



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

MEETING MINUTES • Meeting Date: Tuesday, May 3, 2022

REGULAR MEETING AND CLOSED SESSION

1:00pm

1 Dr. Carlton B. Goodlett Place
Room 400, City Hall

This meeting will be held in person at the location listed above. As authorized by California Government Code Section 54953(e) and Mayor Breed's 45th Supplement to her February 25, 2020 emergency proclamation, it is possible that some members of the SFMTA Board of Directors may attend this meeting remotely. In that event, those members will participate and vote by video. Members of the public may attend the meeting to observe and provide public comment at the physical meeting location listed above or online at www.sfgovtv.org/sfmtaLIVE. Instructions for providing remote public comment are below.

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DIRECTOR OF TRANSPORTATION

Jeffrey Tumlin

BOARD SECRETARY

Christine Silva



ORDER OF BUSINESS

1. Call to Order

Chair Borden called the meeting to order at 1:02pm.

Board Secretary Silva announced information about the hybrid meeting format and reviewed how members of the public could watch the meeting and address the Board.

2. Roll Call

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

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

Board Secretary Silva announced that ringing and the use of cell phones and similar sound-producing electronic devices were prohibited at the meeting.

4. Approval of Minutes

No public comment.

On motion to approve the minutes of the April 12, 2022 Special Meeting and April 19, 2022 Regular Meeting:

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

5. Communications

None.

6. Introduction of New or Unfinished Business by Board Members

Director Hinze requested an update on school program safety and transit planning this summer and an update on Better Market Street.



No public comment.

7. Director's Report (For discussion only)

- Special Recognition
- Human Resources Update
- Ongoing Activities

Director Tumlin introduced Annette Williams, Director of Accessible Services, Taxi, Access and Mobility Services, to present special recognition. Director Tumlin provided updates on Vision Zero, hiring, JFK promenade, the Muni Ridership Recovery Campaign, and upcoming events including Bay to Breakers and Asian American Pacific Islander Heritage Month.

PUBLIC COMMENT:

Mark Gruberg expressed concern over taxi access in Golden Gate Park and asked for taxi stands at the de Young Museum and Academy of Sciences.

Aleta Dupree looked forward to enjoying car-free JFK and expressed interest in the upcoming Hate is a Virus campaign.

Richard Rothman expressed concern over Fulton Street, sharing that it needs transit-only lanes, and looked forward to the SFMTA taking over the Golden Gate Park garage.

Ken Seth expressed concern over taxi medallions and asked about planning and leadership.

Barry Taranto expressed appreciation for the taxi drivers that were recognized and expressed concern over taxi costs, garage access in Golden Gate Park, and scooter enforcement.

Zach Lipton expressed support for a mask mandate on Muni and asked that the Board recommend masks on transit.

Speaker expressed support to provide a parking solution in Mission Bay.

Beth Cheney expressed concern for the masking requirement being removed and shared that the Board has the authority to restore the masking requirement.

Raia Small expressed concern over the masking mandate and urged the Board to reconsider the mask requirement.



Karen True expressed concern over masking and urged the Board to reinstate the mask mandate.

Bret Hitachi urged the SFMTA to bring the mask mandate back and keep riders and operators safe.

Mack Allen suggested that the Muni Moves Campaign should consider highlighting the 44 O'Shaughnessy line and encouraged the reintroduction of the mask mandate.

Alisa Machar expressed concern over the mask mandate and urged the SFMTA to reinstate the requirement.

Leah MacGyver expressed concern over the mask mandate and asked the Board to reinstate the requirement.

Matt Sutter expressed support for paratransit access to Golden Gate Park and taxi stands within the park.

Joe Kunzler expressed concern over the mask mandate removal.

Pi Ra commented on the mask mandate removal and expressed opposition to the closure of JFK Drive to paratransit taxis.

Betty Traynor expressed concern over the need for masking and urged the Board to reinstate the mask mandate.

Curtis Woo expressed support for a mask requirement and asked the SFMTA to keep the mandate and provide masks.

