



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

MEETING MINUTES • Meeting Date: Tuesday, August 5, 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
Mike Chen
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 1:04pm.

2. Roll Call

Present: Mike Chen
Steve Heminger
Dominica Henderson
Fiona Hinze
Janet Tarlov

Absent: Stephanie Cajina (at Roll Call)
Alfonso Felder (with notification)

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

Board Secretary Silva made the announcement.

4. Approval of Minutes

- July 15, 2025, Regular Meeting

No public comment.

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

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

5. Communications

None.

6. Director's Report (For discussion only)

- Special Recognition
- August Service Changes
- Speed Safety Camera Update
- Events & Ongoing Activities



Viktoriya Wise, Director of Streets, introduced Brent Jones, Director of Transit, to present special recognition to Transit staff. Director Wise then called up Jessica Garcia, Service Planning Manager, to share about August Service Changes.

Director Cajina joined the meeting.

Director Wise shared a speed safety camera update and recent events including the ADA 35th Anniversary Celebration, Chinatown Station Art Installation, and service for summer concerts.

PUBLIC COMMENT:

Aleta Dupree expressed concern about service during concerts and needing to ensure service serves the whole city.

Griffin Lee was encouraged by service improvements, expressing support for more efficiencies, and questioned AB 645 revenue going towards traffic calming measures.

Speaker expressed support for the ADA program and celebration and questioned why the agency's budget was not included in the report.

Herbert Weiner commented the bicyclists should have licenses and expressed concern about for disabled riders needing to walk long distances to bus stops.

7. Citizens' Advisory Council Report

None.

8. New or Unfinished Business by Board Members

Chair Tarlov announced the re-establishment of two select committees: Vision Zero Committee and Train Control Upgrade Project (TCUP) Committee. She also announced appointments to those committees: Director Cajina and Director Chen to the Vision Zero Committee and Director Felder to the Train Control Upgrade Project Committee.

Director Henderson thanked staff Joel Ramos and Viktoriya Wise for participating in a recent Bayview Town Hall.

PUBLIC COMMENT:



Aleta Dupree thanked the Board for bringing the TCUP committee back, expressing support for train control and its impact on more reliable service.

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.

Thierry spoke about transportation, the need for self-control and awareness.

Griffin Lee questioned the hours of commercial loading zones and suggested shortening them while also urging better coordination of departments and enforcement.

Aleta Dupree highlighted the importance of Muni Mobile and the upcoming Clipper 2.0 improvements.

Rachel Reynolds requested a Next Bus screen on Market and 7th Streets and advocated for the return of a bus stop near Broderick and McAllister Streets to accommodate senior centers.

Lucy spoke as an RV resident and shared concerns about two-hour parking restrictions, asking for compassion and support for RV dwellers.

Speaker looked forward to hearing about community engagement during the budget process.

Zach expressed opposition to the RV parking restrictions and raised concerns about its impact on marginalized communities.

Speaker expressed concern about targeting RV families and low-income residents and urged for better solutions to the housing and rent crisis.

Charlie Fisch encouraged the Board to bring the RV item back for further amendments with more leniency.

Azucena Hernandez urged the Board to bring the RV item back and to create legislation to protect RV residents.

Herbert Weiner raised accessibility concerns about bus stops, including those on 19th Avenue.

Gregory Ruff expressed concern about agency management and communications and shared about an experience while trying to recover a towed car.



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.

Secretary Silva announced that Item 10.2 M, N and O were removed from the consent calendar.

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. CSAA Insurance Exchange/Christopher Conway, Unlitigated Claim No. C25-0284 for \$100,000 (City to receive). Claim involving allegations of property damage to City property.

B. PMA Companies, Unlitigated Claim No. C25-0343 for \$28,194.58 (City to receive). Claim involving allegations of property damage to City property.

RESOLUTION No. 250805-071

10.2. Approving various routine parking and traffic modifications and making environmental findings: (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 – RESIDENTIAL PERMIT PARKING AREA A, 1150 Francisco Street.

