



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

MINUTES

Tuesday, May 4, 2021

**REGULAR MEETING
1 P.M.**

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SFMTA BOARD OF DIRECTORS

Gwyneth Borden, Chair
Amanda Eaken, Vice Chair
Cheryl Brinkman
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 1:00 p.m.

2. Roll Call

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

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

No announcement.

4. Approval of Minutes

No public comment.

On motion to approve the minutes of the April 20, 2021 Regular Meeting: unanimously approved.

5. Communications

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.

Board Secretary Silva announced that Item 13 and Item 14 were continued to the May 18th meeting at the request of staff.

6. Introduction of New or Unfinished Business by Board Members

Director Hinze requested an update on the Twin Peaks Tunnel Project when appropriate.

Director Yekutieli requested a review of fines and fees related to loading zones for music venues.

Director Heminger asked for more information about resuming in-person meetings.

No public comment.

7. Director's Report (For discussion only)

- Update on Vision Zero
- Ongoing Activities

Director Tumlin discussed Vision Zero, the Board of Supervisors budget presentation, Small Business Week, and provided an update on Human Resources as well as the Race, Equity and Inclusion Program.

Director Hinze requested an update on the external webpage tracking hiring.

Chair Borden requested that the Vision Zero item at the May 18th meeting include an Action Strategy update and bigger picture themes.

PUBLIC COMMENT:

Barry Taranto encouraged supporting taxis during Small Business Week and expressed concern over sign placement for right turns in the Tenderloin.

Eric Rozell thanked staff for their work on Quick-Build projects in the Tenderloin and asked for continued commitment to Vision Zero goals.

Evy Posamentier thanked the Board for recognizing needs of small businesses.

Anonymous expressed concern about speed limit enforcement, weight limit enforcement, and safety on streets.

Luke Borheimer thanked staff for their work in the Tenderloin and requested that traffic calming efforts be looked at for Park Presidio.

Hayden Miller expressed concern over Vision Zero results and enforcement.

8. Citizens' Advisory Council Report

No report.

9. Public Comment

Chair Borden announced that public comment for Items 13 and 14 would be taken at this time.

Hayden Miller expressed excitement about transit service restoration on May 15th and encouraged more public outreach in the future.

Bob Planthold expressed concern over responsiveness from management and concern over operator training for those with disabilities.

Anonymous expressed concern over bus stop removal along the 48 Quintara line and concern about the Racial and Equity Action Plan not mentioning seniors or those with disabilities.

David Pilpel recognized recent organizational changes and acknowledged train testing on Market Street.

Barry Taranto expressed concern over public outreach and engagement related to a recent taxi virtual outreach meeting. He also expressed concern over pedestrian safety.

Stacey Randecker suggested expanding residential parking permits for the entire city in order to increase revenue and encouraged minimizing driving in order to maximize transit, pedestrians and cycling.

Greg Garcia expressed concern over re-routing the 48 Quintara line.

Luke Bornheimer urged the Board to continue working with the Recreation and Park Department on keeping JFK Drive kid safe.

Patrick expressed concern over flag stops and encouraged the Board to revisit the item.

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) Making environmental review findings and approving the following parking and traffic modifications:

- A. ESTABLISH – TOW-AWAY, NO STOPPING EXCEPT PERMITTED CAR SHARE VEHICLES Merrimac Street, east side, from 116 feet to 159 feet south of China Basin Street.
- B. RESCIND - 2-HOUR PARKING, 8 AM TO 9 PM, MONDAY THROUGH FRIDAY EXCEPT VEHICLES WITH AREA S PERMITS, ESTABLISH - GENERAL METERED PARKING, 2-Hour Time Limit, 9 AM TO 6 PM, MONDAY THROUGH SATURDAY 18th Street, south side, from Noe Street to Hartford Street.
- C. ESTABLISH - RED ZONE – 18th Street, south side, from Noe Street to 25 feet west.
- D. ESTABLISH - METERED YELLOW ZONE, COMMERCIAL LOADING, 30-MINUTE TIME LIMIT, 7 AM TO 6 PM, MONDAY THROUGH SATURDAY – 18th Street, south side, from 35 feet to 65 feet west of Noe Street.
- E. ESTABLISH - GREEN METERED ZONE, 15-MINUTE TIME LIMIT, 9 AM TO 6 PM, MONDAY THROUGH SATURDAY – 18th Street, south side, from 65 feet to 85 feet west of Noe Street.