Frank DaCosta expressed concern for the mask requirement and urged the Board to do a needs assessment.

Dave Alexander urged the Board to reinstate mask mandate and thanked staff for their work on car-free JFK.

Lisa Church thanked staff for work on car-free JFK, was happy to hear about the hiring, and urged the Board to reinstate the mask mandate.

Sue Ra expressed concern over ensuring that we continue to represent seniors and vulnerable communities by wearing masks inside transit.



Ben Valis commented on taxi access in Golden Gate Park and wearing masks on transit.

8. Citizens' Advisory Council Report

No report.

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.

Flo Kelly expressed concern for poverty tows and requested that staff provide an update on tows and ongoing litigation.

Mark Gruberg shared about the Flywheel app's failure to make payments to drivers and expressed concern over payment and driver protections.

John Santos expressed concern over residential parking in the Mission Bay neighborhood and asked about adding the item to a future agenda.

Darryl Lamy expressed concern over parking in Mission Bay.

Monique El Amin shared that using the parking meters in Mission Bay is a hardship and expressed concern for the parking situation.

Evelyn Fuentes shared about her parking experience in Mission Bay and requested that the SFMTA find a parking solution.

Speaker expressed concern over parking in the Mission Bay area and hoped that the SFMTA could help.

Speaker shared about parking in Mission Bay and asked the SFMTA to help solve the parking problem in the area.

Adid expressed concern for parking in the Mission Bay neighborhood.

Speaker expressed frustration with garbage on Muni trains and buses and concern over street safety in Mission Bay.

Ben Valis expressed concern over Flywheel app payments and urged the Board to hold SFMTA accountable and pay drivers.



Hansu Kim thanked the Board for approving the Taxi Upfront Fares pilot project.

Izzy Aala commented on the Flywheel app, fraud processing and the need for better communication to taxi drivers.

Aleta Dupree asked the Board to not forget about riders that use reduced fare Clipper cards.

Manuel Garcia expressed concern over parking and tickets in Mission Bay and asked the SFMTA for help.

Rocio Mendoza expressed concern over residential parking and urged the SFMTA to find a parking solution that could help residents Mission Bay.

Speaker expressed concern over Flywheel app payments and concern for taxi medallion holders.

Getsu expressed concern over the Flywheel app not paying drivers and shared about taxis at the airport.

Emily expressed concern over the Flywheel app not paying drivers and requested new oversight of the process.

Herbert Weiner commented on the impact of walking ¼ mile to bus stops for seniors and the disabled and urged to the Board to take it under consideration.

Hamilton Carter expressed concern for the removal of the mask mandate and urged the Board to bring it back.

Barry Taranto commended mobility services staff and commented on the benefits of the new Lean app for taxi driver payment.

Leah MacGyver suggested working towards free Muni as a goal and expressed concern over staff costs and ridership.

Speaker expressed concern over residential parking in Mission Bay, sharing that it was more expensive to park than live in the neighborhood.

Hamie expressed concern over the removal of the mask mandate and urged the Board to bring back the requirement.



Frankie Woods shared about being owed money from Flywheel and expressed concern about driving below the meter rate.

Adam expressed support for neighbors in Mission Bay and asked that the SFMTA consider changing the parking policy.

Speaker expressed support for requiring masks on Muni and urged the Board to bring back the requirement.

Speaker shared about taxi driving and expressed concern over missed payments from Flywheel.

Speaker expressed support for masking on transit and urged the SFMTA to bring back the mask mandate.

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. Inna Kovaleva v. CCSF, Superior Ct. #CGC-19-576679 filed 6/13/2019 for \$30,000. (Explanatory documents include a resolution.)

