



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

MEETING MINUTES • Meeting Date: Tuesday, May 20, 2025

REGULAR MEETING AND CLOSED SESSION

1:00pm

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

REMOTE MEETING ACCESS

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SFMTA BOARD OF DIRECTORS

Janet Tarlov, Chair
Stephanie Cajina, Vice Chair
Mike Chen
Alfonso Felder
Steve Heminger
Dominica Henderson
Fiona Hinze

DIRECTOR OF TRANSPORTATION

Julie Kirschbaum

BOARD SECRETARY

Christine Silva



ORDER OF BUSINESS

1. Call to Order

Chair Tarlov called the meeting to order at 1:13pm.

2. Roll Call

Present: Mike Chen
Alfonso Felder
Steve Heminger
Fiona Hinze
Janet Tarlov

Absent (at Roll Call): Stephanie Cajina
Dominica Henderson

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

Board Secretary Silva made the announcement.

4. Approval of Minutes

- April 22, 2025, Special Meeting
- May 6, 2025, Regular Meeting

No public comment.

On motion to approve the minutes of the April 22, 2025, Special Meeting and May 6, 2025, Regular Meeting:

ADOPTED: AYES – Chen, Felder, Heminger, Hinze, and Tarlov
ABSENT – Cajina and Henderson

5. Communications

None.

6. Director's Report (For discussion only)

- Automated Speed Enforcement Update
- Event report-backs



- Other agency updates

Director Cajina joined the meeting.

Director Kirschbaum shared about an award for the L Taraval Project, Speed Safety Camera Project, Fix-It Week Report back, and Bike to School Week & Bike to Everywhere Day.

PUBLIC COMMENT:

Aleta Dupree expressed support for e-bikes and asked about demographic data, sharing that overall was appreciative of the report.

Barry Taranto expressed frustration about speed camera signage before the intersection, urging the agency to make it more visible.

Malena Cabada shared about dangerous speeding and urged the SFMTA to commit to speed reduction actions in the next VZ plan.

Josh expressed support for adding more cameras to generate more revenue and commented on Bike to Wherever Day.

7. Citizens' Advisory Council Report

No report.

8. New or Unfinished Business by Board Members

None.

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.

Aleta Dupree questioned route changes on Market Street, commented on Clipper 2.0, and shared about Muni safety.

Griffin Lee urged the Board to eliminate contracts that lobby against the majority of San Franciscans.



Barry Taranto commented on a current court trial and expressed concern about vehicles being parked at the taxi stand on Terry Francois Blvd and concern about Waymo on Market St.

Speaker expressed concern about Waymo vehicles on Market St.

Speaker requested an update on overhead line issues west of Embarcadero and Van Ness and urged the agency to use Blue Sky instead of X for agency alerts.

Herbert Weiner shared about an email inquiry to the Director of Transportation and requested a response.

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 simple or 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 claim against the SFMTA (Explanatory documents include a resolution):

- A. Wang Yun Wong, Unlitigated Claim No. C24-005 for \$88,220.11 (City to receive). Claim involving allegations of property damage to City property.
- B. State Farm & CSAA, Unlitigated Claim No. C25-0264 for \$100,000 (City to receive). Claim involving allegations of property damage to City property.

RESOLUTION No. 250520-045

10.2. Approving various routine parking and traffic modifications: (The Planning Department has found that Items A-F are exempt from the California Environmental Quality Act [CEQA]. For these parking and traffic modifications that received a categorical exemption, the proposed SFMTA Board action constitutes the Approval Action as defined by Chapter 31 of the SF Administrative Code. Explanatory documents include a staff report and resolution.)



- A. ESTABLISH – BUS ZONE, Lombard Street, north side, from 71 feet to 100 feet east of Lyon Street.
- B. ESTABLISH – NO PARKING ANY TIME, Judah Street, north side, from 37th Avenue to 20 feet westerly.
- C. RESCIND – TOW-AWAY, NO PARKING AT ANY TIME, ESTABLISH – GENERAL METERED PARKING, NO TIME LIMIT, 9 AM TO 10 PM, MONDAY THROUGH SATURDAY, Owens Street, west side, between Nelson Rising Lane and Gene Friend Way.
- D. ESTABLISH – BLUE ZONE, ACCESSIBLE PARKING, AT ALL TIMES, Owens Street, west side, from 15 feet to 40 feet south of Nelson Rising Lane.
- E. ESTABLISH – RED ZONE, Owens Street, west side, from Nelson Rising Lane to 15 feet southerly, Owens Street, west side, from 180 feet to 190 feet south of Nelson Rising Lane, Owens Street, west side, from Gene Friend Way to 10 feet northerly.
- F. ESTABLISH – GENERAL LOADING ZONE, 5 MINUTE TIME LIMIT, 7 AM TO 7 PM, MONDAY THROUGH FRIDAY, Owens Street, west side, from 40 feet to 160 feet south of Nelson Rising Lane, Owens Street, west side, from 10 feet to 170 feet north of Gene Friend Way.

RESOLUTION No. 250520-046

- 10.3. Approving a Roadway Shared Spaces street closure application by a community benefit district for Otsego Avenue between Ocean and Onondaga avenues, Sunday, May 25, 2025, through Sunday, April 26, 2026, 12 pm to 9 pm, every fourth Sunday of each month; and making environmental review findings. (Explanatory documents include a staff report and resolution.)

RESOLUTION No. 250520-047

No public comment.

On motion to approve:

ADOPTED: AYES – Chen, Felder, Heminger, Hinze, Cajina, and Tarlov
ABSENT – Henderson



REGULAR CALENDAR

11. Amending Transportation Code, Division II, Article 1100, Section 1124(b)(5) to authorize the Director of Transportation to establish the Taxi Upfront Fare Program as a permanent program and amendments to Transportation Code, Division II, Article 1100, Section 1120 to modify the timeline for requesting a continuance of an administrative hearing. (Explanatory documents include a staff report and resolution.)

