

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

**MEETING MINUTES •** Meeting Date: Tuesday, February 15, 2022

# **REGULAR MEETING AND CLOSED SESSION**

1:00pm

Due to the COVID-19 health emergency and to protect our Board Members, SFMTA staff, and members of the public, the SFMTA Board is meeting via teleconferencing under Government Code Section 54953. 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 Yekutiel

#### **DIRECTOR OF TRANSPORTATION**

Jeffrey Tumlin

#### **BOARD SECRETARY**

Christine Silva



#### **ORDER OF BUSINESS**

1. Call to Order

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

2. Roll Call

Present: Steve Heminger

Fiona Hinze Sharon Lai Amanda Eaken Gwyneth Borden

Absent: Manny Yekutiel (at time of Roll Call)

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

No announcement was made.

4. Approval of Minutes

Director Yekutiel joined the meeting.

No public comment.

On motion to approve the minutes of the January 18, 2022 Regular Meeting and February 1-2, 2022 Special Meeting:

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

5. Communications

Chair Borden shared that the meeting would be adjourned in honor of Daniel Murphy and Bob Planthold.

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



Director Yekutiel commented on keeping SFMTA infrastructure clean and presentable, sharing that more work needs to be done.

Director Eaken commended Transit Operator Maya Malone.

The Board recessed the meeting at 1:11pm and reconvened at 1:16pm due to technical difficulties.

No public comment.

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

- Vision Zero Update
- Transit Service Update
- Chinese New Year Parade
- Black History Month
- GO Bond Update
- SFMTA Mobile Sales Van
- Customer Information System Update
- Central Subway Update
- Ongoing Activities

Director Tumlin shared about Vision Zero fatalities, provided updates on transit service, the upcoming Chinese New Year Parade, Black History Month, GO Bond, Mobile Sales Van, 3G decommissioning, Van Ness Ribbon Cutting, L Taraval Segment B groundbreaking, BART Powell Street restrooms reopening, and that SFMTA transportation planner Maddy Ruvolo was appointed to the U.S. Access Board.

Director Hinze inquired about how many staff have been boosted.

Directors Hinze and Lai asked about the website and locations for the mobile sales van.

#### PUBLIC COMMENT:

Michael Chizner expressed concern about the Customer Information System Project delays and requested that the current system remain in service until the next system is ready.

David Pilpel expressed staffing concern and encouraged the use of retired SFMTA employees through Prop F.



Aleta Dupree looked forward to the opening of the Van Ness routes and the use of the mobile sales van.

Anonymous expressed concern over transit signage not provided in English.

Anonymous expressed concern over Vision Zero and no action taking place at 46<sup>th</sup> and Lincoln avenues.

Anonymous was frustrated with the work done on Van Ness Avenue and the negative impact it had on businesses and transit riders.

Alex was disappointed to hear that there was no action on 46<sup>th</sup> and Lincoln avenues and suggested adding a stop sign and doing a road diet.

# 8. Citizens' Advisory Council Report

Citizen's Advisory Council (CAC) Chair Michael Chen presented the report.

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.

#### PUBLIC COMMENT:

David Pilpel commented on delegated authority and suggested that there be a regular reporting showing the exercise of delegated authority by the Director.

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 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. Christina Kim v. CCSF, Superior Ct. #CGC-21-589652 filed 2/05/2021 for \$88,500
  - B. Steven Ramirez v. CCSF, Superior Ct. # CGC-21-589948 filed 2/25/2021 for \$35,000 (Explanatory documents include resolution.)

**RESOLUTION No. 220215-009** 

- 10.2. Approving various routine parking and traffic modifications:
  - A. ESTABLISH RESIDENTIAL PERMIT PARKING AREA S 41-47 Franklin Street, west side, between Lily Street and Oak Street.
  - B. ESTABLISH RESIDENTIAL PERMIT PARKING AREA I 567-575 Valencia Street, north of 17th Street.
  - C. ESTABLISH RESIDENTIAL PERMIT PARKING AREA Y 673 Brannan Street, east of 6th Street.
  - D. ESTABLISH RESIDENTIAL PERMIT PARKING AREA C 737 Post Street between Jones Street and Leavenworth Street Property extends from Post to Geary Streets.
  - E. ESTABLISH RESIDENTIAL PERMIT PARKING AREA U 1036-1038 Mission Street between 6th and 7th Streets.
  - F. ESTABLISH RESIDENTIAL PERMIT PARKING AREA Q 1348 Haight Street between Masonic Avenue and Central Avenue, north side.
  - G. ESTABLISH RESIDENTIAL PERMIT PARKING AREA J 1677-1681 Haight Street at Cole Street.
  - H. ESTABLISH RESIDENTIAL PERMIT PARKING AREA I 3231-3235 24th Street between Capp and Cypress Streets.
  - I. ESTABLISH RESIDENTIAL PERMIT PARKING AREA Y 683 Brannan Street near 6th Street.
  - J. ESTABLISH RESIDENTIAL PERMIT PARKING AREA Y 338 Spear Street between Folsom Street and Harrison Street.
  - K. ESTABLISH RESIDENTIAL PERMIT PARKING AREA X 1400 7th Street between 16th Street and Daggett Street.
  - L. ESTABLISH RESIDENTIAL PERMIT PARKING AREA C 535 Leavenworth Street between Geary Street and O'Farrell Street.