- F. RESCIND - 2-HOUR TIME LIMIT, 7AM TO 6PM, MONDAY THROUGH SATURDAY – Harrison Street, east side from 11th Street to 13th Street.
- G. ESTABLISH - GENERAL METERED PARKING, NO TIME LIMIT, 9AM TO 6PM, MONDAY THROUGH SATURDAY – Harrison Street, west side, from Norfolk Street to 13th Street, Harrison Street, east side, from 11th Street to 13th Street.
- H. RESCIND – 45-DEGREE ANGLE PARKING – Jerrold Avenue, north side, from Phelps Street to 215 feet to west of Quint Street.
- I. ESTABLISH – SIDEWALK WIDENING – Jerrold Avenue, south side, from Phelps Street to 272 feet west of Quint Street.
- J. ESTABLISH – SIDEWALK WIDENING, ESTABLISH – TOW-AWAY, NO STOPPING ANYTIME, Jerrold Avenue, north side, from Phelps Street to 32 feet westerly.
- K. ESTABLISH – MIDBLOCK CROSSWALK – Jerrold Avenue, 335 feet west of Phelps Street.
- L. ESTABLISH – SPEED TABLES – Jerrold Avenue, between Phelps Street and Quint 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 210504-061

(10.2) Acting as the Parking Authority Commission, authorizing the Director to execute a Commercial Lease Agreement with the United States Postal Service for the retail space, located at 2055 Lombard Street in the Lombard Garage, for a three-year term that will result in \$2,579,359 in revenue and includes four five-year options to extend the lease, and authorizing the Director to execute the four options to extend. (Explanatory documents include a staff report and resolution.)

RESOLUTION 210504-062

(10.3) Approving modifications to the contracts with artists Catherine Wagner, Paramedia, White Light, Tomie Arai, and Yumei Hou to provide designs and consult on the fabrication and installation of artwork to be displayed in the Central Subway, to extend the terms of those contracts to December 31, 2021 due to delays to Project construction, and to approve (retroactively where appropriate) contract modifications that extend the term of those contracts beyond the ten-year term limit under Charter Section 9.118; to request the Board of Supervisors to approve the contract modifications; and make environmental review findings. (Explanatory documents include a staff report and resolution.)

RESOLUTION 210504-063

(10.4) Approving the issuance and sale of the fourth series of Transportation and Road Improvement General Obligation Bonds, Series 2021C, in the amount of \$122.8 million to fund costs associated with capital projects including Accessibility Improvements, Complete Streets Improvements, Muni Forward Rapid Network, Pedestrian Safety Improvements, and Traffic Signal Improvements; making environmental review findings and rescinding SFMTA Resolution No. 210406-045. (Explanatory documents include a staff report and resolution. All of the proposed actions listed above are Approval Actions as defined by S.F. Administrative Code Chapter 31.)

RESOLUTION 210504-064

No public comment.

On motion to approve the Consent Calendar:

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

REGULAR CALENDAR

11. Approving Transportation Code amendments related to a permanent Shared Spaces program which would delegate authority to the Director or designee to restrict parking and close the parking space portion of any street for purposes of issuing a Curbside Shared Spaces permit and the Interdepartmental Staff Committee on Traffic and Transportation to temporarily close the traffic lane portion of any street for purposes of issuing a temporary closure for a Roadway Shared Spaces permit; establish a procedure for the SFMTA Board approval of Longer-Term Closure for purposes of issuing a Roadway Shared Spaces permit; establish a fine amount for violation of No Parking Zone parking restrictions established in Division I; revise existing color curb installation and renewal fees and add a new fee for “General Loading” zones; rename the parklet installation fee to Shared Spaces application fees and revise the fees and fee amounts; rescind the Places for People Application Fee; advance SFMTA regulations for both Curbside and Roadway Shared Spaces; and make environmental review findings. (Explanatory documents include a staff report, resolution, and amendments.)

Director Yekutieli asked to be recused due to a potential conflict of interest.

On motion to recuse Director Yekutieli:

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

Jeff Tumlin, Director of Transportation, Monica Munowitch, Shared Spaces Deputy Program Manager, and Robin Abad Ocubillo, Shared Spaces Program Director (Planning Department), presented the item.

PUBLIC COMMENT:

Members of the public expressing support: Zack Lipton, Mike Combs, Stacy Randecker, Chavvi Sahni, Terry Bacon, Luke Bornheimer, Ben Bleiman, Jane Natoli, Sharky Laguana, Laurie Thomas, Patrick, Paul Breed, and William Pearlman

Members of the public expressing opposition: Hayden Miller, David Pilpel, Richard Rothman, Lucy Albion, Bob Planthold, Anonymous, Scott Rossman, Barry Taranto, and Herbert Weiner

Members of the public expressing neither support nor opposition: William Ortiz-Cartagena, Dave Alexander, and Jessica Prattle

On motion to amend the resolution clause adding, “RESOLVED, that the SFMTA Board of Directors supports a long-term goal of achieving full cost recovery for the Shared Spaces Program.”

