



San Francisco Municipal Transportation Agency Citizens' Advisory Council

MINUTES • Meeting Date: May 7, 2026

REGULAR MEETING

5:30 pm

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

SFMTA CITIZENS' ADVISORY COUNCIL MEMBERS

Aaron Leifer, Chair
Chris Arvin, Vice Chair
Sascha Bittner
Akash Borde
Jonathan Bünemann
Alyssa Cheung
Jonathan Hee
Steven Huang
John Lisovsky
Francis Molettieri
Eliza Panike
Susan Vaughan
Lucas Wang
Frank Zepeda

COUNCIL LIAISON

Christine Silva

COUNCIL SECRETARY

Keka Robinson-Luqman



ORDER OF BUSINESS

1. Call to Order

Vice Chair Arvin called the meeting to order at 5:30 p.m.

2. Roll Call

CAC members present at Roll Call: Chris Arvin, Sascha Bittner, Jonathan Bünemann, Alyssa Cheung, Jonathan Hee, Steven Huang, Francis Molettieri, Sue Vaughan, Lucas Wang, and Frank Zepeda

CAC members absent at Roll Call: Akash Borde, John Lisovsky, and Eliza Panike

CAC members absent with notification: Aaron Leifer

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

CAC Secretary Robinson-Luqman made the announcement.

4. Approval of Minutes:

No public comment.

On motion to approve the minutes of April 2, 2026:

ADOPTED: AYES – Chris Arvin, Sascha Bittner, Jonathan Bünemann, Alyssa Cheung, Jonathan Hee, Steven Huang, Francis Molettieri, Susan Vaughan, Lucas Wang, and Frank Zepeda

ABSENT – Aaron Leifer, Akash Borde, John Lisovsky, and Eliza Panike

5. Report of the Chair (For discussion only)

Vice Chair Arvin welcomed Member Hee, newly appointed Council member from District 3. They discussed the newly created CAC Code of Conduct for meetings and asked the Council to review it. They also welcomed SFMTA Director Janet Tarlov.

No public comment.



6. Public Comment

Written 150-Word Public Testimony by Edward Mason for Minutes of SFMTA Citizens' Advisory Council Regular Meeting May 7, 2026: Agenda Item #6, Agenda Item Title: Public Comment.

The VTA May 2026 Board of Directors meeting recognizes eight retirees. Service Years range from 37,35, 34, 28, and 25 years for Maintenance Supervisor, Mechanics, Coach Operators and Human Resource Analyst. A demographic shrinking population requires new thoughtful recruitment, retention, and technological initiatives for the replacement employees of the transit industry. Disclosed at the SF County Transportation Authority CAC, the \$30.4 million federal grant for battery electric bus charging infrastructure can no longer be used for zero emissions infrastructure. The revised project scope will install plug-in dispenser chargers rather than planned overhead gantry pantograph chargers. The \$2,358,000 of Proposition L funds were allocated for the design phase and the amendment would use the funds for construction. SFMTA is seeking to reprogram the \$30.4 million FTA 5339 funds. for another project such as the purchase of diesel hybrid buses.

REGULAR CALENDAR

7. Presentation, discussion, and possible action regarding the Quarterly Transit Update. (Brent Jones, Director, Transit. Explanatory documents include a slide presentation.)

PUBLIC COMMENT:

Edward Mason stated that maintaining the system is the bottom of the iceberg. The federal deficit is approaching \$40 trillion so it is not likely there will be much relief coming from them. Mr. Mason stated that there is a lot of talk about extending the T-Third line to Fisherman's Wharf. The agency should keep in mind that once something is built, it must be maintained. It would be foolish to extend it during this current fiscal climate.

8. Presentation, discussion, and possible action regarding the High Injury Network. (Christine Osorio, Transportation Planner. Explanatory documents include a slide presentation.)

PUBLIC COMMENT:

Edward Mason stated that the SFMTA should require a decal on e-device operations like bicycles and scooters. Back in the 60s and 70s, bike riders had to go to City Hall and get a decal to ride their bicycle. Now, the streets are bombarded with scooters and all the other stuff that's riding on the sidewalks. There is no enforcement and it's a disaster in the City now. He stated that the upheaval among the citizenry demands that the SFMTA get it under control. Mr. Mason recommended that the agency enforce with some type of decal, sticker, or license.



CAC MOTION 260507.01

The SFMTA CAC recommends that the agency evaluate protected bike lanes on 9th and 10th Streets in SOMA to close these crucial gaps in street safety on the high injury network. To curb sidewalk riding and riding against traffic flow, we recommend bidirectional bike lanes.

On motion to approve:

ADOPTED: AYES – Chris Arvin, Sascha Bittner, Akash Borde, Jonathan Bünemann, Alyssa Cheung, Jonathan Hee, John Lisovsky, Francis Molettieri, Eliza Panike, Susan Vaughan, Lucas Wang, and Frank Zepeda
ABSENT – Steven Huang and Aaron Leifer

9. Council Member Information and Agenda Item Requests. (For discussion only)

No public comment.

ADJOURN - The meeting was adjourned at 8:03 p.m.

Submitted by:

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read 'KAR Luqman'.

Keka Robinson-Luqman
SFMTA CAC – Secretary

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