



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

MEETING MINUTES • Meeting Date: Tuesday, February 7, 2023

SPECIAL MEETING

9:00am

49 South Van Ness Avenue
Training Rooms, Rooms 132-136

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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Amanda Eaken, Chair
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Stephanie Cajina
Steve Heminger
Fiona Hinze
Manny Yekutieli

DIRECTOR OF TRANSPORTATION

Jeffrey Tumlin

BOARD SECRETARY

Christine Silva



ORDER OF BUSINESS

1. Call to Order

Chair Eaken called the meeting to order at 9:07am.

2. Roll Call

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

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. Welcome and introduction. (Explanatory documents include a slide presentation.)

Jeff Tumlin, Director of Transportation, presented the item.

No public comment.

5. Presentation and discussion of city financial projections and context and agency financial outlook. (Explanatory documents include a slide presentation. Fulfills Charter Section 8A.102 (c)(3) training requirements.)

Ben Rosenfield, Controller, Bree Mawhorter, Chief Financial Officer, and Jonathan Rewers, Chief Strategy Officer, presented the item.

Chair Eaken recessed the meeting due to technical challenges at 10:26am and reconvened the meeting at 10:40am.

PUBLIC COMMENT:

Jodie Medeiros expressed concern for street safety and fatalities.

Jaime Vilorio expressed concern regarding raising fares and asked the SFMTA to include the community in discussions.



Cyrus Hall asked the SFMTA about ridership and commented on building trust.

Vinita Goyal commented on providing revenue options for the future and asked the SFMTA to expand services with residents in mind.

Edward Mason shared about medallion fees for corporate commuter buses.

Zach Lipton was in support of Seamless Bay Area's call for regional partners and asked the Board to consider time and speed in which the agency makes decisions.

Peter Straus expressed concern for the structural deficit and asked that the Board consider long-term strategies to get to long-term recovery.

Speaker shared that short term and long-term instances of funding needed and that there is a need to look at it holistically and in coordination.

Ian Griffith shared that the SFMTA needs more revenue to continue and hoped that the SFMTA would work in partnership with other agencies.

After Item 5, the Board will recess and suspend Brown Act requirements for lunch and to view staff posters and demonstrations. Viewing posters and demonstrations will contain less than a majority of board members.

Members of the public may view staff posters and demonstrations in person at the meeting location or on the meeting webpage: <https://www.sfmta.com/calendar/board-directors-special-meeting-february-7-2023>

Possible topics for posters and demonstrations include:

- Bus Fleet Management
- Bus Transit Signal Priority
- Climate Roadmap
- Gratitude Campaign
- Light Rail Fleet Expansion & Replacement
- Muni Forward
- Ombuds Office
- Practical Communication Tools (PaCT) Program
- Road to Fitness
- Service Equity Expansion
- Subway Renewal



- Transit Operations Recognition & Accountability
- Wellness Program Resources

The Board will reconvene its Brown Act meeting at approximately 2:00pm.

Chair Eaken recessed the meeting at 12:15pm and reconvened the meeting at 2:00pm.

6. Presentation and panel discussion regarding building trust with our communities. (Explanatory documents include a slide presentation.)

Viktoriya Wise, Chief of Staff, and Melissa Culross, Public Information Officer, presented the item. Panelists included: Albert Chow, Milan Duong-Gordley, Sebastian Vera Cuevas, Preston Kilgore, Jessica Lehman, Eleazar Martinez, Kevin Ortiz, Tacing Parker, Masood Samereie, and Malcom Yeung.

PUBLIC COMMENT:

Jaime Viloría urged the SFMTA to create working groups and taskforces, also requesting that when presenting data to include qualitative data as well.

Paula Katz submitted the following public comment summary per Admin Code §67.16:

1. Removing bus stops creates hardship for many riders. Before removing stops, surveys should specifically ask riders if it's ok to remove bus stops to create more reliable service if it means seniors, riders with mobility issues, etc. had to walk farther, even if this would be a hardship for them.
2. When the Taraval construction ends in 2024 and L Taraval trains return, don't approve any plan that interlines the L Taraval and the K Ingleside, forcing L & K riders to transfer at West Portal in both directions. This will create a horrible user experience for tens of thousands of L & K riders, and can be dangerous for many seniors, riders with mobility issues, parents with young children, etc. Riders will be furious at SFMTA if they are forced to transfer at West Portal. L & K riders are united with J Church riders in opposition to forced transfers!

Speaker shared about continued mistrust of the SFMTA, also commenting about private electrical vehicles and a deficient Transportation Element.

David Pilpel commented on outreach and the importance of documenting public comment, also suggesting that responses should show how a project has changed over time.

Speaker expressed concern regarding data and restoration of the J Church line.



Herbert Weiner expressed concern about decisions being pre-made.

Claudia Lewis commented about poor outreach done for Lake Street.

7. Board Workshop Conclusion

Jeff Tumlin, Director of Transportation, presented the item.

Board members shared their top three priorities for the year.

Director Heminger was interested in the budget and salary savings, Vision Zero, and appreciated the staff poster session.

Director Yekutiel shared that he would be focused on the state of the city's streets, street paving and maintenance of transit shelter and stations.

Director Cajina's priorities included a deep dive on safety, a strategy or audit to understand how the public is engaging on current transit services, and a community and outreach engagement strategy that is authentic.

Director Hinze is interested in Vision Zero, a deep dive on safe and open spaces within the context of the Active Communities Plan, and the state of good repair.

Director Borden's priorities included service and reliability, improving communications, Vision Zero and the safety of the streets, and improving staff culture.

Chair Eaken shared that she plans to focus on Vision Zero, promoting and sustaining a culture of care, and agency hiring.

PUBLIC COMMENT:

Jodie Medeiros was encouraged by the day and appreciated the mention of Vision Zero.

ADJOURN – The meeting adjourned at 4:53pm.

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.

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