



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

MINUTES

Tuesday, September 21, 2021

**REGULAR MEETING
1 P.M.**

Due to the COVID-19 health emergency and to protect our Board Members, SFMTA staff, and members of the public, 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 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
Amanda Eaken
Steve Heminger
Fiona Hinze
Sharon Lai
Manny Yekutieli

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

No announcement was made.

4. Approval of Minutes

PUBLIC COMMENT:

David Pilpel proposed spelling corrections.

On motion to approve the minutes of the September 7, 2021 with corrections: 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.

6. Introduction of New or Unfinished Business by Board Members

No public comment.

7. Director's Report (For discussion only)

- Cable Car Update
- Central Subway Project Update
- Ongoing Activities

Director Tumlin provided an update on Vision Zero, information on the cable car shutdown, budget, Central Subway Project, and shared about street transformations during the Covid-19 pandemic.

Director Heminger requested an inventory of capital needs.

PUBLIC COMMENT:

Joe Kunzler expressed support for Vision Zero and safe streets, hoping also that the SFMTA would support fare reform.

Hamilton Carter was supportive of the the return of cable cars and expressed concern over routine maintenance, so we do not lose them.

Hammy expressed thanked the SFMTA for bringing back the cable cars and requested that cable car service continue.

Barry Taranto requested that the Board rethink HOV lanes and congestion along those streets during peak hours. He also wished Director Tumlin good luck regarding a contract.

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.

Herbert Weiner expressed concern over transit service for seniors and those with disabilities, urging the Board to take action to address inequity.

Barry Taranto shared that he did not participate at the last Board meeting because it was held during a Jewish holiday and expressed concern over public comment for last meeting's taxi item.

Aleta Dupree encouraged the Board to watch a recent Metropolitan Transportation Commission item on fare integration and also shared that the SFMTA should make all stops ADA accessible.

Bill Graziano expressed concern over recent street improvements on Silver Avenue at Bayshore and San Bruno Avenue and asked the SFMTA to reexamine what was done.

Paul Wormer asked whether the SFMTA was capturing data for near miss incidents to better understand what is happening throughout the City and not just on high-injury corridors.

Hamilton Carter requested that the SFMTA fix an outdated form to allow youth to use cable cars for free or allow members of the public to purchase youth Muni passes.

Bob Planthold urged the SFMTA to eliminate flag stops and was concerned about undercounting users using public transit.

David Pilpel shared a recent experience utilizing a Shared Spaces parklet and also shared that Richard Rothman had a recent death in the family.

Stacy Randecker commented on recent Vision Zero fatalities and expressed interest in knowing what the SFMTA was doing in response to the City's declared climate emergency.

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. Mary Steiner v. CCSF, Superior Ct. #CGC-20-584147 filed on 04/08/2020 for \$17,500
- B. Joseph Murad v. CCSF, Superior Ct. #CGC-19-575659 filed on 05/01/2019 for \$45,000
- C. Linda Tran v. CCSF, Superior Ct. #CGC-20-584568 filed on 05/26/20 for \$55,000. (Explanatory documents include a resolution.)

RESOLUTION 210921-106

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

- A. ESTABLISH – RESIDENTIAL PERMIT PARKING AREA U – 390 1st Street, north of Harrison Street.
- B. ESTABLISH – RESIDENTIAL PERMIT PARKING AREA S – 188 Buchanan Street, south of Waller Street.
- C. ESTABLISH – RESIDENTIAL PERMIT PARKING AREA Y – 399 Fremont Street, north of Harrison Street.
- D. ESTABLISH – RESIDENTIAL PERMIT PARKING AREA I – 3134 24th Street, west of Folsom Street.
- E. ESTABLISH – RESIDENTIAL PERMIT PARKING AREA R – 414 Gough Street, north of

