



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

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**MEETING MINUTES** • Meeting Date: Tuesday, April 22, 2025

## **SPECIAL MEETING**

9:00 am

San Francisco County Fair Building  
1199 9th Avenue

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## **DIRECTOR OF TRANSPORTATION**

Julie Kirschbaum

## **BOARD SECRETARY**

Christine Silva



## ORDER OF BUSINESS

### 1. Call to Order

Chair Tarlov called the meeting to order at 9:18am.

### 2. Roll Call

Present: Mike Chen  
Alfonso Felder  
Steve Heminger  
Fiona Hinze  
Janet Tarlov  
Stephanie Cajina

Absent (at Roll Call): Dominica Henderson

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

Board Secretary Silva made the announcement.

### 4. Introduction and Opening Remarks.

- Director of Transportation Introduction
- Mayor's Office Remarks

Director Kirschbaum and Alex Sweet, Mayor's Office Assistant Chief of Infrastructure, Climate & Mobility, provided opening remarks.

No public comment.

### 5. Presentation and discussion on a citywide economic overview and agency budget context and background. (Explanatory documents include a slide presentation. Fulfills Charter Section 8A.102 (c)(3) training requirements.)

Greg Wagner, City Controller, Ted Egan, Chief Economist, and Bree Mawhorter, SFMTA Chief Financial Officer (CFO), presented the item.

#### PUBLIC COMMENT:

Peter Straus questioned current service reductions and asked about data, comparing San Francisco with others.



Tom Radulovich emphasized aligning budget choices with vision and values and suggested considering transit-focused tourism efforts.

Speaker thanked staff for the presentations, shared that reducing transit quantity impacts quality and expressed the need for sustainable revenue sources beyond service cuts.

Cyrus Hall thanked staff for the presentations and suggested consideration of scalable revenue sources.

Jennifer Wagner encouraged the Board to apply an equity lens when making budget decisions and highlighted the costs of transit inaccessibility.

Herbert Weiner expressed opposition to closed streets and transit lanes, making driving difficult and questioned funding decisions.

Bob Feinbaum expressed support for expanding services at the airport and suggested reviewing the capital budget to identify funding that could be shifted to operations.

6. Presentation and discussion on the Muni Funding Working Group (MFWG) Revenue and Cost Cutting Packages. (Explanatory documents include a slide presentation.)

Greg Wagner, City Controller, and Director Kirschbaum presented the item.

**PUBLIC COMMENT:**

Speaker urged the agency to adopt a bold, visionary approach to transit recovery and emphasized that voters would support measures with a compelling, positive vision.

Speaker expressed support for demand-responsive parking, sharing that a consistent, rational parking policy is needed.

Peter Strauss urged the agency to move beyond deficit-driven thinking and present a compelling vision for Muni's future.

Dylan Fabris highlighted broad consensus from the MFWG against service cuts and emphasized the importance of restoring trust and communication to win support.

Christopher Peterson expressed support for a forward-looking transit vision and advocated for bold action on parking reform to raise revenue and improve transportation.



Herbert Weiner expressed opposition to parking fee increases and suggested salary freezes and administrative cuts.

Bob Feinbaum expressed the need for a plan if ballot measures fail and shared that a performance audit of the agency is needed.

Chair Tarlov recessed the meeting at 12:48pm.

Members of the public participated in an optional feedback activity during the lunch recess.

Director Henderson joined the meeting.

Chair Tarlov reconvened the meeting at 1:38pm.

#### 7. Presentation and panel discussion of the MFWG Packages.

Viktoriya Wise, Director of Streets and Brent Jones, Director of Transit, lead a panel discussion.

Panelists present included: Chris Arvin (Citizens Advisory Council), Laurie Thomas (Golden Gate Restaurant Association), Anthony Ballester (Transit Workers Union Local 250A), Terrence Hall (Transit Workers Union Local 250A), Jon Hee (Chinatown TRIP), Marc Chang (Youth Transportation Advisory Board), Laura Tolkoff (SPUR - San Francisco Bay Area Planning and Urban Research Association) and Emma Hare (Office of Supervisor Myrna Melgar).

#### PUBLIC COMMENT:

Tom Radulovich expressed support for packages A, B and the "Melgar Plan" for parking revenue and warned against relying on regional funds.

Dylan Fabris expressed support for packages A and B and suggested combining ballot measures to simplify messaging.

Zoya shared about youth survey results and spoke about safety especially for women, stressing the need to improve safety and evening service access.

Cyrus Hall warned that current high satisfaction with Muni might not last amid cuts and crowding and urged immediate coalition-building and vision to avoid long-term decline.

Marie Hurabiell emphasized the need to cut expenses and better efficiency to get spending under control and urged the agency to include broader representation.



Audrey called for a bold vision to grow service and avoid declines in ridership and support.

Speaker urged the agency to adopt modeling tools like those used in the private sector, sharing that current planning is outdated and behind.

Herbert Weiner expressed opposition to anti-motorist sentiment and a lack of balance in representation, also suggesting salary freezes and including motorists in planning efforts.

Chair Tarlov recessed the meeting at 3:25pm and reconvened the meeting at 3:43pm.

8. Presentation and discussion on the budget process, schedule, and next steps. (Explanatory documents include a slide presentation.)

Bree Mawhorter, CFO, presented the item.

**PUBLIC COMMENT:**

Speaker suggested using modern financial modeling software to improve planning and decision-making, sharing that it would provide insight into risks.

Speaker emphasized the need to acknowledge the reality of the deficit, urging the agency to develop a contingency plan if a ballot measure fails.

Herbert Weiner called for a deep review of the agency's structural issues and called for a broader representation in planning processes.

**ADJOURN** – Chair Tarlov adjourned the meeting at 5:01pm.

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

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