



**SAN FRANCISCO  
MUNICIPAL TRANSPORTATION AGENCY  
BOARD OF DIRECTORS AND  
PARKING AUTHORITY COMMISSION**

**MINUTES**

Tuesday, June 1, 2021

**REGULAR MEETING AND CLOSED SESSION  
1 P.M.**

Due to the COVID-19 health emergency and to protect our Board Members, SFMTA staff, and members of the public, the Board's Meeting Room (Room 400) is closed.

**Members of the public are encouraged to participate remotely. If you want to ensure your comment on any item on the agenda is received by the Board in advance of the meeting, please send an email to [MTABoard@sfmta.com](mailto:MTABoard@sfmta.com) by 5pm on Monday, May 31, 2021 or call (415) 646-4470. Please see the information on the next page for remote meeting access.**

**SFMTA BOARD OF DIRECTORS**

Gwyneth Borden, Chair  
Amanda Eaken, Vice Chair  
Cheryl Brinkman  
Steve Heminger  
Fiona Hinze  
Sharon Lai  
Manny Yekutieli

Jeffrey Tumlin  
**DIRECTOR OF TRANSPORTATION**

Christine Silva  
**SECRETARY**

## ORDER OF BUSINESS

### 1. Call to Order

Chair Borden called the meeting to order at 1:00 p.m.

### 2. Roll Call

Present: Gwyneth Borden  
Amanda Eaken  
Steve Heminger  
Fiona Hinze  
Sharon Lai  
Manny Yekutieli

Absent: Cheryl Brinkman – with notification

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

No announcement was made.

### 4. Approval of Minutes

#### PUBLIC COMMENT:

David Pilpel suggested correcting the spelling of the film Malcolm.

On motion to approve the minutes of the May 18, 2021 Regular Meeting with correction: unanimously approved (Brinkman – absent).

### 5. Communications

Chair Borden announced that the meeting would be adjourned in honor of Ruach Graffis and the victims of the Santa Clara Valley Transportation Authority (VTA) shooting.

Chair Borden discussed the virtual meeting and expressed appreciation to staff for their work to enable the meeting to be held via teleconference. Board Secretary Silva reviewed how members of the public could watch the meeting and address the Board.

### 6. Introduction of New or Unfinished Business by Board Members

No new or unfinished business was introduced.

### 7. Director's Report (For discussion only)

- Update on Vision Zero

- Update on Human Resources
- Ongoing Activities

Director Tumlin shared a Vision Zero update, discussed capacity changes, the Fare Free Muni Pilot Program, the upcoming June 10, 2021 Special Joint Meeting between the SFMTA Board of Directors and Recreation and Parks Commission regarding the Upper Great Highway, an update on JFK Drive/Golden Gate Park, and upcoming events including Pride and the Stern Grove Festival.

**PUBLIC COMMENT:**

Zack Lipton shared about the incident at the intersection of Polk and Hayes Streets. He urged the SFMTA to restore and expand Muni service.

Aleta Dupree was pleased with subway service, thanked staff for removing capacity restrictions on buses starting June 15 and asked the Board to consider fare relief.

Joe Kunzer thanked staff for a presentation at a Transit Riders meeting and shared that the Bay Area needs one transit network with one fare system.

Luke Bornheimer shared about the incident on Polk Street and expressed concern for street safety and street design. He urged the SFMTA to make streets safer for all users.

Herbert Weiner expressed concern about the incident at the VTA, sharing that we need to focus on prevention and culture change at the SFMTA.

Edward Mason shared a recent Muni experience and looked forward to future improvements.

Jodie Medeiros expressed sadness and frustration for AB550, shared that on June 15 the Vision Zero Action Strategy will be released, and urged the Board to keep Vision Zero an agency priority.

Hamilton Carter expressed concern about transit service and restoring transit lines. He urged the SFMTA to use the federal relief funds to reopen Muni lines.

Christian Rodriguez expressed support for bringing back transit lines as they were before the pandemic and urged the SFMTA to increase transit service past 10 pm.

Ryan Powell expressed disappointment with the SFMTA and questioned what was being done to increase ridership and entice riders.

