garage to the contract scope of work and to increase the contract amount by $27 million, for an amended total contract amount not to exceed $207 million and requesting the Board of Supervisors to approve the Second Amendment. (Explanatory documents include a staff report and resolution.)

RESOLUTION No. 240604-058 and 240604-059
No public comment.

On motion to approve:

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

REGULAR CALENDAR
11. Recommending that the SFMTA Board of Directors approve various SFMTA Policy and Procedure Reforms: (Explanatory documents include a staff report and resolutions.)

A. Amendments and updates to the SFMTA Board of Directors Rules of Order changing the Board’s Order of Business, adding Article 9 to establish a Policy for standing and select committees of the Board, and Article 10 to set a Parental Leave Policy for the Board.
B. Amendments and updates to the SFMTA Contract Approval Delegation and Requirements Policy, which delegates to the Director of Transportation the authority to approve and execute expenditure and revenue contracts, contract amendments, and other agreements within certain limits.
C. Amendments and updates to the SFMTA Advertising Policy to revise the advertising standards to prohibit advertisements that, among other things, concern a political or public issue, contain profanity or violent descriptions or images, are intended to be insulting, degrading, disparaging, demeaning or offensive, are reasonably likely to be harmful or disruptive to the SFMTA’s transit system, encourage or depict unsafe transit behavior, or are adverse to the interests of the SFMTA.

Jonathan Rewers, Chief Strategy Officer, presented the item.

PUBLIC COMMENT:

Members of the public expressing neither support nor opposition: Maurie Hurley, Max, and Speaker

On motion to amend the Item 11B resolution to say after “Policy”, “as amended by the SFMTA Board of Directors at its meeting on June 4, 2024” and in paragraph A.1.b of the policy, “except in the case of a competitive procurement where: (1) the SFMTA receives only one proposal or bid; and (2) the Total Contract Amount is between $1,000,000 and $2,000,000,” and approve Items 11A, 11B as amended, and 11C:

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

RESOLUTION No. 240604-060 (Item 11A)
RESOLUTION No. 240604-061 (Item 11B)
RESOLUTION No. 240604-062 (Item 11C)

12. Presentation and discussion regarding the West Portal Station Safety and Community Space Improvements Project. (Explanatory documents include a slide presentation.)

Liz Brisson, Major Corridors Manager, to present.

PUBLIC COMMENT:

Wade Warrens expressed concern about safety and urged the SFMTA to add traffic calming measures now.

Pamkaj Shah shared that the area is not a high traffic risked and suggested that Muni should use the horseshoe area for bus stops.

Speaker expressed support to have busses in the horseshoe instead of on the street and expressed concern about safety.

Karl Aguilar expressed concern about increasing hazards and frustration with traffic measures and was in support of a traffic signal at Ulloa Street.

Terry McHugh expressed opposition to beautification efforts in the plaza and commented that more flashing lights are needed at the intersection in front of the tunnel.

Luke Bornheimer urged the Board to take immediate action, extend transit only lanes on 15th Avenue, separate transit only lanes and remove cut-through traffic in the area.

Sally Mask commented about Lennox Street and expressed concern about making it a one-way street.

Speaker expressed concern about making changes to West Portal.

Arthur Perkins expressed concern about restrictions on Ulloa Street, sharing that there will be reduced access to the west side of West Portal.

Jodie Mederios shared that safety must be a priority on West Portal Streets and thanked staff for their work to find solutions.

Dena Aslanian-Williams shared about being on the West Portal committee and urged the SFMTA to consider what the community wants.
Katerina shared about the neighborhood and expressed concern that the recent fatalities are being used to minimize cars on West Portal.

Karen Tarantola expressed concern about safety, impact of closing Ulloa Street creating congestion and a potential increase of traffic on residential streets.

Zach Lipton urged the Board to approve the project without delay and trusted that the Board would choose what is best and safest for riders, Option 1A.

Speaker commented that the Board cannot ignore the calls to see what neighbors want, sharing that open storefronts does not mean success.

Speaker shared that transit riders also need to be considered and that the intersection of Ulloa and West Portal must be safer.

Dylan Fabris thanked staff and urged the Board to approve the initial proposal as quickly as possible, ideally during the planned tunnel closure.

