



San Francisco Municipal Transportation Agency Citizens' Advisory Council

MINUTES • Meeting Date: August 7, 2025

REGULAR MEETING

5:30 pm

1 South Van Ness Avenue, 7th Floor
Room 7080, Union Square Conference Room

SFMTA CITIZENS' ADVISORY COUNCIL MEMBERS

Aaron Leifer, Chair
Chris Arvin, Vice Chair
Sascha Bittner
Jonathan Bünemann
Queena Chen
Steve Cornell
John Lisovsky
Eliza Panike
Connor Skelly
Susan Vaughan
Lucas Wang
Frank Zepeda

COUNCIL LIAISON

Christine Silva

COUNCIL SECRETARY

Keka Robinson-Luqman



ORDER OF BUSINESS

1. Call to Order

Chair Leifer called the meeting to order at 5:32 p.m.

2. Roll Call

CAC members present at Roll Call: Chris Arvin, Sascha Bittner, Jonathan Bünemann, Stephen Cornell, Aaron Leifer, John Lisovsky, Susan Vaughan, Lucas Wang, and Frank Zepeda

CAC members absent with notification: Eliza Panike and Connor Skelly

CAC members absent without notification: Queena Chen

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

CAC Secretary Robinson-Luqman made the announcement.

4. Approval of Minutes:

No public comment.

On motion to approve the minutes of June 5, 2025:

ADOPTED: AYES – Chris Arvin, Sascha Bittner, Jonathan Bünemann, Stephen Cornell, Aaron Leifer, John Lisovsky, Susan Vaughan, Lucas Wang, and Frank Zepeda

ABSENT – Queena Chen, Eliza Panike, and Connor Skelly

5. Report of the Chair (For discussion only)

Chair Leifer thanked Member Cornell for sending out a report on Vision Zero and encouraged Council members to read it if they haven't already. He reminded the Council about leadership opportunities including Chair and Vice Chair. He also welcomed Lucas Wang, the newly appointed Council member representing District 6.

PUBLIC COMMENT:

Griffin Lee inquired about the CAC member appointment process.



6. Public Comment

Edward Mason discussed autonomous public transit that is currently being tested in both Florida and Texas. He discussed \$18 million allocated to shuttle service in San Mateo County and encouraged something like that to replace the current commuter shuttle program in San Francisco.

REGULAR CALENDAR

7. Presentation, discussion, and possible action regarding the election of the CAC Chair and Vice Chair.

CAC Secretary Robinson-Luqman opened the floor for nominations for the position of Chair.

Council member Frank Zepeda nominated Chair Aaron Leifer for Chair of the CAC. There were no additional nominations, so nominations were closed.

No public comment.

On motion to re-elect Chair Aaron Leifer as Chair:

ADOPTED: AYES – Chris Arvin, Sascha Bittner, Jonathan Bünemann, Stephen Cornell,
Aaron Leifer, John Lisovsky, Susan Vaughan, Lucas Wang, and Frank
Zepeda

ABSENT – Queena Chen, Eliza Panike, and Connor Skelly

Chair Leifer opened the floor for nominations for the position of Vice Chair.

Chair Leifer nominated Vice Chair Arvin for Vice Chair of the CAC. There were no additional nominations, so nominations were closed.

No public comment.

On motion to re-elect Vice Chair Arvin as Vice Chair:

ADOPTED: AYES – Chris Arvin, Sascha Bittner, Jonathan Bünemann, Stephen Cornell,
Aaron Leifer, John Lisovsky, Susan Vaughan, Lucas Wang, and Frank
Zepeda

ABSENT – Queena Chen, Eliza Panike, and Connor Skelly

8. Presentation, discussion, and possible action regarding the Muni Funding & Government Affairs update. (Judson True, Chief of Staff & Director of External Affairs. No explanatory documents.)



PUBLIC COMMENT:

Edward Mason suggested, regarding the budget and cost reductions, that the City consider proposing a tax on delivered packages, similar to what Chicago is doing. He recommended that the employee shuttles be examined and possibly use a van instead of a Muni revenue vehicle.

Griffin Lee stated that there is \$177 million in excess regarding salaries and benefits at the SFMTA. He said that every two weeks, the SFMTA Board removes approximately 44 parking spaces, and that a lot of these actions go unnoticed because they are hidden within the consent calendar.

9. Presentation, discussion, and possible action regarding the Central Embarcadero Safety Project. (Casey Hildreth, Project Manager. Explanatory documents include a report and a slide presentation.)

PUBLIC COMMENT:

Edward Mason inquired about cost overruns of the project when it comes to tariffs. He asked about Waymo passenger loading and unloading restrictions.

Griffin Lee inquired about the outreach of the project, parking loss and the impact on southbound traffic.

10. Council Member Information and Agenda Item Requests. (For discussion only)

None.

No public comment.

ADJOURN - The meeting was adjourned at 7:36 p.m.

Submitted by:

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read 'Keka Robinson-Luqman'.

Keka Robinson-Luqman
SFMTA CAC – Secretary

Next regular meeting: Thursday, September 4th at 5:30pm | Union Square Conference Room