MINUTES • Meeting Date: June 6, 2024

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
Michael Chen
Queena Chen
Steve Cornell
Robert Jaques
John Lisovsky
Eliza Panike
Karim Salgado
Yensing Sihapanya
Connor Skelly
Susan Vaughan
Frank Zepeda

COUNCIL LIAISON
Christine Silva

COUNCIL SECRETARY
Keka Robinson-Luqman
ORDER OF BUSINESS

1. Call to Order

Vice Chair Arvin called the meeting to order at 5:36 p.m.

2. Roll Call

CAC members present at Roll Call: Chris Arvin, Sascha Bittner, Michael Chen, Stephen Cornell, Robert Jaques, Yensing Sihapanya, Connor Skelly, Susan Vaughan, and Frank Zepeda

CAC members absent with notification: Queena Chen, Aaron Leifer, John Lisovsky, Eliza Panike, and Karim Salgado

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 May 2, 2024:

ADOPTED: AYES – Chris Arvin, Sascha Bittner, Michael Chen, Stephen Cornell, Robert Jaques, Yensing Sihapanya, Connor Skelly, Susan Vaughan, and Frank Zepeda

ABSENT – Queena Chen, Aaron Leifer, John Lisovsky, Eliza Panike, and Karim Salgado

5. Report of the Chair (For discussion only)

Vice Chair Arvin reported that it is Member Michael Chen’s last meeting. They wished him well in all his future endeavors.

No public comment.
6. Public Comment

Edward Mason stated that a neighbor of his was almost hit in three instances of left-turning vehicles while she was in the crosswalk on 24th and Mission. He also stated that Muni should create a training program for schools on how to ride the Muni. He has often witnessed young people not giving deference to seniors and the disabled in seating. He suggested introducing Vision Zero to young people.

REGULAR CALENDAR
7. Presentation, discussion, and possible action regarding the Quarterly Transit Update. (Julie Kirschbaum, Director, Transit. Explanatory documents include a slide presentation.)

PUBLIC COMMENT:

Edward Mason provided constructive comments regarding the 48 Quintara line. He suggested that the head sign on the bus let people know that the bus is full whenever a Muni Operator must pass up bus stops.

8. Presentation, discussion, and possible action regarding the Valencia Bikeway Update. (Paul Stanis, Associate Engineer. Explanatory documents include a slide presentation.)

Viktoriya Wise, Chief of Staff, presented the item.

PUBLIC COMMENT:

Edward Mason stated that a solution to double parking can be solved by having delivery zones reserved online. He suggested following the UPS way regarding left turns—three rights instead of a left. He stated that he is amazed at the political influence of the Bicycle Coalition.

CAC MOTION 240606.01

The SFMTA CAC recommends that the SFMTA Board of Directors endorse a side-running bike lane proposal for the Mid-Valencia corridor.

On motion to approve:

ADOPTED: AYES – Chris Arvin, Sascha Bittner, Michael Chen, Stephen Cornell, Yensing Sihapanya, Connor Skelly, Susan Vaughan, and Frank Zepeda
ABSENT – Queena Chen, Robert Jaques, Aaron Leifer, John Lisovsky, Eliza Panike, and Karim Salgado
9. Council Member Information and Agenda Item Requests. (For discussion only)

None.

PUBLIC COMMENT:

Edward Mason suggested having a presentation on signal preemption for major lines.

ADJOURN - The meeting was adjourned at 8:06 p.m.

Submitted by:

Keka Robinson-Luqman
SFMTA CAC – Secretary

Next meeting (special): Thursday, July 11th at 5:30pm | Union Square Conference Room