



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

MEETING MINUTES • Meeting Date: Tuesday, May 6, 2025

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

Janet Tarlov, Chair
Stephanie Cajina, Vice Chair
Alfonso Felder
Steve Heminger
Dominica Henderson
Fiona Hinze

DIRECTOR OF TRANSPORTATION

Julie Kirschbaum

BOARD SECRETARY

Christine Silva



ORDER OF BUSINESS

1. Call to Order

Chair Tarlov called the meeting to order at 1:05pm.

2. Roll Call

Present: Alfonso Felder
Steve Heminger
Dominica Henderson
Fiona Hinze
Janet Tarlov

Absent (at Roll Call): Stephanie Cajina

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

Board Secretary Silva made the announcement.

4. Approval of Minutes

- April 15, 2025, Regular Meeting

No public comment.

On motion to approve the minutes of the April 15, 2025, Regular Meeting:

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

5. Communications

None.

6. Director's Report (For discussion only)

- Special Recognition
- Agency Structure
- Ongoing Activities & Events



Director Kirschbaum introduced Viktoriya Wise, Director of Streets, recognized the Sign Shop Team.

Director Cajina joined the meeting.

Director Kirschbaum then shared about recent organizational changes, Bike and Roll School Week, Climate Week and new curbside EV charging stations, and daylighting efforts at schools.

PUBLIC COMMENT:

Cyrus Hall commented about daylighting efforts and expressed concern about daylighting being done at less than 20 feet.

Griffin Lee commended Director Kirschbaum on making required cuts when needed and expressed support for daylighting in major commercial corridors and at schools.

Herbert Weiner expressed concern about bicyclists riding to school on the sidewalk and safety impacts.

7. Citizens' Advisory Council Report

Aaron Leifer, Citizens' Advisory Council (CAC) Chair, presented the report.

PUBLIC COMMENT:

Griffin Lee expressed support for Waymo on Market Street, sharing that it would allow every mode of transit on that street and would be another transit option.

Cyrus Hall expressed concern about safety and delays on Market Street from stalled Waymo vehicles.

8. New or Unfinished Business by Board Members

Chair Tarlov shared about attending the All Aboard Bay Area Transit Day event and a renewed understanding of the importance of the agency's work.

No public comment.

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.

Herber Weiner shared that the agency should add buses to the more heavily used lines and that it should be a priority.

Griffin Lee urged the Board to consider diversifying the Muni Funding Working Group with different perspectives.

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 simple or 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. Mohammed Samer Jabri v. SFMTA, SF Superior Ct. Case No. CGC-22-602481 filed 10/29/2022 for \$75,000. Lawsuit involving allegations of personal injury from operator negligence (Plaintiff vehicle and revenue vehicle).

RESOLUTION No. 250506-037

10.2. 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 SFMTA Board action constitutes the Approval Action as defined by Chapter 31 of the SF Administrative Code. Explanatory documents include a staff report and resolution.)

A. ESTABLISH – TOW-AWAY, NO STOPPING ANY TIME, John Muir Drive, east side, from 700 John Muir Drive driveway to 120 feet southerly.



- B. ESTABLISH – RESIDENTIAL PERMIT PARKING AREA J (Eligibility only, no signs), Haight Street between Clayton Street and Ashbury Street, both sides.
- C. ESTABLISH – RESIDENTIAL PERMIT PARKING AREA U (Eligibility only, no signs), Folsom Street, both sides, between 7th Street and 8th Street.
- D. ESTABLISH - RESIDENTIAL PERMIT PARKING AREA U (Eligibility only, no signs), Mission Street, both sides, between 6th Street and 7th Street.
- E. ESTABLISH – GENERAL METERED PARKING, NO TIME LIMIT, 9 AM TO 6 PM, MONDAY THROUGH SATURDAY, Indiana Street, both sides, between Tulare Street and Cesar Chavez Street, Cesar Chavez Street, south side, from 180 feet west of Indiana Street to Tennessee Street.
- F. ESTABLISH – TOW AWAY NO STOPPING AT ALL TIMES, Cesar Chavez Street, south side, from Tennessee Street to 3rd Street.
- G. ESTABLISH – BLUE ZONE, DISABLED PARKING, AT ALL TIMES, 1301 Cesar Chavez Street, south side, from 20 feet to 40 feet west of Indiana Street, 1673 Indiana Street, east side, from 10 feet to 30 feet north of Marin Street, 1675 Indiana Street, east side, from 20 feet to 40 feet south of Marin Street.
- H. ESTABLISH – NO PARKING VEHICLES OVER SIX FEET HIGH, Cesar Chavez Street, north side, from Tennessee Street to 100 feet easterly, Cesar Chavez Street, north side, from Minnesota Street to 100 feet easterly, Cesar Chavez Street, north side, from Indiana Street to 100 feet easterly, Cesar Chavez Street, south side, from Indiana Street to 100 feet easterly.
- I. RESCIND – TOW-AWAY, NO STOPPING, EXCEPT PERMITTED CAR SHARE, Bartlett Street, east side, from 3 feet to 20 feet south of 26th Street.
- J. ESTABLISH – TOW-AWAY, NO STOPPING, EXCEPT PERMITTED CAR SHARE, Bartlett Street, east side, from 10 feet to 27 feet south of 26th Street.
- K. ESTABLISH – RED ZONE, Bartlett Street, east side, from 26th Street to 10 feet southerly.
- L. ESTABLISH – BUS ZONE, Newhall Street, west side, from 107 feet to 198 feet south of Hudson Avenue.
- M. RESCIND – BUS ZONE, Palou Avenue, south side, from 3rd Street to 115 feet westerly.
- N. ESTABLISH – METERED GREEN ZONE, SHORT-TERM PARKING, 15-MINUTE LIMIT, 9AM TO 6PM, MONDAY THROUGH SATURDAY, 15th Street, north side, from Church Street to 20 feet westerly.
- O. ESTABLISH – GENERAL METERED PARKING, 2 HOUR TIME LIMIT, 9 AM TO 6 PM, MONDAY THROUGH SATURDAY, 15th Street, south side, from 10 feet to 30 feet east of Church Street

RESOLUTION No. 250506-038



- 10.3. Approving a Roadway Shared Spaces street closure application by a local event producer for Noe Street between Market and Beaver streets, Sunday, June 1, 2025, through Sunday, May 3, 2026, 9:30 am to 6:30 pm, every first Sunday of each month; and making environmental review findings. (Explanatory documents include a staff report and resolution.)