Kate Toran, Director of Taxis, Access, and Mobility Services, introduced Maddy Ruvolo, Principal Planner, who presented the item.

PUBLIC COMMENT:

Members of the public expressing support: George, Augustine Godwin, Speaker, Tim Bright, Waleed Albawaya, Dorel Tamam, Sal Galli, Muwaffaq Mustafa, Sang Ta, Zuhar Senaga, Aleta Dupree, Calvin, and Hansu Kim

Members of the public expressing opposition: Evelyn Engel, Barry Taranto, and Mark Gruberg

Director Henderson joined the meeting.

On motion to approve:

ADOPTED: AYES – Chen, Felder, Heminger, Hinze, Cajina, and Tarlov
ABSENT – Henderson

RESOLUTION No. 250520-048

Chair Tarlov called Item 14 out of order.

12. Authorizing the Director of Transportation to execute Contract No. SFMTA 2025-84-LOC with Arcadis U.S., Inc. and Contract No. SFMTA 2025-85-LOC with ParkMobile, LLC for Mobile Parking Payment Systems and related Services for a total amount not to exceed \$8.37 million per agreement; each with a term of four years, with an option to extend that term for up to two additional years. (Explanatory documents include a staff report and resolution.)

Rob Malone, Senior Manager - Parking & Curb Management, presented the item.

PUBLIC COMMENT:



Members of the public expressing support: Aleta Dupree

On motion to amend the resolution to add to the Resolved clause, “subject to the final resolution of any timely protest in a manner that does not preclude execution of the contracts,” and approve as amended:

ADOPTED: AYES – Chen, Felder, Heminger, Henderson, Hinze, Cajina, and Tarlov

RESOLUTION No. 250520-049

Chair Tarlov recessed the meeting at 4:40pm and reconvened the meeting at 4:57pm.

13. Presentation and discussion regarding a Streets Division Quarterly Update. (Explanatory documents include a slide presentation.)

Viktoriya Wise, Director of Streets, presented the item.

PUBLIC COMMENT:

Griffin Lee was supportive of pedestrian safety and expressed concern about the Oak Street Quick-Build Project.

14. Presentation and discussion regarding a Financial Update. (Explanatory documents include a slide presentation.)

Bree Mawhorter, Chief Financial Officer, presented the item.

PUBLIC COMMENT:

Speaker expressed concern about headcount compared to population and urged the agency to consider cutting staff and making tough decisions.

Aleta Dupree appreciated the update and suggested modernizing the fare structure with a fare accumulation program.

Barry Taranto expressed concern about parking enforcement.

Herbert Weiner urged the Board to freeze salaries for high earning managers and cease funding to outside groups, sharing that sacrifices should be shared.

Director Heminger requested a briefing on campaign restrictions.



15. 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 Closed Session:

ADOPTED: AYES – Chen, Felder, Heminger, Henderson, Hinze, Cajina, and Tarlov

RECESS REGULAR MEETING AND CONVENE CLOSED SESSION – Chair Tarlov recessed the meeting at 6:06pm.

CLOSED SESSION

1. Call to Order

Chair Tarlov called the Closed Session to order at 6:07pm.

2. Roll Call

Present: Mike Chen
Alfonso Felder
Steve Heminger
Dominica Henderson
Fiona Hinze
Stephanie Cajina
Janet Tarlov

Also present: Susan Cleveland-Knowles, Deputy City Attorney
Steven Egler, Deputy City Attorney
David Innis, Deputy City Attorney
Julie Kirschbaum, Director of Transportation
Yvonne Murray, Chief Deputy City Attorney
Christine Silva, Board Secretary
Stephanie Stuart Bethune, Deputy City Attorney
Judson True, Chief of Staff and Director of External Affairs
Viktoriya Wise, Director of Streets
Bryant Woo, Signals/Developments/Street Use Manager



3. Pursuant to Government Code Section 54956.9(d)(1), (d)(2) and (d)(4) and Administrative Code Section 67.8 (a)(3) and 67.10(d)(1) and (2), the SFMTA Board of Directors will meet in Closed Session to discuss and take possible action on attorney-client matters on the following:

CONFERENCE WITH LEGAL COUNSEL

Anticipated Litigation:

_____ As defendant X As plaintiff

Existing Litigation:

- A. Regina Stein, et al. v. Jenny Ching, et al., SF Superior Ct. Case No. CGC-14-543196 filed 12/12/2014 for \$400,000. Lawsuit involving allegations of wrongful death from dangerous condition of public property.

On motion to approve:

ADOPTED: AYES – Chen, Felder, Heminger, Henderson, Hinze, Cajina, and Tarlov

RESOLUTION No. 250520-050

ADJOURN CLOSED SESSION AND RECONVENE OPEN SESSION – Chair Tarlov reconvened the meeting at 7:16pm.

16. Announcement of Closed Session

Board Secretary Silva announced that the Board met in closed session and voted to approve Item 3A.

17. Motion to disclose or not disclose the information discussed in Closed Session

On motion to not disclose:

ADOPTED: AYES – Chen, Felder, Heminger, Henderson, Hinze, Cajina, and Tarlov



ADJOURN – Chair Tarlov adjourned the meeting at 7:19pm.

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.

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 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: <https://sfethics.org/>.

If you wish to contact the Board regarding an item that is expected to be on an agenda, please email the Board at MTABoard@sfmta.com. Please know that the Board appreciates receiving



such communication by 12pm 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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