



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

MEETING MINUTES • Meeting Date: Tuesday, September 1, 2026

REGULAR MEETING AND CLOSED SESSION

1:00pm

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

REMOTE MEETING ACCESS

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Janet Tarlov, Chair
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Alfonso Felder
Steve Heminger
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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 1:07pm.

2. Roll Call

Present: Alfonso Felder
Steve Heminger
Dominica Henderson
Fiona Hinze
Stephanie Cajina
Janet Tarlov

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

Board Secretary Silva made the announcement.

4. Approval of Minutes

- August 4, 2026 Regular Meeting

No public comment.

On motion to approve the minutes:

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

5. Communications

None.

6. Director's Report (For discussion only)

- Special Recognition
- Transit Updates
- Streets Updates
- Legislative Update
- Events and Ongoing Activities



Director Kirschbaum introduced Viktoriya Wise, Director of Streets, to recognize Marc Soto for his service. Director Kirschbaum then provided a state budget update, shared about Fares for Our Future, Curbside EV charging program launch, Transit Month, and Back to School.

PUBLIC COMMENT:

Aleta Dupree commented on the reduced fare programs and looked forward to future reports on EV charging.

Speaker wished the Board a Happy Transit Month and thanked the agency for their partnership.

Speaker commented on the Free Muni for Youth program and fare enforcement, requesting that there be some flexibility for students who forget their student IDs.

7. Citizens' Advisory Council Report

None.

8. New or Unfinished Business by Board Members

Chair Tarlov called this item out of order after Item 14.

Chair Tarlov recognized former Director Mike Chen for his service. Mike Chen provided remarks.

No public comment.

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.

Aleta Dupree shared about using Muni and urged the agency to view Muni as a partner in a bigger ecosystem, part of the 27 agencies in the area.

Speaker expressed concern about the N line trains not aligning at stops for ADA compatibility and urged the agency to fix it.



Griffin Lee urged the agency to be clear about funding sources when announcing new service or new projects.

Herbert Weiner questioned whether the recent survey included natives or from out of town and the impact that might have on the results.

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 Planning Department has found that Items A-K 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 – 20 MPH SPEED LIMIT, 5th Street between Market and Townsend Streets.
- B. RESCIND – 25 MPH SPEED LIMIT, ESTABLISH – 20 MPH SPEED LIMIT, 6th Street between Market and Brannan Streets.
- C. ESTABLISH – GENERAL METERED PARKING, 4-HOUR TIME LIMIT, 9 AM TO 6 PM, MONDAY THROUGH SATURDAY, 3rd Street, east side, from La Salle Avenue to McKinnon Avenue.
- D. ESTABLISH – PERPENDICULAR PARKING, La Salle Avenue, north side, from 3rd Street to Newhall Street, La Salle Avenue, north side, from Newhall Street to Phelps Street.
- E. ESTABLISH – TOW-AWAY, NO STOPPING ANY TIME, 25th Street, south side, from Pennsylvania Avenue to 75 feet westerly.
- F. RESCIND - 25 MPH SPEED LIMIT, ESTABLISH - 20 MPH SPEED LIMIT Townsend Street between Division Street and the Embarcadero.
- G. RESCIND - 25 MPH SPEED LIMIT, ESTABLISH - 20 MPH SPEED LIMIT, North

- Point Street between Van Ness Avenue and the Embarcadero.
- H. ESTABLISH – TOW-AWAY, NO STOPPING ANY TIME, Genessee Street, east side, from 30 feet to 80 feet south of Monterey Boulevard (extends existing 30-foot TANSAT by an additional 50 feet; removes 1 car share parking and 1 general parking space).
 - I. RESCIND – 1-HOUR TIME LIMIT, 7AM TO 6PM, MONDAY THROUGH SATURDAY, ESTABLISH – 2-HOUR TIME LIMIT, 7AM TO 6PM, MONDAY THROUGH SATURDAY, Post Street, 1500 block, south side.
 - J. RESCIND – GENERAL METERED PARKING (4 SPACES), Main Street, east side, meters #030, #303, #307 and #309.
 - K. ESTABLISH – TOW-AWAY NO STOPPING 7AM -7PM, EVERYDAY, Main Street, east side, from Folsom Street to 90 feet southerly

RESOLUTION No. 260901-071

- 10.2. Authorizing the Director of Transportation or designee to execute the agreement between the SFMTA and the San Francisco Bay Area Rapid Transit District (BART) for the Embarcadero Station Escalator Rehabilitation Construction Project that details the roles and responsibilities of each agency during the rehabilitation of the SFMTA's escalators that connect the Muni platform to the mezzanine. (Explanatory documents include a staff report and resolution.)

