

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

# **MINUTES**

Monday, February 10, 2025 5:30pm

IN-PERSON MEETING
City Hall, Room 278
1 Dr. Carlton B. Goodlett Place,
San Francisco, CA 94102

**Members**: Imaan Ansari (Chair, D11), Harper Fortgang (Vice Chair, D8), Winnie Liao (D3), Jin Valencia-Tow (D7), Eloise Krehlik (Mayoral), Ava Oram (Mayoral).

**Present**: Ansari, Fortgang, Liao, Valencia-Tow, Krehlik, Oram.

Absent: None.

Tardy: None.

The San Francisco Youth Commission's Housing, Recreation, & Transit Committee met in-person with remote access, on February 10, 2025, with Chair Ansari presiding.

### 1. Call to Order and Roll Call for Attendance

Chair Ansari called the meeting to order at 5:33pm.

On the call of the roll:

Roll Call Attendance: 6 present.

Winnie Liao (D3) - present Jin Valencia-Tow (D7) - present Harper Fortgang (D8) - present Eloise Krehlik (Mayoral) - present Ava Oram (Mayoral) - present Imaan Ansari (D11) - present

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

### 2. Communications

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

# 3. Approval of Agenda (Action Item)

Commissioner Valencia-Tow, seconded by Commissioner Oram, motioned to approve the February 10, 2025 Housing, Recreation, & Transit Committee meeting agenda. No discussion. No public comment. The motion carried by the following voice vote:

Voice Vote: 6 ayes.

Winnie Liao (D3) - aye Jin Valencia-Tow (D7) - aye Harper Fortgang (D8) - aye Eloise Krehlik (Mayoral) - aye Ava Oram (Mayoral) - aye Imaan Ansari (D11) - aye

Action: Agenda Approved.

### **4. Approval of Minutes** (Action Item)

a. January 27, 2025 (Packet Materials)

Commissioner Valencia-Tow, seconded by Vice Chair Fortgang, motioned to approve the January 27, 2025 Housing, Recreation, & Transit Committee meeting minutes. No discussion. No public comment. The motion carried by the following voice vote:

Voice Vote: 6 ayes.

Winnie Liao (D3) - aye Jin Valencia-Tow (D7) - aye Harper Fortgang (D8) - aye Eloise Krehlik (Mayoral) - aye Ava Oram (Mayoral) - aye Imaan Ansari (D11) - aye Action: Minutes Approved.

## 5. Public Comment on matters not on Today's Agenda (2 minutes per comment)

No public comment.

### **6. Committee Business** (discussion & possible action)

### a. Icebreaker

Chair Ansari asked "what is your favorite emoji to use?", to which Commissioners and Staff answered the question.

- b. HRT 2025-27 Budget and Policy Priorities Planning
  - i. Free MUNI for All Youth
  - ii. Street Safety & Vision Zero
  - iii. Expand Reliability & Access to Transit
  - iv. Expanding Recreational Spaces
  - v. Equitable Housing Assistance for Youth & TAY
  - vi. Climate Resilience
  - vii. SROs, Rent Control, Tenant Rights
  - viii. Climate Literacy & Action
  - ix. Affordable Housing

Commissioners discussed the topics that they've been working on, and given the directive from the Chair and Vice Chair, they're condensing the BPPs into each other to be buckets of categories. Commissioners read the current language of their BPPs in the record.

Commissioner Valencia-Tow, seconded by Commissioner Liao, motioned to approve 9 Budget and Policy Proposals and forward to the Full Commission: (1) Free MUNI for All Youth; (2) Street Safety & Vision Zero; (3) Expand Reliability & Access to Transit; (4) Expanding Recreational Spaces; (5) Equitable Housing Assistance for Youth & TAY; (6) Climate Resilience; (7) SROs, Rent Control, Tenant Rights; (8) Climate Literacy & Action; and (9) Affordable Housing. No discussion. No public comment. The motion carried by the following voice vote:

Voice Vote: 6 ayes.