- Hayes Street.
- F. ESTABLISH – RESIDENTIAL PERMIT PARKING AREA R – 435 Hayes Street, west of Gough Street.
 - G. ESTABLISH – RESIDENTIAL PERMIT PARKING AREA G – 2130 Post Street, west of Pierce Street.
 - H. ESTABLISH - RESIDENTIAL PERMIT PARKING AREA S – 3882-3884 24th Street, east of Sanchez Street.
 - I. ESTABLISH - RESIDENTIAL PERMIT PARKING AREA U – 921-923 Folsom Street, west of 5th Street.
 - J. ESTABLISH - RESIDENTIAL PERMIT PARKING AREA A – 810-820 Battery Street, between Broadway and Vallejo Street.
 - K. ESTABLISH - RESIDENTIAL PERMIT PARKING AREA U – 388 5th Street, north of Harrison Street.
 - L. ESTABLISH - RESIDENTIAL PERMIT PARKING AREA T – 100 San Marcos Avenue, north of Castenada Avenue.
 - M. ESTABLISH - RESIDENTIAL PERMIT PARKING AREA A – 255 Broadway, east of Sansome Street.
 - N. ESTABLISH – BUS ZONE – Mission Bay Boulevard North, north side, from 74 feet to 150 feet east of 4th Street.
 - O. ESTABLISH – BUS ZONE – Powell Street, east side, from North Point Street to Beach Street.
 - P. ESTABLISH – TOW-AWAY, NO STOPPING, EXCEPT MUNI, 6 AM TO 7 PM, MONDAY THROUGH SATURDAY – Mission Street, north side, from 16 feet to 188 feet east of Spear Street.
 - Q. ESTABLISH – PASSENGER LOADING ZONE, 6 AM TO 3 PM, MONDAY THROUGH SATURDAY – ESTABLISH – TOW-AWAY, NO STOPPING, EXCEPT MUNI, 3 PM TO 7 PM, MONDAY THROUGH SATURDAY – Mission Street, north side, from 19 feet to 85 feet west of Steuart Street.
 - R. ESTABLISH – TOW-AWAY, NO STOPPING ANYTIME, EXCEPT AMBULANCES – Sutter Street, south side, from 89 feet to 129 feet east of Divisadero Street.
 - S. ESTABLISH – TOW-AWAY, NO STOPPING, 6 AM TO 11 PM, MONDAY THROUGH FRIDAY, EXCEPT SHUTTLE BUSES – Sutter Street, south side, from 129 feet to 193 east of Divisadero Street.
 - T. ESTABLISH – TOW-AWAY, NO PARKING ANYTIME – Leavenworth Street, east side, from McAllister to 159 feet southerly.
 - U. ESTABLISH – TOW-AWAY NO PARKING ANYTIME – Clinton Park, south side, from Valencia Street to Stevenson Street.
 - V. RESCIND – PERPENDICULAR PARKING – ESTABLISH – PARALLEL PARKING – Arkansas Street, west side, from 27 feet to 218 feet northerly.
 - W. RESCIND – TOW-AWAY, NO STOPPING, 4 PM TO 7 PM, MONDAY THROUGH FRIDAY – 9th Street, east side, between Howard Street and Natoma Street.
 - X. ESTABLISH – TOW AWAY NO STOPPING ANYTIME – ESTABLISH – SIDEWALK WIDENING – Tandang Sora Street, west side, from Bonifacio Street to 108 feet southerly. (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 210921-107

(10.3) Approving a protected bikeway and parking restrictions on Washington Street between Drumm Street and the Embarcadero and turn restrictions at the intersections of the Embarcadero with Broadway and Washington Street as set forth in Items A through L below:

- A. ESTABLISH – NO TURN ON RED – Washington Street, eastbound, at The Embarcadero.
- B. ESTABLISH – NO TURN ON RED – The Embarcadero, southbound, at Washington Street.
- C. ESTABLISH – NO TURN ON RED – Broadway, eastbound, at The Embarcadero.
- D. ESTABLISH – NO TURN ON RED – The Embarcadero, southbound, at Broadway.
- E. ESTABLISH – NO U-TURNS – The Embarcadero, northbound, at Washington Street.
- F. ESTABLISH – NO U-TURNS – The Embarcadero, southbound, at Washington Street.
- G. ESTABLISH – NO U-TURNS – The Embarcadero, southbound, at Broadway.
- H. ESTABLISH – CLASS IV BIKEWAY – Washington Street, eastbound and westbound, from The Embarcadero to Drumm Street (parking-protected bikeways).
- I. ESTABLISH – RED ZONE – Washington Street, north side, from The Embarcadero to 150 feet westerly (removes three parking spaces for Class IV bikeway).
- J. ESTABLISH – RED ZONE – Washington Street, north side, from Drumm Street to 20 feet easterly.
- K. ESTABLISH – RED ZONE – Washington Street, south side, from Drumm Street to 40 feet easterly (removes one parking space and shifts existing blue zone by 34’).
- L. ESTABLISH – BLUE ZONE – Washington Street, south side, from 40 feet to 66 feet east of Drumm Street (shifting and lengthening existing blue zone at the same location). (Explanatory documents include a staff report and resolution.)

