



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

MEETING MINUTES • Meeting Date: Tuesday, January 20, 2026

REGULAR MEETING

1:00pm

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

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/บริการให้ความช่วยเหลือในหลายภาษาด้านภาษาฟรี ณ ที่ประชุมโดยต้องแจ้ง ล่วงหน้า 48 ชั่วโมง/
يمكن تقديم مساعدة لغوية مجانية في الاجتماع على أن يتم طلب هذه الخدمة قبل الاجتماع بفترة 48 ساعة.



ORDER OF BUSINESS

1. Call to Order

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

2. Roll Call

Present: Mike Chen
Alfonso Felder
Fiona Hinze
Janet Tarlov

Absent (at Roll Call): Steve Heminger
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

- January 6, 2026, Regular Meeting

No public comment.

Director Heminger joined the meeting.

On motion to approve the minutes:

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

5. Communications

None.

6. Director's Report (For discussion only)

- Transit Updates



- Streets Updates
- Legislative Updates
- Events and Ongoing Activities

Director Kirschbaum provided an update on the regional measure, shared about the Super Bowl, Potrero Yard closure and Muni service changes, Transbay Howard construction starting, the upcoming Black History Month cable car ride, and the agency being featured on Somos San Francisco.

Director Cajina and Director Henderson joined the meeting.

PUBLIC COMMENT:

Griffin Lee expressed concern about a lack of transparency regarding formation of the special district.

Richard Brunell commented on the regional measure.

Michael Petrelis expressed opposition to reducing the public comment time.

7. Citizens' Advisory Council Report

None.

8. New or Unfinished Business by Board Members

- Election of SFMTA Board Chair and Vice Chair

No public comment.

On motion to elect Janet Tarlov as Chair:

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

No public comment.

On motion to elect Stephanie Cajina as Vice Chair:

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

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.

Speaker shared that he sent an email about taxi medallions.

Donte Vickers expressed concern about balancing the budget by cutting working conditions, benefits, and essential staffing.

Richard Johnson shared about violations on Hayes Street and expressed frustration about the agency's inaction.

Timothy Trickel expressed concern about maintenance and supervisor staffing being stretched too thin.

Philip Lim expressed concern on behalf of transit maintenance staff and being asked to make additional staffing reductions and operational cuts.

Richard Bernal expressed concern for staff, declining morale, stress and limited leadership transparency.

Steve Ramos expressed concern about bus maintenance and potential workforce reductions.

Griffin Lee expressed support for only opening front doors on buses to recoup fares and collect more revenue.

Chris expressed concern over eliminating premium shifts as a cost-saving measure, sharing that it could lead to reduced efficiency and bigger problems.

Carrie Ong expressed concern over a recent car cleaner signup and changes to shifts.

Michael Petrelis expressed concern about a loss of parking spaces on the lot near the Castro theatre.

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. Approving various routine parking and traffic modifications: (The proposed parking and traffic modifications have been reviewed pursuant to the California Environmental Quality Act [CEQA]. The proposed action is the Approval Action for Items A-F as defined by S.F. Administrative Code Chapter 31. Explanatory documents include a staff report and resolution.)
 - A. RESCIND – TOW-AWAY, NO STOPPING, 7 AM TO 9 AM, EXCEPT SATURDAY AND SUNDAY, Prague Street, east side, from Geneva Avenue to South Hill Boulevard.
 - B. RESCIND – WHITE ZONE, PASSENGER LOADING, 7 AM TO 10 PM, DAILY, Jones Street, east side, from 88 feet to 132 feet north of McAllister Street.
 - C. RESCIND – WHITE ZONE, PASSENGER LOADING, AT ALL TIMES, Jones Street, east side, from Golden Gate Avenue to 131 feet southerly.
 - D. ESTABLISH – TOW-AWAY, NO STOPPING ANY TIME, Jones Street, east side, from Golden Gate Avenue to 175 feet southerly.
 - E. RESCIND – BUS ZONE, 24th Street, north side, from Castro Street to 65 feet westerly.
 - F. ESTABLISH – YELLOW METERED ZONE, COMMERCIAL LOADING, 30-MINUTE TIME LIMIT, 9 AM TO 6 PM, MONDAY THROUGH SATURDAY, 24th Street, north side, from 13 feet to 65 feet west of Castro Street.
 - G. RESCIND – TOW-AWAY, NO STOPPING, EXCEPT PERMITTED CAR SHARE, Bartlett Street, east side, from 3 feet to 20 feet south of 26th Street.
 - H. ESTABLISH – TOW-AWAY, NO STOPPING, EXCEPT PERMITTED CAR SHARE, Bartlett Street, east side, from 20 feet to 37 feet south of 26th Street.
 - I. ESTABLISH – RED ZONE, Bartlett Street, east side, from 26th Street to 20 feet southerly.

RESOLUTION No. 260120-005

No public comment.

On motion to approve:

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

REGULAR CALENDAR

11. Taking various actions related to San Francisco's Street Safety Initiative, including: (a) adopting the Safe System Approach to roadway safety, (b) adopting the SFMTA Street Safety Commitments, and (c) committing to the actions set forth in Mayor Lurie's Street Safety Initiative (Executive Directive 25-06) and the San Francisco Street Safety Act (BOS Resolution No. 437-25), and prioritizing areas on the High Injury Network. (Explanatory documents include a staff report, resolution, and slide presentation.)

Viktoriya Wise, Director of Streets, presented the item.

PUBLIC COMMENT:

Members of the public expressing support: Susan George, Alice Powell, Jaime Viloria, and Malay

Members of the public expressing neither support nor opposition: Joel Kamisher, David Dolphin, Brooke Kuhn, Paul, Lisa, Claire Amable, Glennis Fowler, Regina Islas, Carol Brownson, Speaker, Melissa Bedel, Griffin Lee, Micah, Stan Glance, Paul Wormer, Speaker, Jodie Mederios, and Praveen

On motion to approve:

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

RESOLUTION No. 260120-006

Chair Tarlov recessed the meeting at 3:52pm and reconvened the meeting at 4:06pm.

Director Henderson left the meeting.

12. Presentation and discussion regarding an overview of Muni's Service Equity Strategy. (Explanatory documents include a slide presentation.)

Jessica Garcia, Service Planning Manager, presented the item.

PUBLIC COMMENT:

Jaime Viloria expressed concern about equity and investing in culturally appropriate language when communicating about projects.

ADJOURN – Chair Tarlov adjourned the meeting at 4:28pm.

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>.

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