- M. ESTABLISH RESIDENTIAL PERMIT PARKING AREA S 3983-3985 24th Street between Noe Street and Sanchez Street.
- N. ESTABLISH RESIDENTIAL PERMIT PARKING AREA Y 280 Beale Street and 299 Fremont Street at the Corner of Folsom Street.
- O. ESTABLISH RESIDENTIAL PERMIT PARKING AREA R 840-860 Van Ness Avenue between Willow Street and Ellis Street.
- P. ESTABLISH RESIDENTIAL PERMIT PARKING AREA S 4021-4023 24th Street, west of Noe Street.
- Q. ESTABLISH NO PARKING ANYTIME Fulton Street, south side, from Clayton Street to 42 feet westerly.
- R. ESTABLISH BUS ZONE Folsom Street, east side, from 95 feet to 134 feet north of Cesar Chavez Street.
- S. ESTABLISH–RESIDENTIAL PERMIT PARKING AREA Q ESTABLISH–2-HOUR PARKING, 8AM TO 6PM MONDAY THROUGH FRIDAY, EXCEPT VEHICLES WITH AREA Q PERMITS Broderick Street, both sides, from Page Street to Haight Street.
- T. ESTABLISH 4-HOUR TIME LIMIT, 8 AM TO 6 PM, MONDAY THROUGH FRIDAY Alemany Boulevard, north side, from Farallones Street to 340 feet easterly.
- U. RESCIND MUNI FLAG STOP Silver Avenue, north side, east of Scotia Avenue.
- V. ESTABLISH BUS ZONE Silver Avenue, north side, from Waterville Street to Augusta 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 No. 220215-010** 

Directors Hinze and Eaken requested an update on flag stop removal progress.

10.3. Authorizing the Director or designee to establish a special event transient parking rate retroactive to February 5, 2022, for up to 24 days, not to exceed two hours, with a floor of zero dollars per hour at the Portsmouth Square Garage, funded by other City departments. (Explanatory documents include a staff report and resolution.)

**RESOLUTION No. 220215-011** 

10.4. Adopting findings under the State Emergency Services Act (AB 361) to allow remote meetings during the COVID-19 emergency; continuing remote meetings for the next 30 days; and directing the Board Secretary to agendize a similar resolution



at a board meeting within 30 days. (Explanatory documents include a staff report and resolution.)

**RESOLUTION No. 220215-012** 

PUBLIC COMMENT:

Members of the public expressing opposition: Zach Lipton (10.3)

Members of the public expressing neither support nor opposition: David Pilpel (10.4)

On motion to approve the Consent Calendar:

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

#### **REGULAR CALENDAR**

11. Update on the Building Progress Program and authorizing the Director of Transportation to execute the Predevelopment Agreement for the Potrero Yard Modernization Project, with a term that will not exceed 568 days, a potential termination payment that will not exceed \$9,990,000, and if approved by the Board of Supervisors, a potential continuation payment of \$4,000,000. (Explanatory documents include a staff report and resolution.)

Jonathan Rewers, Acting Chief Financial Officer, presented the item.

**PUBLIC COMMENT:** 

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

On motion to continue to a future meeting:

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

12. Presentation and discussion on the SFMTA's process for prioritization of capital and infrastructure needs and advocacy strategy to secure funding. (Explanatory documents include a slide presentation.)

Jonathan Rewers, Acting Chief Financial Officer, presented the item.



#### PUBLIC COMMENT:

Jodie Medeiros commented on streets getting the smallest funding, yet ranking the highest in need, and encouraged the Board to seek more Prop K funds for streets.

David Pilpel recommended more equal distribution of funding, encouraged funding for needed items first, and provided additional budget suggestions.

13. 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.

#### PUBLIC COMMENT:

David Pilpel guestioned whether the case number for Item B was correct.

On motion to invoke the attorney-client privilege:

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

RECESS REGULAR MEETING AND CONVENE CLOSED SESSION

#### **CLOSED SESSION**

1. Call to Order

Chair Borden called the closed session to order at 5:22pm.

2. Roll Call

Present: Steve Heminger

Fiona Hinze Sharon Lai Manny Yekutiel Amanda Eaken Gwyneth Borden

Also present: Jeffrey Tumlin, Director of Transportation

Stephanie Stuart, Deputy City Attorney Rick Sheinfield, Deputy City Attorney



Audrey Pearson, Deputy City Attorney Julie Kirschbaum, Director of Transit Tom Maguire, Director of Streets Christine Silva, Board Secretary

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:**

- A. Deborah Welch v. CCSF, Superior Ct. #CGC-20-583667 filed 3/12/2020 for \$2,650,000
- B. Rob Anderson v. CCSF, Superior Ct. #050805 filed on 7/25/2005 for \$50,000

**RESOLUTION No. 220215-013** 

On motion to approve item A:

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

NAYES - Yekutiel

The Board took no action on item B.

#### ADJOURN CLOSED SESSION AND RECONVENE OPEN SESSION

The closed session was adjourned at 6:25pm.

14. Announcement of Closed Session

Board Secretary Silva announced that the SFMTA Board of Directors met in closed session to discuss the cases with the City Attorney. The Board voted to settle item A and took no action on item B.

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

On motion to not disclose the information discussed:

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



**ADJOURN** – The meeting was adjourned at 6:27pm in honor of Daniel Murphy and Bob Planthold.

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.

<u>Board of Supervisors review of certain SFMTA Decisions:</u> 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: <a href="https://sfbos.org/sites/default/files/o0127-18.pdf">https://sfbos.org/sites/default/files/o0127-18.pdf</a>.

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: <a href="https://sfethics.org/">https://sfethics.org/</a>.

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such communication not later than Monday, the day before the meeting so they have time to review and consider the comments prior to the meeting.

#### KNOW YOUR RIGHTS UNDER THE SUNSHINE ORDINANCE

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.

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