RESOLUTION No. 250506-039

- 10.4. Adopting a resolution of project compliance for allocation of Regional Measure 3 (RM3) bridge toll funds in the amount of \$8,886,580 for the construction phase of the SFMTA's Battery Electric Buses Procurement project following Federal Transit Administration Buy America requirements; and providing assurances that the SFMTA will comply with Metropolitan Transportation Commission policies. (Explanatory documents include a staff report and resolution.)

RESOLUTION No. 250506-040

- 10.5. Authorizing the Director of Transportation, or their designee, to execute the required Certifications and Assurances and Authorized Agent forms for the Fiscal Year 2024-2025 Low Carbon Transit Operations Program for the purpose of obtaining funds (\$18,401,781) from the California Department of Transportation for the Free Muni for Seniors, People with Disabilities and Youth programs; and authorizing the SFMTA to comply with all conditions and requirements set forth in the Certifications and Assurances and applicable statutes, regulations and guidelines. (Explanatory documents include a staff report and resolution.)

RESOLUTION No. 250506-041

- 10.6. Authorizing the Director of Transportation to execute Amendment No. 1 to SFMTA Contract No. 2022-14 with Kiepe Electric, LLC., for post-warranty on-site support, training, and mentoring for the maintenance of the Contractor-manufactured propulsion system, associated components, and software installed on SFMTA electric trolley buses, increasing the contract amount by a maximum of \$985,158, for a total amount not to exceed \$1,820,848, and extending the Agreement term up to an additional three years through February 2028. (Explanatory documents include a staff report and resolution.)

RESOLUTION No. 250506-042



PUBLIC COMMENT:

Members of the public expressing support: Griffin Lee (10.2N & O)

Members of the public expressing opposition: Griffin Lee (10.2)

On motion to approve:

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

REGULAR CALENDAR

11. Presentation and discussion on the legal responsibilities of the SFMTA Board of Directors. (Fulfills Charter Section 8A.102 (c)(3) training requirements. Explanatory documents include a slide presentation.)

Susan Cleveland-Knowles, Deputy City Attorney, and Stephanie Stuart Bethune, Deputy City Attorney, presented the item.

No public comment.

12. Authorizing the Director of Transportation to execute Contract No. SFMTA-2025-28-LOC: Phase 1 light rail vehicles (LRV4) Brake System Overhaul with Wabtec Passenger Transit to perform the scheduled overhaul of key components of the LRV4 brake system on 68 vehicles, for a contract amount not to exceed \$15,527,933, and a term of two years and six months. (Explanatory documents include a staff report and resolution.)

Joe Speaks, Deputy Project Manager LRV4 Procurement Program, presented report.

PUBLIC COMMENT:

Members of the public expressing support: Cyrus Hall

On motion to approve:

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

RESOLUTION No. 250506-043

13. Presentation and discussion regarding a Muni Metro Capacity Study. (Explanatory documents include a slide presentation.)



Liz Brisson, Major Corridors Program Manager, presented the item.

PUBLIC COMMENT:

Cyrus Hall shared about the improvements and reliability of Muni while also sharing concerns about the N Judah line.

Herbert Weiner questioned whether there were benefits to the neighborhoods and suggested expanding the fleet.

Director Felder left the meeting.

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

On motion to Closed Session:

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

RECESS REGULAR MEETING AND CONVENE CLOSED SESSION – Chair Tarlov recessed the meeting at 3:48pm.

CLOSED SESSION

1. Call to Order

Chair Tarlov called the Closed Session to order at 3:52pm.

2. Roll Call

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

Absent (with notification): Alfonso Felder

Also present: Susan Cleveland-Knowles, Deputy City Attorney
 Shana Dines, Sr. Employee & Labor Relations Manager



Julie Kirschbaum, Director of Transportation
Christine Silva, Board Secretary
Viktoriya Wise, Director of Streets

3. Pursuant to Government Code Section 54956.9(d)(1) and (d)(2) and 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:

- A. Nick Chapman, Pre-litigated Claim, City Attorney Reference No. 1600734 for \$141,807.90. Pre-litigation matter involving allegations that the SFMTA violated fair employment laws and for unpaid overtime compensation for services rendered.

On motion to approve:

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

RESOLUTION No. 250506-044

ADJOURN CLOSED SESSION AND RECONVENE OPEN SESSION – Chair Tarlov reconvened the meeting at 4:10pm.

15. Announcement of Closed Session

Board Secretary Silva announced that the Board met in closed session and voted to approve Item 3.

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

On motion to not disclose:

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



ADJOURN – Chair Tarlov adjourned the meeting at 4:12pm.

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', is positioned above the printed name.

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.

Copies of the Sunshine Ordinance can be obtained from the Clerk of the Sunshine Task Force, the San Francisco Public Library and on the City's website at <https://sfgov.org/sunshine/>.