Winnie Liao (D3) - aye Jin Valencia-Tow (D7) - aye Harper Fortgang (D8) - aye Eloise Krehlik (Mayoral) - aye Ava Oram (Mayoral) - aye

# Imaan Ansari (D11) - aye

Action: 9 BPPs approved and moved to Full Commission.

# c. HRT-related Updates

Specialist Ochoa requested the HRT Committee to shift the committee meeting times from 5:30pm-6:30pm to 5pm-6pm, starting on February 24th, to which the committee unanimously said yes.

Commissioner Oram announced that she's writing a resolution that's advocating to expand public transit access to recreational spaces, to which Chair Ansari said she would be interested in helping.

# **7. Announcements** (this includes Community Events)

Chair Ansari thanked everyone for all of their work on the BPPs that they wrote, and knows the Full Commission is excited to see them.

# 8. Adjournment

There being no further business on the agenda, the Housing, Recreation, & Transit Committee adjourned at 7:08pm.

# [24-Divisadero MUNI Extension]

Resolution urging the Mayor and the Board of Supervisors to extend the 24-Divisadero bus from its ending place at Jackson and Weber St. to the Presidio Transit Center.

WHEREAS, San Francisco Municipal Transit Agency (SFMTA) Average Weekday Daily Ridership data shows the 24-Divisadero bus line currently serves a significant number of daily riders across San Francisco, with about 84,000 people riding it on average each week; and

WHEREAS, The Agency's 2021 Ridership Survey indicates that a large portion of the riders on the 24 bus line are students, with 41% percent of daily riders being school or work commuters; and

WHEREAS, There is a lack of efficient and direct bus routes that cross the entire city, making it difficult for residents in neighborhoods like Bayview/Hunters Point to access key areas like the Presidio; and

WHEREAS, A 2024 SF Chronicle neighborhood income census found that the Bayview/Hunters Point has a median household income of \$80,000, the 4th lowest in the City, which is significantly lower than the median income of neighborhoods like the Presidio, which stands at \$200,000; and

WHEREAS, The racial composition of the Bayview/Hunters Point is predominantly composed of African Americans (45.3%), while the Presidio is predominantly white (81.7%), highlighting disparities in both economic and racial demographics; and

WHEREAS, A proposed extension of the 24 bus line would pass 6 schools, improving accessibility for students who currently face long and inefficient commutes; and

WHEREAS, It currently takes over an hour to travel from the Bayview/Hunters

Point to the Presidio by public transit, not including transfers; and

WHEREAS, Extending the 24 bus line to the Presidio Transit Center would reduce cross-city travel time and provide a more accessible and direct route to the city's only national park; and

WHEREAS, San Francisco's geographical size makes it possible for a more interconnected public transit system, yet current bus routes fail to maximize the potential for cross-city travel in a timely manner; and

WHEREAS, The Presidio, being a national park with significant recreational value, serves residents city-wide, and better connecting it to low-income neighborhoods like the Bayview/Hunters Point would promote equal access to green spaces; and

WHEREAS, The extension of the 24 bus line would not only serve the Bayview/Hunters Point and the Presidio but also improve access to neighborhoods like the Marina and Pacific Heights, contributing to better mobility across the city; and

WHEREAS, The extension would create a more seamless connection between communities with diverse racial and socioeconomic backgrounds, bridging a gap in equity and access to public services; and

WHEREAS, Extending the 24-Divisadero aligns with the city's goals of creating more sustainable and inclusive urban mobility, supporting both residents' needs and the long-term environmental goals of San Francisco; now, therefore, be it

RESOLVED, The Youth Commission believes that extending the 24-bus route to the Presidio Transit Center would address critical transportation inequities in San Francisco by connecting lower-income neighborhoods to the City's only national park, improving access to schools with high concentrations of students living farther south, and enhancing cross-city connectivity to make travel between neighborhoods more efficient in a geographically small yet major metropolitan area; and be it

FURTHER RESOLVED, The Youth Commission urges the Mayor and the Board of Supervisors to direct the SFMTA to prioritize extending the 24-bus route to the Presidio Transit Center to create a more accessible and connected San Francisco.