Item 10.2 was continued and will be heard at a future meeting.

No public comment.

On motion to approve:

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

REGULAR CALENDAR

- 11. Authorizing the SFMTA to pursue five one-year exemptions from the California Air Resources Board (CARB), covering calendar years 2027 through 2031, from the Innovative Clean Transit (ICT) zero-emission bus (ZEB) purchase requirements due to financial hardship associated with funding ZEBs and related infrastructure, including a letter from the SFMTA Board in support of SFMTA's current application for an exemption and authorizing the Chair or Vice Chair of the SFMTA Board of Directors to submit a letter on behalf of the full Board for annual exemption requests based on financial hardship, as needed. (Explanatory documents include a staff report, resolution, and slide presentation.)

Bhavin Khatri, Zero Emission Program Manager, presented the item.



PUBLIC COMMENT:

Members of the public expressing neither support nor opposition: Aleta Dupree and Herbert Weiner.

On motion to approve:

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

RESOLUTION No. 260901-072

12. Presentation and discussion regarding the Safe Schools Connection Program. (Explanatory documents include a slide presentation.)

Jenny Delumo, Project Manager, Liz Brisson, Senior Planning Manager, and Lydon George, Transportation Planner, presented the item.

PUBLIC COMMENT:

Speaker expressed support for the program and urged the agency to provide concrete timelines.

Sam Gruberg thanked staff for expanding and connecting schools to improve safety, urging the agency to improve school walk audits.

Claire Amable thanked the agency for their work and urged the Board to direct staff to identify funding for the program and measurable goals.

Robin Pam thanked staff for their work and urged the agency to move faster and to prioritize funding.

Dylan Fabris expressed support for concrete and speedy funding and deliverables.

Mason expressed support for the program and urged the agency to implement improvements as soon as possible.

Herbert Weiner expressed skepticism about the program.

Chair Tarlov recessed the meeting at 3:08pm and reconvened the meeting at 3:33pm.



13. Presentation and discussion regarding a Transit Division Quarterly Update. (Explanatory documents include a slide presentation.)

Brent Jones, Director of Transit, presented the item.

PUBLIC COMMENT:

Aleta Dupree shared about using Muni and supported new USB technology in buses.

Herbert Weiner expressed support for expanding the size of the fleet, restoring lines and stops to improve transportation.

14. Presentation and discussion regarding a State Legislation Overview. (Explanatory documents include a slide presentation.)

Judson True, Chief of Staff and Director of External Affairs, and Monique Webster, State and Federal Government Affairs Manager, presented the item.

PUBLIC COMMENT:

Aleta Dupree hoped that the agency is able to get funding from the different sources.

Herbert Weiner commented about the importance of public transportation having the utmost priority.

15. 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 – Felder, Heminger, Henderson, Hinze, Cajina, and Tarlov

RECESS REGULAR MEETING AND CONVENE CLOSED SESSION – Chair Tarlov recessed the meeting at 5:03pm.

CLOSED SESSION

1. Call to Order



Chair Tarlov called the Closed Session to order at 5:05pm.

2. Roll Call

Present: Alfonso Felder
 Steve Heminger
 Dominica Henderson
 Fiona Hinze
 Janet Tarlov
 Stephanie Cajina

Also present: Julie Kirschbaum, Director of Transportation
 Susan Cleveland-Knowles, Deputy City Attorney
 Johnathan Rolnick, Deputy City Attorney
 Christine Silva, Board Secretary
 Judson True, Chief of Staff and Director of External Affairs

3. Pursuant to Government Code Section 54956.9(d)(1) and (d)(2) and Administrative Code Section 67.8 (a)(3) and 67.10(d)(1) and (2), the SFMTA Board of Directors will meet in Closed Session to discuss the following:

CONFERENCE WITH LEGAL COUNSEL

Existing Litigation:

- A. Robinson-Luqman, et al. v. CCSF, SF Superior Court Case No. CGC-20-588012, filed 11/25/ 2020 to authorize \$2.725 million including an individual settlement of \$181,250 for Keka Robinson-Luqman, an SFMTA employee, and the remainder for all other SFMTA employees who are part of this citywide class action. Lawsuit involving allegations of racial discrimination in compensation, promotions, and discipline.

On motion to approve:

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

RESOLUTION No. 260901-073

ADJOURN CLOSED SESSION AND RECONVENE OPEN SESSION – Chair Tarlov reconvened the meeting at 5:48pm.

16. Announcement of Closed Session



Board Secretary Silva announced that the Board met in Closed Session and voted to approve Item 3A.

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

On motion to not disclose the information discussed in Closed Session:

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

ADJOURN – Chair Tarlov adjourned the meeting at 5:50pm.

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>.



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.

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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/>.