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

NAYES – Lai

RECUSED – Yekutiell

On motion to amend the Code to correctly reference Public Works Code Section 2.1.1:

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

RECUSED – Yekutiell

RESOLUTION 210504-065

On motion to approve as amended:

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

RECUSED – Yekutiell

12. Presentation and discussion regarding the Tow Program. (Explanatory documents include a slide presentation.)

Diana Hammons, Senior Manager - Revenue Collection & Sales, and Viktoriya Wise, Chief of Staff, presented the item.

Lauren Chung, Legislative Aide for Supervisor Safai, expressed support for the resumption of towing and 72-hour notice.

PUBLIC COMMENT:

Hayden Miller expressed support for towing and suggested towing for more violations such as blocked sidewalks.

Claire Amable encouraged permanently ending poverty tows.

Anonymous expressed appreciation for the presentation, discounts, and expanded notice while also encouraging that the SFMTA aim to end poverty tows.

Martha Branigan encouraged abolishing poverty tows.

Wesley Saber asked the SFMTA to end poverty tows permanently.

Carlos Wadkins expressed concern over tows for those living in their vehicles.

Melodie expressed concern over towing and homelessness.

Stella Concat shared her outreach experience with those living in the Bayview and urged the SFMTA to permanently end poverty tows.

Flo Kelly expressed concern over towing reminding the Board of a similar discussion last year.

Stacy Randecker reiterated to the SFMTA that San Francisco is a transit first city and shared that cars are not housing.

Lexi Galantino shared that poverty tows are inequitable in their impact and urged the SFMTA to end poverty towing in San Francisco.

Mark Boyson expressed concern over the labor contract with AutoReturn.

Phillip Green shared two examples of poverty tows and urged the SFMTA to end the practice.

Calder Lorenz thanked staff for their work and urged the SFMTA to permanently end towing for those experiencing homelessness.

Javier Bermand shared that San Francisco has the highest towing cost in the US and urged the SFMTA to end poverty tows.

Mary urged the SFMTA to permanently end poverty tows, especially as they impact young mothers and their children.

Anonymous expressed appreciation but questioned whether directors were benefitting from the item coming before the Board.

Cary urged the SFMTA to end poverty tows reminding the Board that cars are housing for the most vulnerable residents.

Tory Larson urged the SFMTA to end poverty tows in San Francisco, sharing that the SFMTA has not been engaging these tows for over a year.

Brandon Green shared concern over tows and requested that the SFMTA abolish poverty tows.

Anonymous thanked the Board for hearing the item and shared concern over the towing policy.

Anonymous shared a case of a youth living in his vehicle and urged the SFMTA to end poverty tows in San Francisco.

Adam expressed concern over poverty tows sharing that continuing to tow would be a Civil Rights violation.

Anne thanked staff and encouraged the SFTMTA to continue an open dialog, creative solutions, and

listening to those closest to the problem.

Jennifer expressed concern about disproportionately targeting communities and urged the SFMTA to stop poverty tows.

Sam Louie expressed appreciation to work with staff, requesting that the SFMTA end poverty tows for a more just San Francisco.

Kelley Cutler urged the SFMTA to permanently end poverty tows sharing that it is important to look at poverty tows in light of our current reality.

Cindy Keener expressed fear over losing her camper at any time and is afraid of living on the streets.

Mike shared that the SFMTA must work to remove abandoned cars, having the option as a tool to effectively manage the streets.

Hannah urged the SFMTA to end poverty tows sharing that eliminating tows would provide stability and relief to unhoused and low-income families, the elderly, and individuals.

Miguel Bustos asked for compassion in helping the poor and that the SFMTA help by ending poverty tows.

Eric shared that poverty tows are discriminatory, punishing people for being poor and urged the SFMTA to permanently end poverty tows.

13. Presentation and discussion regarding the Vision Zero Quick-Build Program. (Explanatory documents include a slide presentation.)

This item was continued to the May 18th meeting.

14. Presentation and discussion regarding the Title VI Analysis of COVID-19 Temporary Service Plan. (Explanatory documents include a slide presentation.)

This item was continued to the May 18th meeting.

15. Presentation and discussion regarding legal responsibilities of the SFMTA. (Explanatory documents include a slide presentation. Fulfills Charter Section 8A.102 (c)(3) training requirements.)

This item was continued to the May 18th meeting.

PUBLIC COMMENT:

David Pilpel expressed concern over the length of meetings, the difficulty of locating CEQA documents and suggested working together to find better ways to interact with the public.

Hayden Miller expressed concern over meeting accessibility suggesting the SFTMA get more public input and concern about sharing correspondence.

ADJOURN - The meeting was adjourned at 8:00 p.m.

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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