Nicholas Fowler expressed concern for bus lines not currently in operation, such as the 52 Excelsior line, and transit service ending at 10 pm.

Hayden Miller was in agreement with other callers regarding Vision Zero and requested that the SFMTA do more. He also urged the Board to restore transit services immediately.

Chris Arvin shared that the current state of Muni service is unacceptable and urged the Board to hold the SFMTA accountable.

Julie expressed concern for the lack of commitment to restore full Muni service and increase the quality of service, especially for families returning to school in the fall.

Brandy Markman expressed concern about transit service for students trying to get to school and asked that Muni day tripper service be restored.

Alison shared that the Muni line her child uses has been suspended and urged the Board to restore full service by August.

Jason Cruda expressed concern for lack of transit service past 10 pm and requested the SFMTA get priorities in order.

#### 8. Citizens' Advisory Council Report

No report was made.

#### 9. Public Comment

Anonymous expressed frustration with Muni and shared that the SFMTA fails in outreach.

Shavan discussed the importance of transit as a matter of making the City accessible for everyone and highlighted the suspension of the 43 Masonic line to the Presidio.

Hayden Miller expressed frustration with the SFMTA and urged staff and the Board to be accountable, take responsibility, and be clear with what is needed to recover.

Herbert Weiner urged the SFMTA to restore all routes and expressed disappointment with the SFMTA.

Dominic expressed frustration with transit service, sharing that it is currently inefficient.

Martin Munoz expressed disappointment with the reopening of Muni and late-night service. He urged the SFMTA to consider late-night riders, additional service, and faster headways.

Michan expressed support for full transit service restoration sooner than the mid/late 2022 timeline. He shared that it is the SFMTA's duty to provide high quality transit service.

Aleta Dupree expressed concern with ending service at 10 pm and urged the SFMTA to do more so that ridership increases.

Anonymous urged the SFMTA to restore the 43 Masonic line to the Presidio.

Luke Bornheimer expressed concern with street safety and street design. He urged the SFMTA to make streets safer for all users.

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. 7<sup>th</sup> FLOOR.

### CONSENT CALENDAR

10. All matters listed hereunder constitute a Consent Calendar, are considered to be 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) Requesting the Controller to allot funds and to draw warrants against such funds available or will be available in payment of the following claims against the SFMTA:

- A. Mulan Lei vs. CCSF, Superior Ct. #CGC20584561 filed on 5/26/20 for \$45,000 (Explanatory documents include a resolution.)

### RESOLUTION 210601-072

(10.2) Approving the following parking and traffic modifications:

- A. ESTABLISH – TOW-AWAY NO STOPPING ANYTIME, Northridge Road, south side, from Harbor Road west property line to 95 feet easterly.
- B. ESTABLISH – TOW-AWAY NO STOPPING ANYTIME, Kirkwood Avenue, south side, from La Salle Avenue to Nautilus Court.
- C. ESTABLISH – CLASS 2 BIKE LANE, Geneva Avenue, both directions, between Prague Street and Brookdale Avenue.
- D. ESTABLISH – TOW-AWAY NO PARKING ANYTIME, Kimball Place, west side, from 64 feet to 86 feet south of Sacramento Street.
- E. ESTABLISH – 4-HOUR TIME LIMIT, 8 AM TO 6 PM, MONDAY THROUGH FRIDAY, Egbert Avenue, north side, from Ingalls Street to 300 feet southerly.
- F. RESCIND – TOW-AWAY, NO STOPPING EXCEPT PERMITTED CAR SHARE, Post Street, north side, from Franklin Street to 22 feet westerly.
- G. ESTABLISH – RED ZONE, Post Street, north side, from Franklin Street to 22 feet westerly.
- H. ESTABLISH – TOW-AWAY, NO STOPPING EXCEPT PERMITTED CAR SHARE, Post Street, north side, from Franklin Street, 43 feet to 64 feet westerly.
- I. ESTABLISH – RED ZONES, Sutter Street, north side, from 8 feet to 29 feet east of Polk, Street, Willow Street, south side, from Polk Street to 24 feet east, Ellis Street, north side, from 12 feet to 33 feet east of Polk Street, Hemlock Street, south side, from 4 feet to 25 feet west of Polk Street. (Explanatory documents include a staff report and resolution. For every parking and traffic modification that received a categorical exemption, the proposed action is the Approval Action as defined by Chapter 31 of the San Francisco Administrative Code.)