B. ESTABLISH – RESIDENTIAL PERMIT PARKING AREA X, Rhode Island Street, both sides, between 16th Street and 17th Street.

C. ESTABLISH – RESIDENTIAL PERMIT PARKING AREA R, Eddy Street, both sides, between Franklin Street and Van Ness Avenue.

- D. ESTABLISH – RESIDENTIAL PERMIT PARKING AREA U, Bryant Street between 2nd Street and 3rd Street, both sides.
- E. ESTABLISH – GENERAL METERED PARKING, NO TIME LIMIT, 9 AM TO 6 PM, MONDAY THROUGH SATURDAY, Font Boulevard, north and south sides, between Tapia Drive/Arballo Drive and Lake Merced Boulevard.
- F. RESCIND – RESIDENTIAL PERMIT PARKING AREA E, ESTABLISH – GENERAL METERED PARKING, NO TIME LIMIT, 9 AM TO 6 PM, MONDAY THROUGH SATURDAY, Arballo Drive, west side, between Font Boulevard and Vidal Drive.
- G. RESCIND – PERPENDICULAR PARKING, ESTABLISH – PARALLEL PARKING, Connecticut Street, west side, from 129 feet to 165 feet south of 26th Street, and,
- H. ESTABLISH – TOW-AWAY, NO STOPPING ANY TIME, 47th Avenue, east side, from Vicente Street to 35 feet southerly.
- I. RESCIND – METERED MOTORCYCLE PARKING, ESTABLISH – GENERAL METERED PARKING, 7 AM TO 6 PM, MONDAY THROUGH SATURDAY, Drumm Street, west side, from 118 feet to 260 feet north of Clay Street.
- J. RESCIND – TOW-AWAY, NO STOPPING, EXCEPT PERMITTED CAR SHARE, 29th Street, north side, from Dolores Street to 17 feet easterly.
- K. ESTABLISH – TOW-AWAY, NO STOPPING, EXCEPT PERMITTED CAR SHARE, 29th Street, south side, from 13 feet to 30 feet east of Dolores Street.
- L. ESTABLISH – RED ZONE, 29th Street, north side, from Dolores Street to 20 feet easterly.
- ~~M. RESCIND – TOW-AWAY, NO STOPPING, EXCEPT PERMITTED CAR SHARE, Belcher Street, west side, from 14th Street to 20 feet northerly.~~
- ~~N. ESTABLISH – TOW-AWAY, NO STOPPING, EXCEPT PERMITTED CAR SHARE, Belcher Street, west side, from 10 feet to 28 feet north of 14th Street.~~
- ~~O. ESTABLISH – RED ZONE, Belcher Street, west side, from 14th Street to 10 feet northerly.~~

RESOLUTION No. 250805-072

- 10.3. Approving two Roadway Shared Spaces street closure applications for: (A) Commercial Street from 107-feet to 147-feet west of Sansome Street, Wednesday, August 6, 2025, through Wednesday, August 5, 2026, 7 am to 11 pm, daily; and (B) Commercial Street between Sansome and Montgomery streets, and Leidesdorff Street between Sacramento and Clay streets, Wednesday, August 6, 2025, through Wednesday, August 5, 2026, 7 am to 10 pm, daily; and making environmental review findings. (Explanatory documents include a staff report and resolution.)

RESOLUTION No. 250805-073



- 10.4. Adopting a resolution of project compliance for allocation of Regional Measure 3 (RM3) bridge toll funds in the amount of \$2,847,000 for the construction phase of the SFMTA's Battery Electric Buses (BEB) Procurement project; and providing assurances that the SFMTA will comply with Metropolitan Transportation Commission (MTC) policies. (Explanatory documents include a staff report and resolution.)

RESOLUTION No. 250805-074

- 10.5. Appointing Judson True, SFMTA Chief of Staff and Director of External Affairs, as an alternate director to serve on the Transbay Joint Powers Authority Board of Directors, effective August 6, 2025. (Explanatory documents include a staff report and resolution.)

