



**City and County of San Francisco
YOUTH COMMISSION
Housing, Recreation, and Transit Committee**

MINUTES

**Monday, April 13, 2026
5:00pm**

**IN-PERSON MEETING
City Hall, Room 270
1 Dr. Carlton B. Goodlett Place,
San Francisco, CA 94102**

Committee Membership includes:

Harper Fortgang (Chair, D8), Ava Oram (Vice Chair, MYR), Aanya Shah (Member, D3),
Azzam Alameri (Member, D5), Natalie Liu (Member, D11), Ayan Azad (Member, MYR).

Present: Harper Fortgang, Ava Oram, Aanya Shah, Azzam Ansari, Ayan Azad.

Absent: None.

Tardy: Natalie Liu (excused).

The San Francisco Youth Commission's Housing, Recreation, and Transit Committee met in-person with remote viewing, on April 13, 2026, with Chair Fortgang presiding.

1. Call to Order and Roll Call for Attendance

Chair Fortgang called the meeting to order at 5:06pm.

On the call of the roll:

Roll Call Attendance: 5 present, 1 absent.

Aanya Shah (D3) - present
Azzam Alameri (D5) - present
Natalie Liu (D11) - absent

Ava Oram (MYR) - present
Ayan Azad (MYR) - present
Harper Fortgang (D8) - present

A quorum of the Housing, Recreation, and Transit Committee membership was present.

Vice Chair Oram, seconded by Commissioner Shah, motioned to excuse Commissioner Liu's tardy for today's meeting. Specialist Ochoa said she was delayed due to transit. No discussion. No public comment. The motion carried by the following voice vote:

Voice Vote: 5 ayes, 1 absent.

Aanya Shah (D3) - aye
Azzam Alameri (D5) - aye
Natalie Liu (D11) - absent
Ava Oram (MYR) - aye
Ayan Azad (MYR) - aye
Harper Fortgang (D8) - aye

Action: Commissioner Liu's tardy has been excused.

2. Communications (Informational)

Joshua Rudy Ochoa, Community Partnership Specialist, shared communications and meeting announcements with Commissioners.

3. Approval of Agenda (Action)

Commissioner Shah, seconded by Commissioner Azad, motioned to approve the April 13, 2026 Housing, Recreation, and Transit Committee meeting agenda. No discussion. No public comment. The motion carried by the following voice vote:

Voice Vote: 5 ayes, 1 absent.

Aanya Shah (D3) - aye
Azzam Alameri (D5) - aye
Natalie Liu (D11) - absent
Ava Oram (MYR) - aye
Ayan Azad (MYR) - aye
Harper Fortgang (D8) - aye

Action: Agenda Approved.

4. Approval of Minutes (Action)

- a. March 23, 2026 (Packet Materials)

Commissioner Oram, seconded by Commissioner Shah, motioned to approve the March 23, 2026 Housing, Recreation, and Transit Committee meeting minutes. No discussion. No public comment. The motion carried by the following voice vote:

Voice Vote: 5 ayes, 1 absent.

Aanya Shah (D3) - aye
Azzam Alameri (D5) - aye
Natalie Liu (D11) - absent
Ava Oram (MYR) - aye
Ayan Azad (MYR) - aye
Harper Fortgang (D8) - aye

Action: Minutes Approved.

Commissioner Liu entered the meeting at 5:13pm.

5. General Public Comment

Public Comment:

- 1) Starchild: They are the leader of the San Francisco Libertarian Party and asked for the government to not be as involved in people's lives. They mentioned they think there's a good opportunity for back and forth conversations. They mentioned that he's visited Supervisor Wong's office to see what laws are bad for people.

6. Presentation

- a. Presentation on the Regional Sales Tax and Local Parcel Tax Ballot Measures
 - i. Presenter: Dylan Fabris, SFTR Community & Policy Manager

Dylan Fabris presented to the Committee on the two tax measures that are planned to be on the November 2026 ballot.

Chair Fortgang asked why they chose the sales and parcel tax proposals for the ballot measures and what other alternatives they considered, to which Fabris said they believed that the regional sales tax was the most likely way to get all 5 counties to agree to get the measure onto the ballot and to generate enough revenue to make a difference in funding public transit.

Chair Fortgang asked what other cities are doing to fund their public transit, to which Fabris said that not every city has a transit system as robust as San Francisco's, meaning that they have less of a financial burden to address this and said there are some examples from out of state, where those states are usually taking on the burden statewide.