RESOLUTION 210601-073

(10.3) Finding that Mary Street, between Minna and Mission streets, is no longer needed for motor vehicle traffic pursuant to California Vehicle Code Section 21102.1, except for bicycles and emergency vehicles, because it is necessary for the safety, health and well-being of vulnerable pedestrians and to improve traffic in the vicinity; approving permanent closure of Mary Street, between Minna and Mission streets, to motor vehicle traffic except for bicycles and emergency vehicles, and parking and traffic modifications, as set forth in Items A through C below, to improve safety, expand public open space, and create a vibrant pedestrian connector linking Mary Court to Mission Street and Mint Plaza; and making environmental review findings:

- A. ESTABLISH – ROAD CLOSURE, EXCEPT PEDESTRIANS, BICYCLES, and EMERGENCY VEHICLES – Mary Street, from Minna Street to Mission Street.
- B. ESTABLISH – LEFT TURN ONLY – Mary Street, northbound, at Minna Street.
- C. ESTABLISH – TOW-AWAY, NO STOPPING ANYTIME – 5<sup>th</sup> Street, west side, Natoma Street to 140 feet southerly. (Explanatory documents include a staff report and resolution.)

RESOLUTION 210601-074

No public comment.

On motion to approve the Consent Calendar:

ADOPTED: AYES – Borden, Eaken, Heminger, Hinze, Lai and Yekutieli

ABSENT – Brinkman

REGULAR CALENDAR

11. Presentation and discussion regarding the Embarcadero Enhancement Program and Central Embarcadero Safety Project. (Explanatory documents include a slide presentation.)  
Casey Hildreth, Transportation Planner, presented the item.

PUBLIC COMMENT:

Janice Li expressed support for the project and sought Board support for future traffic modifications and a fully protected two-way bike facility along the Embarcadero.

Luke Bornheimer expressed support for the project and called for a two-way bike lane along the Embarcadero.

12. 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 invoke the attorney-client privilege: unanimously approved (Brinkman-absent).

RECESS REGULAR MEETING AND CONVENE CLOSED SESSION

CLOSED SESSION

1. Call to Order

Chair Borden called the closed session to order at 3:38 p.m.

2. Roll Call

Present: Gwyneth Borden  
Amanda Eaken  
Steve Heminger  
Fiona Hinze  
Sharon Lai  
Manny Yekutieli

Absent: Cheryl Brinkman – with notification

Also present: Jeffrey Tumlin, Director of Transportation  
Christine Silva, Board Secretary  
Susan Cleveland-Knowles, Deputy City Attorney

3. Pursuant to Government Code Section 54956.9(d)(1) and the Administrative Code Section 67.8 (a)(3), the Municipal Transportation Agency Board of Directors will meet in Closed Session to discuss and take action on attorney-client matters on the following:

CONFERENCE WITH LEGAL COUNSEL

Existing Litigation:

Lawrence M. Binsky vs. CCSF, Superior Ct. #CGC19581708 filed on 12/20/2019 for \$460,000

RESOLUTION 210601-075

On motion to approve:

ADOPTED: AYES – Borden, Eaken, Heminger, Hinze, Lai and Yekutieli

ABSENT – Brinkman

ADJOURN CLOSED SESSION AND RECONVENE OPEN SESSION

The closed session was adjourned at 4:05 p.m.

13. Announcement of Closed Session.

Board Secretary Silva announced that the SFMTA Board of Directors met in closed session to discuss the case with the City Attorney. The Board voted to settle the case.

14. Motion to disclose or not disclose the information discussed in closed session.

On motion to not disclose the information discussed: unanimously approved (Brinkman – absent).

ADJOURN – The meeting was adjourned at 4:08 p.m. in honor of Ruach Graffis and the victims of the Santa Clara County VTA shooting.

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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