RESOLUTION No. 250805-075

PUBLIC COMMENT:

Members of the public expressing support: Marie Hurabiell (10.5) and Aleta Dupree (10.4)

Members of the public expressing opposition: Marie Hurabiell (10.2)

On motion to approve:

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

REGULAR CALENDAR

11. Authorizing the Director of Transportation to execute Contract No. SFMTA-2025-23-LOC to procure three 40-ft and three 60-ft battery-electric transit buses from Solaris Bus US, Inc., along with associated spare parts, special tools, manuals, and training through assigned options established under a procurement conducted by King County Metro, for an amount not to exceed \$9,964,706 and a term until December 19, 2027, with options to extend it to December 19, 2029. (Explanatory documents include a staff report and resolution.)

Bhavin Khatri, Zero Emission Program Manager, and Marley Miller, Associate Engineer, presented the item.



Director Heminger and Chair Tarlov requested an update on the agency's facilities, including infrastructure challenges and budgetary impacts related to increased electrification.

PUBLIC COMMENT:

Members of the public expressing support: Aleta Dupree and Herbert Weiner

Members of the public expressing neither support nor opposition: Alex Lantsburg

On motion to approve:

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

RESOLUTION No. 250805-076

12. Presentation and discussion regarding Assembly Bill 2561 Vacancy Reporting. (Explanatory documents include a slide presentation.)

Kimberly Ackerman, Human Resources Director, presented the item.

PUBLIC COMMENT:

Herbert Weiner commented that all efforts should be towards recruiting more operators and shared that one issue is that too many operators drive in from far distances.

13. 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.

No public comment.

On motion to go into Closed Session:

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

RECESS REGULAR MEETING AND CONVENE CLOSED SESSION – Chair Tarlov recessed the meeting at 3:43pm.



CLOSED SESSION

1. Call to Order

Chair Tarlov called the Closed Session to order at 3:57pm.

2. Roll Call

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

Absent (with notification): Alfonso Felder

Also present: Susan Cleveland-Knowles, Deputy City Attorney
Andrea Contreras, Acting Chief Equity Officer
Christina Fletes-Romo, Deputy City Attorney
Virginia Harmon, Director of Administration
David Innis, Deputy City Attorney
Ron Lee, Deputy City Attorney
Christine Silva, Board Secretary
Judson True, Chief of Staff and Director of External Affairs
Viktoriya Wise, Director of Streets

3. Pursuant to California Government Code, Section 54956.9(a), (d)(1), (2), (4), and San Francisco Administrative Code, Section 67.10(d), for the purpose of conferring with, or receiving advice from, legal counsel regarding the following existing litigation matters in which the City is a party:

CONFERENCE WITH LEGAL COUNSEL

Existing and Anticipated Litigation:

- A. *State of New Jersey, et al. v. Donald J. Trump, et al.*, Case No. 1:25-cv-10139 (D. Mass.), 25-1170 (1st Cir.), 24A886 (U.S. Sup. Ct.); *City and County of San Francisco v. Donald J. Trump, et al.*, Case No. 3:25-cv[1]01350 (N.D. Cal.); *Doctors for America v. Office of Personnel Management*, Case No. 1:25-cv[1]00322 (D.D.C.); SFUSD, *City of Santa Fe v. AmeriCorps, et al.*, Case No. 3:25-cv-02425 (N.D. Cal.) *AFGE, et al. v. Trump, et al.*, Case No. 3:25-cv-03698, filed 4/28/2025 (N.D. Cal.), *King County, et al. v. Turner, et al.*,



Case No. 2:25-cv-00814, filed 5/2/2025 (W.D. Wash.), and regarding anticipated litigation as plaintiff and/or defendant.

ADJOURN CLOSED SESSION AND RECONVENE OPEN SESSION – Chair Tarlov reconvened the meeting at 5:07pm.

14. Announcement of Closed Session

Board Secretary Silva announced that the Board took no action.

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

On motion to not disclose:

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

ADJOURN – Chair Tarlov adjourned the meeting at 5:09pm.

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

ADJOURN

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/>.