



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

**MINUTES**

Tuesday, August 17, 2021

**SPECIAL 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.

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**SFMTA BOARD OF DIRECTORS**

Gwyneth Borden, Chair  
Amanda Eaken, Vice Chair  
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 1:07 p.m.

### 2. Roll Call

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

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

No announcement was made.

### 4. Communications

Chair Borden shared that the meeting would be adjourned in honor of Carl Payne.

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.

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.

## SPECIAL CALENDAR

5. Presentation and discussion regarding Transportation 2050 including an update on ConnectSF, SFMTA 20-Year Capital Plan needs and San Francisco's long-range transportation priorities and funding needs with potential opportunities to address. (Explanatory documents include a slide presentation.)

Jonathan Rewers, Kansai Uchida, Aliza Paz, Tilly Chang, Darryl Yip, Jerad Weiner, and Tim Manglicmot presented the item.

PUBLIC COMMENT (ConnectSF):

David Pilpel disagreed with the future demand projections and shared that the SFMTA should maintain existing assets, and make the transportation system and agency leaner and more effective.

Herbert Weiner asked how seniors and the disabled fit into the work being done and urged the SFMTA to restore service to pre-COVID levels.

PUBLIC COMMENT (SFMTA 20-year Capital Plan):

David Pilpel suggested the SFMTA make a commitment to asset management and proposed that once the SFMTA is in a better place with existing asset maintenance, then discuss enhancement and expansion.

PUBLIC COMMENT (Transportation 2050):

Herbert Weiner questioned how seniors and the disabled fit into the plan and whether they were considered.

David Pilpel expressed concern over survey questions and survey method and shared his thoughts on development of SFMTA property.

6. Approving the responses on behalf of the SFMTA and the Board of Directors to the findings and recommendations in the June 2021 Grand Jury Report regarding the Van Ness Corridor Transit Improvement Project and authorizing the Director to make non-material modifications as necessary prior to submission of the responses. (Explanatory documents include a staff report and resolution.)

Siew-Chin Yeong, Director Capital Projects and Construction, Peter Gabancho, Project Manager, presented the item.

PUBLIC COMMENT:

Members of the public expressing opposition: Barry Taranto and Herbert Weiner

Members of the public expressing neither support nor opposition: David Pilpel

RESOLUTION 210817-099

On motion to approve with a cover letter from the Chair:

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

NAYES – Lai

7. 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.

Board Secretary Silva announced that the City Attorney advised that the Closed Session was no longer needed and would be rescheduled to a later date. The SFMTA Board of Directors did not go into Closed Session.

RECESS REGULAR MEETING AND CONVENE CLOSED SESSION

CLOSED SESSION

- 1. Call to Order
- 2. Roll Call
- 3. Pursuant to Government Code Sections 54956.9 (d) (2), and Administrative Code Section 67.10 (d) (2), the Municipal Transportation Agency Board of Directors will meet in closed session to discuss attorney-client matters in the following case(s):

CONFERENCE WITH LEGAL COUNSEL

Anticipated Litigation:

X  As defendant or  X  As plaintiff

ADJOURN CLOSED SESSION AND RECONVENE OPEN SESSION

8. Announcement of Closed Session.

No announcement was made.

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

No motion was made.

ADJOURN - The meeting was adjourned 4:44 p.m. in honor of Carl Payne.

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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