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SAN FRANCISCO MUNICIPAL TRANSPORTATION AGENCY MULTIMODAL ACCESSIBILITY ADVISORY COMMITTEE

MINUTES OF REGULAR MEETING

Thursday, January 15, 2026

1:00 PM – 3:00 PM

In person: 1 S. Van Ness Ave Rm 3074

Via Video Conference:

Dial Toll Free: (669) 900-6833
Zoom Meeting ID: 813 3306 9568
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ORDER OF BUSINESS

1) Call to Order

Meeting called to order at 1:00 pm

2) Attendance

See roll call.

3) Announcements from Members and City Staff

4) Acceptance of the Agenda

Mr. Fischer motioned to accept the agenda and Mr. Dubinski seconded the approval of the agenda. **Motion carried.**

5) Acceptance of Minutes from Previous Meeting

Mr. Fischer motioned to accept the minutes, and Ms. Seretan seconded the approval of the agenda. **Motion carried.**

6) Public Comment

None.



7) Business of the Afternoon:

A) Embarcadero Connectivity Plan

Casey Leedom, Project Manager

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Ms. Leedom introduced the Embarcadero Connectivity Plan, which is a long-range transportation plan for the waterfront between Fisherman's Wharf and the Ballpark.

Factors considered in the report include earthquake risk and sea level rise. Mr. Adam Varat from the Port of San Francisco noted that the sea is encroaching on the waterfront today. The Port is developing a plan to address this with the Army Corp of Engineers and will request funds from Congress for flood proofing and protecting buildings. Ms. Leedom added that the Connectivity Plan will inform the recommendations in the Waterfront Flood Study.

The Connectivity Plan looks at how planned Port improvements could impact transportation along the Embarcadero. It will evaluate potential improvements to the Embarcadero corridor, improved transit connections along the waterfront, and improvements to adjacent networks that could minimize potential impacts on transportation.

The outcomes of the plan include a safer and more robust transportation network, a resilient and sustainable system and inclusive, community-centered planning.



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The first phase of outreach for the Connectivity Plan is currently underway, with the fourth and final phase expected to be completed early next year. The final plan will be produced in late 2027.

Ms. Leedom asked the Committee to let her know about any mobility challenges or priorities along the Embarcadero corridor. Comments and inquiries can be directed to EmbarcaderoConnectivity@sfmta.com. Ms. Leedom will return to a future MAAC meeting with updates on the plan.

Ms. Brown asked if the plan would benefit the entire region and Ms. Leedom indicated that it would.

Mr. Fischer asked for confirmation that details of projects to address sea level rise will be brought back to the committee.

Ms. Seretan noted that operational issues with the F line impact her students.

Ms. Pulliam asked for clarification on the timeline. The Connectivity Plan will be completed in 2027 and the recommendations from the report will be implemented over time.

Mr. Mandell stated that the presentation was difficult for him to follow because of his visual impairment and asked that presenters do a better job of explaining things in the future.



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Mr. Williams asked whether sea level rise could impact the subway. Mr. Varat responded that there could be more flooding into the portal between Folsom and Embarcadero and that earthquakes could damage the sea wall.

B) 29 Sunset Improvement Project – Phase 2

Steve Boland, Project Manager

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Mr. Boland introduced the committee to the Muni Forward effort to improve reliability and accessibility and enhance amenities on the 29 Sunset line. The project lays the groundwork for future 29 rapid service.

The Muni Forward project is broken into phases focusing on the western, then southern portions of the line. Mr. Boland noted that the 29 is a long crosstown route that includes almost half of the “equity neighborhoods” identified in the SFMTA Equity Strategy. The line currently carries about 17,000 passengers per day and has historically had issues with travel time, reliability, and overcrowding.

Mr. Boland described improvements to the line that SFMTA has implemented in recent years, including quick build elements for Phase I constructed in 2023.

The project is conducting planning and design for phase 2 of the project. Planned changes include adjustments to stop spacing, which are cleared with Senior & Disabled Action before implementation. The increased spacing translates to walking an



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additional 3-5 minutes to reach a stop. Other improvements include constructing extended far side bus zones and constructing bulbs.

In the upcoming year, the project will install updated signs, implement a pilot of solar powered lights at stops, and potentially install additional shelters. Some of the improvements require some parking removal, and some intersections will be subject to daylighting.

Mr. Boland described the extensive outreach that is being conducted for Phase 2 of the project and how community input has informed planning. The outreach will continue until the project team presents to the MTA Board in late spring. Quick build elements will be constructed in late 2026.

Ms. Seretan asked if accessible parking places would be preserved. Loading zones and blue zones will remain.

Mr. Dubinsky commented on the slide presentation, noting that people with color blindness cannot see the red or green elements of graphs and suggested using patterns instead of or in combination with colors to make presentations more accessible.

Mr. Fischer asked whether signal priority can be granted to emergency vehicles as well as busses. Mr. Boland noted that signal priority extends the green phase of a signal but does not interrupt it.

C) Bylaws Final Review/Vote
Virginia Rathke



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The Committee voted to approve the Bylaws with changes to descriptions of meetings in Article III, Section 6 and Article VI, Section I. These sections now read as follows:

- A. The majority of MAAC meetings are held on Zoom.
- B. The January and November meetings are held in person.
- C. Members who need to be excused from in-person attendance of the January and/or November meetings must contact the MAAC Staff Liaison.
- D. Members who attend MAAC meetings on Zoom are encouraged to leave their cameras on.
- E. Members or guests who would like to come to 1 S. Van Ness to participate in a Zoom meeting must contact the MAAC Liaison.

D) Officer Elections

Virginia Rathke

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Prior to the Officer Elections, the committee elected 2 new members who met the 3-meeting attendance requirement for eligibility. Welcome to MAAC, Randy Blaustein and Peter Balzer.

The results of the elections for 2-year Officer terms are as follows:

Chair: Heidi Seretan

Vice Chair: Josh Rosen

Secretary: David Dubinsky

Liaisons: Hillary Brown, Randall Glock,

8) Other Business

9) Adjourn

The meeting adjourned at 2:32 pm. Mr. Fischer made the motion to adjourn, and Ms. Brown seconded. **Motion carried.**



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