RESOLUTION 210921-108

(10.4) Amending Transportation Code Division II, Section 601, to designate full-time transit-only areas on 4th Street between Berry and Channel Streets and approving the traffic modifications as set forth in Items A through C below, and making environmental review findings:

- A. ESTABLISH – MUNI ONLY LANE – 4th Street, northbound, from Berry Street to 148 feet southerly.
- B. ESTABLISH – TRANSIT AND TAXI ONLY LANE – 4th Street, southbound, from Berry Street to Channel Street.
- C. ESTABLISH – NO LEFT TURN – 4th Street, northbound, at Berry Street. (Explanatory documents include a staff report and resolution.)

RESOLUTION 210921-109

PUBLIC COMMENT:

Members of the public expressing support: B-Rod (10.4)

Members of the public expressing neither support nor opposition: David Pilpel (10.1, 10.2, 10.3 and 10.4) and Barry Taranto (10.2, 10.3 and 10.4)

On motion to approve the Consent Calendar:

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

REGULAR CALENDAR

11. Presentation and discussion regarding Winter 2022 Muni Service. (Explanatory documents include a slide presentation.)

Sean Kennedy, Transit Planning Manager, presented the item.

PUBLIC COMMENT:

Anonymous expressed concern over the J Church line not returning to subway service.

Anonymous expressed concern over a lack of community outreach as related to changes regarding the J Church line.

The Haight Ashbury Neighborhood Council urged the SFMTA to restore service for the 6 Parnassus and 21 Hayes Valley lines.

Anastasia Annapolis urged the SFMTA to restore service for the J Church line sharing also that having to make a transfer is risky and unsafe.

Zach Lipton expressed support for the issues raised in the SF Transit Riders letter and shared that there should be a plan for the restoration of 100% pre-pandemic service hours.

Bob Planthold expressed concern for the J Church, 6 Haight/Parnassus and 21 Hayes lines, indicating that the data collected is biased and incomplete.

Hammy requested that the SFMTA create a donation site and that the 43 Masonic line be extended to go to the Presidio again.

Herbert Weiner expressed support for 100% restoration to pre-pandemic levels, sharing that there is not excuse to not doing this.

Cathy DeLuca expressed concern over outreach for seniors and those with disabilities. She also urged the SFMTA to restore service to 100% pre-pandemic levels and then engage the community.

Stacy Randecker expressed concern about transit service, urging the SFMTA to restore every line and then optimize from there.

David Woo expressed support to restore all previous Muni lines, urging the SFMTA to immediately restore the 6 Haight/Parnassus and 21 Hayes lines.

Cat Carter was concerned about outreach time and effort, also sharing that the survey was too short, lacking in detail, and did not allow for riders to give feedback or explore the trade-offs.

Sheila Thompson urged the Board to restore Muni to full-service, pre-pandemic levels, sharing that it has been difficult to get around the City due to altered lines.

Julia Kochi commented on restoring the 6 Haight/Parnassus line, so it reaches Ashbury Heights and reminded the Board about previous effort to eliminate the line.

Edward Mason expressed concern over transferring when on the J Church line and urged the SFMTA to restore the J Church line and all Muni service to pre-pandemic levels.

David Goldman expressed support for full-service restoration to pre-pandemic levels, including adding the 35 Eureka, 21 Hayes, 2 Clement and 6 Haight/Parnassus lines.

Paul Wormer expressed concern over how the value of service is being judged, providing an example with the 43 Masonic line.

Trisha Tilapado commented on the importance of data driven decision making and expressed interest in understanding the data and methodology.

Barbara Pastelero expressed concern over taking the J Church line, significant delays in the tunnel, overcrowding, and safety.

Lisa Church expressed support for full-service restoration and shared that the SFMTA should focus efforts on new, permanent revenue streams.

Dave Alexander urged the City to fund transit and asked that the SFMTA do better outreach.

Lavender requested that the 6 Haight/Parnassus line be restored, sharing that the 52 Excelsior line is not adequate, and asked that the SFMTA aim to improve accessibility to everyone living in the City.

Alexander Hurgy urged the Board to focus on identifying new revenue streams rather than finding way to butcher service and to conduct better outreach.

Anonymous urged the SFMTA to restore the 21 Hayes line for seniors and those with mobility issues.

Scott Feeney expressed concern over how the survey is being framed, sharing that we need full service restoration.

Hayden Miller expressed concern over the survey, sharing that it doesn't allow for actual feedback on the alternatives on a line-by-line level, and asked that routes be restored.

David Pilpel looked forward to the SFMTA's response to a recent Board of Supervisor resolution and submitted a records request for the referenced ridership chart and SF Transit Riders letter.

Anonymous was skeptical over service restoration and asked that the familiar option be restored, specifically restoring the 6 Haight/Parnassus and 21 Hayes lines.

Freddy Martin asked that all Muni service be restored to the normal, pre-pandemic schedule.

ADJOURN – The meeting was adjourned at 5:30 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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