Audrey Lin expressed support for the original design option and shared about recent events where streets can shine and have vibrancy without cars.

Rachel Clyde expressed support for reimagining West Portal, of bikeshare in the horseshoe area, and thanked staff for their diligence.

Allen Burdell commented about the Vicente and West Portal intersection and the five-point intersection at Madrone and urged the Board to listen to community members.

Angie expressed concern about making Lennox Way a one-way street and quested whether there was data that could be considered.

Speaker shared that the plan would make the area more dangerous and expressed opposition to the project.

Herbert Weiner shared that the project would make driving more difficult and urged the Board to listen to the community.

Emma Heiken, Legislative Aide for Supervisor Myrna Melgar, provided comments from Supervisor Melgar’s office, and urged the Board to consider changes and options.
Heminger asked about the status of the law enforcement response and suggested having a Police Department representative at the future action meeting for the project.

Chair Eaken recessed the meeting at 5:08pm and reconvened the meeting at 5:25pm.

Chair Eaken returned to Item 11.

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

No public comment.

On motion to go into Closed Session:

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

RECESS REGULAR MEETING AND CONVENE CLOSED SESSION – Chair Eaken recessed the meeting at 5:30pm.

CLOSED SESSION
1. Call to Order

Chair Eaken called the Closed Session to order at 5:32pm.

2. Roll Call

Present: Steve Heminger
Dominica Henderson
Fiona Hinze
Janet Tarlov
Stephanie Cajina
Amanda Eaken

Also present: Kimberly Ackerman, Chief People Officer
Ari Baruth, Deputy City Attorney
Susan Cleveland-Knowles, Deputy City Attorney
Shana Dines, Employee & Labor Relations Manager
Lance Jackson, Program Manager
Gina Roccanova, Labor Negotiator
Jonathan Rolnick, Chief Labor Attorney
3. Pursuant to Government Code Section 54956.9(d)(1) and (d)(2) and the Administrative Code Section 67.8 (a)(3) and 67.10(d)(1) and (2), the SFMTA 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 (Explanatory documents include a resolution):

A. A&B Construction matter involving unlitigated subcontractor claims for additional compensation (City Law Attorney Matter No. 230237) under SFMTA Contract No. 1289, related to the Van Ness Corridor Transit Improvement Project with the SFMTA to pay $157,760.

B. OC Jones & Sons, Inc. matter involving unlitigated subcontractor claims for additional compensation (City Law Attorney Matter No. 230237) under SFMTA Contract No. 1289, related to the Van Ness Corridor Transit Improvement Project with the SFMTA to pay $24,553.

C. RMA Group of Northern California matter involving unlitigated subcontractor claims for additional compensation (City Law Attorney Matter No. 230237) under SFMTA Contract No. 1289, related to the Van Ness Corridor Transit Improvement Project with the SFMTA to pay $81,037.

D. Phoenix Electric Company matter involving unlitigated subcontractor claims for additional compensation (City Law Attorney Matter No. 230237) under SFMTA Contract No. 1289, related to the Van Ness Corridor Transit Improvement Project with the SFMTA to pay $2,386,008.

E. Reliance Engineering, Inc. matter involving unlitigated subcontractor claims for additional compensation (City Law Attorney Matter No. 230237) under SFMTA Contract No. 1289, related to the Van Ness Corridor Transit Improvement Project with the SFMTA to pay $454,558.

F. Golden Bay Fence Plus Iron Works, Inc. matter involving unlitigated subcontractor claims for additional compensation (City Law Attorney Matter No. 230237) under SFMTA Contract No. 1289, related to the Van Ness Corridor Transit Improvement Project with the SFMTA to pay $34,098.

On motion to approve:

ADOPTED: AYES – Heminger, Henderson, Hinze, Tarlov, Cajina and Eaken
RESOLUTION No. 240604-063

4. 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 6:19pm.

14. Announcement of Closed Session

Board Secretary Silva announced that the Board met in closed session and voted to settle Items 3A-3F and took no action on Item 4.

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

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

ADJOURN – Chair Eaken adjourned the meeting at 6:22pm.
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 website: 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. 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.
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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