

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

MEETING MINUTES • Meeting Date: Tuesday, August 27, 2024

# **VISION ZERO COMMITTEE MEETING**

1:00pm

1 South Van Ness Avenue, Floor 7 Union Square Conference Room, Room 7080

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# **COMMITTEE MEMBERS**

Amanda Eaken, Chair Steve Heminger Fiona Hinze

# **DIRECTOR OF TRANSPORTATION**

Jeffrey Tumlin

# **BOARD SECRETARY**

Christine Silva



# **ORDER OF BUSINESS**

1. Call to Order

Chair Eaken called the meeting to order at 1:03pm.

2. Roll Call

Present: Steve Heminger

Fiona Hinze Amanda Eaken

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

Board Secretary Silva made the announcement.

- 4. Approval of Minutes
  - June 11, 2024

No public comment.

On motion to approve the minutes of the June 11, 2024, meeting:

ADOPTED: AYES – Heminger, Hinze and Eaken

5. Public Comment

Members of the public may address the Vision Zero Committee on matters that are within the Committee's jurisdiction and are not on today's calendar.

Christopher White shared about the importance and benefits of the Biking and Rolling Plan.

Trish Gump thanked staffed for their work and shared that a holistic approach is needed to make an impact.

Pheobe Douglas commented on the Biking and Rolling Plan.

John Lowell commented about Senate Bill 961.



Aaron Brinkwar expressed concern about Vision Zero and Biking and Rolling Plan limitations and shared that advocating should be done in a wholesale manner.

Josephine Lucas expressed concern about safety from scooters and cyclists on sidewalks.

Fran Taylor expressed concern about safety from scooters riding on sidewalk.

Robin Pam commented about the importance of the Biking and Rolling Plan to achieve Vision Zero goals.

Paul Rivera expressed concern about pedestrian safety.

Roz Arbel commented that the Biking and Rolling Plan supports Vision Zero.

6. Presentation and discussion regarding Vision Zero Benchmarking Dashboards. (Explanatory documents include a slide presentation.)

Shannon Hake, Speed Safety Camera Program Manager, Janice Levy, Arjun Paul, and Sarah Holvick, Controller's Office, presented the item.

# PUBLIC COMMENT:

Jodie Medeiros reiterated the need to double down on resources and shared the advocates support to keep going.

Speaker expressed concern about electric bike injuries and commented about lane widths and the need to increase space.

Speaker expressed concern about space for pedestrians.

Speaker thanked staff for their work and asked about when the next Prop C audit would be.

Luke Bornheimer suggested creating separation on streets expressing support for narrowing driving lanes and timing signals to slow traffic.

Barnett Trzcinski expressed appreciation for data from international peer cities and shared that many streets do not accommodate bikes and scooters in a meaningful way.



7. Presentation and discussion regarding an update on the Controller's facilitation work with the San Francisco Fire Department and the SFMTA. (Explanatory documents include a slide presentation.)

Kimberly Leung, Livable Streets Director, Janice Levy, Darren Low, and Kevin Lo, Office of the Controller, and Chief Darius Luttropp, Deputy Chief of Operations and Captain Ramon Flores, Transportation Liaison, Fire Department, presented the item.

# PUBLIC COMMENT:

Speaker expressed support for mountable curbs, expanding sidewalks and removing parking.

Speaker questioned daylighting and No Turns on Red.

Christopher White thanked the team for their collaboration and emphasized the importance of alignment between departments.

Trish Gump thanked the Fire Department and Controller's Office and encouraged the departments to rethink streets and parking.

Christina Olea expressed interest in collaboration with Public Works on a streets design

Speaker commented on the benefits and accountability of having a manual.

Jodie Medeiros spoke about agencies partnering and working together and advocated for proactive and institutionalized ways that streets can be redesigned.

Luke Bornheimer expressed concern about transparency and process when it comes to projects.

8. Presentation and discussion regarding Future Vision Zero. (Explanatory documents include a slide presentation.)

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

# PUBLIC COMMENT:

Jodie Medeiros commented that speed is the biggest concern and shared about the VZ Coalition work.



Speaker encouraged the agency to think of the whole street and suggested adopting safe street types and moving to design to that.

Christopher White spoke about the accountability and execution of the Biking and Rolling Plan including a realistic timeline and better interdepartmental coordination.

Speaker spoke about the Bicycle Advisory Committee, expressing support for quick implementation of the bike lane in front of City Hall.

Luke Bornheimer spoke about the need for non-automobile mode share as a mechanism to decrease injuries and fatalities.

Speaker encouraged earlier transportation and safety education in schools.

Trish Gump spoke about fostering a culture of safer, more considerate road use.

Speaker urged the agency to improve policy and implement change.

9. Presentation and discussion regarding a Quick-Build Program and Speed Safety Cameras update. (Explanatory documents include a slide presentation.)

Jen Wong, Transportation Planner, and Shannon Hake, Speed Safety Camera Program Manager, presented the item.

#### PUBLIC COMMENT:

Speaker shared that Quick Build Projects should include bike infrastructure.

Luke Bornheim expressed concern about projects and doing effective work, sharing that projects are too bespoke and a need to streamline.

Jodie Medeiros encouraged the agency to continue making improvements and emphasized the lasting impact.

Speaker shared that the city was too car reliant and shared that there were many opportunities around Golden Gate Park to deliver Quick Build Projects without opposition.

10. Presentation and discussion regarding a No Turn on Red policy. (For discussion only.)

Ricardo Olea, Chief Traffic Engineer, presented the item.



# PUBLIC COMMENT:

Speaker spoke about transit effectiveness.

Speaker shared that No Turns on Red (NTOR) will push the use of other transportation efforts.

Luke Bornheimer shared that it was critical for citywide policy.

Speaker expressed support for phased implementation.

Speaker commented on NTOR signage.

Speaker questioned enforcement.

11. Committee Member Information and Item Requests. (For discussion only.)

Hinze requested a Biking and Rolling Plan update at a future committee or Board of Directors meeting.

No public comment.

ADJOURN - Chair Eaken adjourned the meeting at 3:58pm.

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

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