



San Francisco Municipal Transportation Agency Citizens' Advisory Council

MINUTES • Meeting Date: May 1, 2025

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
Jonathan Bünemann
Queena Chen
Steve Cornell
John Lisovsky
Eliza Panike
Yensing Sihapanya
Connor Skelly
Susan Vaughan
Frank Zepeda

COUNCIL LIAISON

Christine Silva

COUNCIL SECRETARY

Keka Robinson-Luqman



ORDER OF BUSINESS

1. Call to Order

Chair Leifer called the meeting to order at 5:35 p.m.

2. Roll Call

CAC members present at Roll Call: Sascha Bittner, Stephen Cornell, Aaron Leifer, John Lisovsky, Eliza Panike, Connor Skelly, Susan Vaughan, and Frank Zepeda

CAC members absent at Roll Call: Chris Arvin

CAC members absent with notification: Jonathan Bünemann, Queena Chen, and Yensing Sihapanya

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 3, 2025:

ADOPTED: AYES – Sascha Bittner, Stephen Cornell, Aaron Leifer, John Lisovsky, Eliza Panike, Connor Skelly, Susan Vaughan, and Frank Zepeda

ABSENT – Chris Arvin, Jonathan Bünemann, Queena Chen, and Yensing Sihapanya

5. Report of the Chair (For discussion only)

Chair Leifer reported on the recent Board Workshop and the SFMTA upcoming budget woes.

No public comment.

6. Public Comment

No public comment.



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7. Presentation, discussion, and possible action regarding cell service in the tunnels. (Sohail Warsi, Technology Portfolio Manager. Explanatory documents include a slide presentation.)

No public comment.

8. Presentation, discussion, and possible action regarding Muni Forward. (Michael Rhodes, Transit Planning and Implementation Manager. Explanatory documents include a slide presentation.)

No public comment.

9. Presentation, discussion, and possible action regarding Council member Lisovsky's motion opposing Waymo on Market Street.

CAC Motion 250501.01

The SFMTA CAC recommends that the SFMTA reject any attempt to increase congestion, worsen Muni service, and undermine safety on Lower and Mid-Market by adding commercial passenger vehicles, including Waymo robotaxis, to this critical section of the public right of way. We reject any justification for this change grounded in "helping the downtown recovery" as unfounded, and believe that degraded Muni service will, instead, slow the economic recovery effort. Finally, we express our concern that prioritizing Waymo customers over Muni riders caters to the affluent rather than investing in public services used by all San Franciscans.

On motion to approve:

ADOPTED: AYES – Chris Arvin, Sascha Bittner, Stephen Cornell, Aaron Leifer, John Lisovsky, Eliza Panike, Connor Skelly, Susan Vaughan, and Frank Zepeda

ABSENT – Jonathan Bünemann, Queena Chen, and Yensing Sihapanya

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

No public comment.

ADJOURN - The meeting was adjourned at 7:02 p.m.



Submitted by:

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

Keka Robinson-Luqman
SFMTA CAC – Secretary

Next regular meeting: Thursday, June 5th at 5:30pm | Union Square Conference Room