Commissioner Alameri asked why there's such a setback with funding when MUNI is also currently so popular, to which Fabris said that Prop A in March 2024 and Prop L both failed and therefore that additional funding.

Vice Chair Oram asked if the regional sales tax measure would have to pass 50% in every county to pass, to which Fabris said that it will be based on the overall result from each of the 5 counties.

Chair Fortgang asked if businesses might not want to establish themselves in San Francisco if taxes are higher, to which Fabris said that the owner of the parcel will have to pay that tax regardless of who owns it. Fabris also mentioned that there are concerns about taxes being too high that businesses may leave, but the Mayor is leading this campaign.

Commissioner Alameri asked if there's an expected amount of tax revenue from these measures, to which Fabris showed the slide of expected revenues from the two tax measures. Alameri also asked about BART funding, to which Fabris said that these measures will satisfy the complete need for BART to continue full operations.

Vice Chair Oram asked since these taxes are temporary, how they can keep the focus on long-term solutions to funding, to which Fabris said they'd love to come back to continue with updates and ideas on how to better fund public transit.

Commissioner Azad asked if there are other emergency situations like with what happened during the COVID-19 pandemic, to which Fabris said that there are some rainy-day funds available, but it is not enough to sustain funding for more than a few months.

Vice Chair Oram asked if there's state support that could help with the funding of public transit, to which Fabris said they're working with the state to secure more funds but that they usually fund large projects rather than day-to-day operations. Fabris added that with the new Governor of California coming in next year, there could be additional opportunities to work with their office.

Commissioner Azad asked where they found the statistics and information regarding these financial aspects, to which Fabris said some metrics were found through the departments and campaigns themselves who have access to that information.

Public Comment:

- 1) Starchild: They asked how many employees on BART and MUNI receive over \$100,000 a year. They mentioned that taxpayers tend to be asked to fund the services and programs, but not cutting the salaries and benefits for the highest paid employees of the transit agencies. They also said that these government agencies have a monopoly on these systems.
- 2) Speaker 2: They said that there are ways that they can change some of their systems, and how they structure these services. They said that there are MUNI lines that overlap and could be consolidated, in addition to addressing fraud in the government, and they could recover some funds by addressing these. They want to see the Mayor and other elected officials be held more accountable to supporting these initiatives.

7. Committee Business (Discussion/Action)

a. Icebreaker

Item 7a skipped due to limited time constraints.

b. Resolution in Support of E-Bike Safety

Commissioner Shah, seconded by Vice Chair Oram, motioned to approve the Resolution in Support of E-Bike Safety. Commissioners discussed final edits and changes before reading the resolution into the record. Commissioners also mentioned that safety is the priority, that they did focus on sanitation of the helmets for people to wear, and the focus on youth brain development that could be added as an amendment. Chair Fortgang mentioned that the language in the resolution asks about the viability of this requirement, since they won't be able to determine the full impact.

Public comment:

- 1) Speaker 1: They said there's a Board of Supervisors meeting tomorrow if they want to advocate for that. They mentioned that they are running for District 10 Supervisor and they can speak up on this issue as well.
- 2) Starchild: They urged the members to not pass this resolution, but acknowledged that it would be an uphill battle, and said that this would

be a cost that would just be passed onto the taxpayers. They said there is a concern that this could put riders at risk if they overpolice those who are riding these e-bikes. They don't want the public to be forced to do things by the government.

The motion carried by the following voice vote:

Voice Vote: 6 ayes.

Aanya Shah (D3) - aye
Azzam Alameri (D5) - aye
Natalie Liu (D11) - aye
Ava Oram (MYR) - aye
Ayan Azad (MYR) - aye
Harper Fortgang (D8) - aye

Action: Resolution in Support of E-Bike Safety approved and will be forwarded to the full Youth Commission.

c. HRT-related Updates

Chair Fortgang is working on the resolution for housing for transitional-aged youth. Vice Chair Oram is going to contact Sunday Streets to see how they can be supportive of them. Commissioner Alameri is working on a funding resolution for MUNI and BART. Commissioner Azad is revising his resolution for the pick-up soccer games. Commissioners Shah and Liu are going to start on her resolution soon.

Chair Fortgang said that everyone should submit their resolutions by Thursday, April 23rd.

8. Announcements (Informational)

Chair Fortgang said the Youth Transportation Advisory Board wasn't able to attend today, but she hopes that they can attend a future Committee meeting.

9. Adjournment

There being no further business on the agenda, the Housing, Recreation, and Transit Committee adjourned at 6:23pm.