RESOLUTION No. 220503-038

10.2. Approving various routine parking and traffic modifications and making environmental review findings:



- A. ESTABLISH - RESIDENTIAL PERMIT PARKING AREA N, ESTABLISH - 2-HOUR PARKING, 9 AM TO 6 PM, MONDAY THROUGH FRIDAY, EXCEPT VEHICLES WITH AREA N PERMITS, Anza Street, both sides, between 9th and 10th Avenue.
- B. ESTABLISH - RESIDENTIAL PERMIT PARKING AREA S, ESTABLISH - 2-HOUR PARKING, BOTH SIDES, 8 AM TO 9 PM, MONDAY THROUGH FRIDAY, EXCEPT VEHICLES WITH AREA S PERMIT, Upper Terrace, both sides, between Masonic Avenue and Buena Vista Avenue East.
- C. ESTABLISH – PERPENDICULAR PARKING, Divisadero Street, west side, from Vallejo Street to 100 feet north of Broadway. (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. 220503-039

- 10.3. Adopting a resolution making findings pursuant to AB361 to allow for continued remote meetings due to the COVID-19 pandemic. (Explanatory documents include a resolution.)

RESOLUTION No. 220503-040

- 10.4. Authorizing the Director or his designee to execute the Restricted Grant Agreement with the California Department of Transportation (Caltrans) for the award of \$1,824,328 for the SoMa Transit Gardens Connection project; and providing assurances that the SFMTA will comply with Caltrans policies. (Explanatory documents include a staff and resolution.)

RESOLUTION No. 220503-041

- 10.5. Authorizing the Director to issue with the Department of Human Resources a joint Request for Proposals No. SFMTA-2022-31 for workers' compensation claims third-party administration services, to solicit and evaluate proposals from qualified services providers, and negotiate a contract with the highest ranked proposer, which staff will present to the SFMTA Board of Directors and the Board of Supervisors for their respective approvals. (Explanatory documents include a staff report and resolution.)

RESOLUTION No. 220503-042

No public comment.



On motion to approve the Consent Calendar:

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

REGULAR CALENDAR

11. Presentation and discussion on ridership, Van Ness Bus Rapid Transit preliminary performance, Muni Metro Modernization, Subway Renewal and Fix it Week: Early Metro Maintenance Closure outcomes. (Explanatory documents include a slide presentation.)

Julie Kirschbaum, Director of Transit, Alexandra Hallowell, Manager of Transit Performance and Analysis, and Charles Drane, Chief Maintenance Officer, presented the item.

PUBLIC COMMENT:

Hayden Miller commented on subway reliability, suggested improvements, and requested better trip communication to riders.

Aleta Dupree commented on fixed overhead rails, vehicle propulsion and electric powered lines, and asked that the SFMTA think more about the Market Street corridor.

Herbert Weiner expressed concern over fleet expansion, vehicle restoration, and transit communications.

Edward Mason expressed interest in Van Ness data and time savings and expressed concern over long gaps between buses.

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 go into closed session:

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

RECESS REGULAR MEETING AND CONVENE CLOSED SESSION

The Board recessed at 4:47pm.

CLOSED SESSION



1. Call to Order

Chair Borden called the closed session to order at 4:51pm.

2. Roll Call

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

Also present: Jeffrey Tumlin, Director of Transportation
Susan Cleveland-Knowles, Deputy City Attorney
Mark Lipton, Deputy City Attorney
Hunter Sims, Deputy City Attorney
Julie Kirschbaum, Director of Transit
Christine Silva, Board Secretary

3. Pursuant to Government Code Section 54956.9(d)(1) and the Administrative Code Section 67.10(d), the SFMTA 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:
Tamren Jones v. CCSF, Superior Ct. #CGC-19-579197 filed 9/11/2019

Director Yekutieli left the meeting.

ADJOURN CLOSED SESSION AND RECONVENE OPEN SESSION

The closed session adjourned at 5:23pm.

13. Announcement of Closed Session

Board Secretary Silva announced that the Board of Directors met in closed session to discuss the listed case with the City Attorney. No action was taken.



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

On motion to not disclose:

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

ADJOURN – The meeting adjourned at 5:25pm.

A recording of the meeting is on file in the office of the Secretary to the San Francisco Municipal Transportation Agency Board of Directors.

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read 'Christine Silva', is positioned above the printed name.

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>.

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



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