



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

MINUTES

**Monday, March 9, 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), Aayna Shah (Member, D3),
Azzam Alameri (Member, D5), Natalie Liu (Member, D11), Ayan Azad (Member, MYR).

Present: Harper Fortgang, Ava Oram, Aayna Shah, Azzam Ansari, Natalie Liu, Ayan Azad.

Absent: None.

Tardy: None.

The San Francisco Youth Commission's Housing, Recreation, and Transit Committee met in-person with remote viewing, on March 9, 2026, with Chair Fortgang presiding.

1. Call to Order and Roll Call for Attendance

Chair Fortgang called the meeting to order at 5:01pm.

On the call of the roll:

Roll Call Attendance: 6 present.

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

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

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

2. Communications (Informational)

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

3. Approval of Agenda (Action)

Vice Chair Oram, seconded by Commissioner Shah, motioned to approve the March 9, 2026 Housing, Recreation, and Transit Committee meeting agenda. No discussion. No public comment. The motion carried by the following voice vote:

Voice Vote: 6 ayes.

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

Action: Agenda Approved.

4. Approval of Minutes (Action)

a. February 9, 2026 (Packet Materials)

Commissioner Shah, seconded by Commissioner Azad, motioned to approve the February 9, 2026 Housing, Recreation, and Transit Committee meeting minutes. No discussion. No public comment. The motion carried by the following voice vote:

Voice Vote: 6 ayes.

Aayna Shah (D3) - aye
Azzam Alameri (D5) - aye
Natalie Liu (D11) - aye
Ava Oram (MYR) - aye
Ayan Azad (MYR) - aye

Harper Fortgang (D8) - aye

Action: Minutes Approved.

5. General Public Comment

No public comment.

6. Committee Business (Discussion/Action)

a. Icebreaker

Chair Fortgang did an icebreaker to do a one-word story that was HRT related, and both commissioners and staff participated.

b. Budget and Policy Priorities Advocacy Next Steps & Top Two Prioritization

i. Presenter: Chair Fortgang

Chair Fortgang congratulated the committee on finishing all of the work for the BPPs, and discussed ways to move forward on how to best do advocacy.

Vice Chair Oram said doing public comment on issues that are related to the BPPs, and will look into different options to do those comments, especially on the BOS Public Comment Day. Commissioner Liu said going to neighborhoods that are industrializing quickly and where young adults live, things that are related to her housing mitigation fee BPP, and doing some type of outreach. Commissioner Alameri said he can speak to his supervisor since he knows that's one of his biggest priorities, and see what he's working on to inform him of the youth perspective. Officer Shah said she wants to identify groups that are working to increase funding for SFMTA, and possibly invite interest groups to speak on the parcel tax ballot measure. Shah said she would also speak to her supervisor about youth priorities. Officer Azad said he wants to advocate for the Free BART for Youth by surveying youth on how often they ride BART, and he wants to advocate for our recreational goals but isn't sure how yet. Chair Fortgang said that YTAB should also be invited to HRT and work together on their shared priorities, she wants to prioritize funding for the Environment Department, and write a resolution with Commissioner Trujillo to spotlight TAY housing priorities.

The Committee decided to prioritize housing and transit as the top priorities of the Youth Commission's Housing, Recreation, and Transit Committee. Specialist Ochoa mentioned they can try and include some of the streets & traffic safety BPP into the transit BPP, since SFMTA has a streets division as well.

- c. Resolution Brainstorming Activity
 - i. Presenter: Vice Chair Oram

Vice Chair Oram led committee members through a resolution brainstorming activity to help get everyone comfortable with writing their own resolutions. Commissioners then discussed their brainstorming notes, which included how to accomplish Free BART for Youth, expanding biking safety by providing more helmets, affordable housing, and special education.

Vice Chair Oram moved forward with an e-bike resolution, and went into the discussion of selecting the goals of the resolution.

- d. Resolution in Support of a San Francisco-Wide Pick-Up Soccer Day
 - i. Presenter: Officer Azad

Officer Azad introduced the resolution and read the language into the record. Commissions gave feedback, helped with formatting, and discussed additional language and examples of what could be included in the resolution.

- e. Youth Transit Roundtable Recap
 - i. Presenter: Officer Shah & Staff

Officer Shah gave a recap of what information was discussed at the recent Youth Transit Roundtable in February with YTAB and other youth councils. Specialist Ochoa also gave some updates.

Commissioner Alameri took a point of personal privilege at 6:08pm, and he returned at 6:09pm.

- f. HRT-related Updates

No updates.

7. Roll Call, Introductions, and Announcements (Informational)

Roll call for introduction of resolutions, requests for hearings, letters of inquiry, reports on their Commission-related activities, and announcements.

- a. Presenters: Chair Fortgang, Vice Chair Oram, Officer Shah, Officer Azad, Commissioner Alameri, Commissioner Liu

Chair Fortgang will be reaching out to the climate groups that organized the rally in support of the Environment Department, and work on the TAY housing resolution.

Vice Chair Oram will be introducing a Police Overtime resolution at the next full Youth Commission meeting, working on a resolution in support of permanent bike lanes on Arguello Street, and working on the e-bike resolution that they started today.

Officer Shah wants to look into writing a resolution on Waymo, and she will be planting trees with Supervisor Sauter on Arbor Day this weekend.

Officer Azad will be working on amendments on his resolution he introduced at the HRT Committee today.

Commissioner Alameri will be working on an event with Supervisor Mahmood, and also potentially work on a resolution related to Sunday Streets.

Commissioner Liu will be working on a resolution with Commissioner Yang to work on locations for youth to get housing education and support.

b. Requests for Future Agenda Items

Specialist Ochoa said he will reach out to both Sunday Streets to present on their budget cuts, and the SF Transit Riders to do a more detailed presentation on both ballot measures on the November ballot at a future HRT meeting.

8. Adjournment

There being no further business on the agenda, the Housing, Recreation, and Transit Committee adjourned at 6:17pm.

[Pick-Up Soccer Day]

Resolution in Support of a San Francisco-Wide Pick-Up Soccer Day.

WHEREAS, physical activity and recreation are essential to the health, well-being, and development of young people; and

WHEREAS, nearly two-thirds of young people in the Bay Area are not engaged in physical activity more than four times a week, contributing to concerning health and wellness disparities; and

WHEREAS, significant participation gaps exist in youth sports, with children from households earning under \$25,000 participating in sports at half the rate of those from households earning \$100,000 or more; and

WHEREAS, parents consistently identify cost as a primary barrier to sports participation, and youth, particularly girls, cite lack of convenient locations, times, and the desire to play with friends as obstacles to engagement; and

WHEREAS, San Francisco currently faces high demand for youth programming that exceeds available capacity, with waitlists for programs like youth basketball reflecting limited resources and post-pandemic recovery challenges; and

WHEREAS, youth service providers have identified a need for low-barrier programming for disconnected teens and improved safe navigation in neighborhoods like the Tenderloin; and

WHEREAS, soccer is one of the most accessible and inclusive sports, requiring minimal equipment and accommodating players of all skill levels, backgrounds, and abilities; and

WHEREAS, a city-wide Pick-Up Soccer Day would address multiple barriers simultaneously by providing free, geographically distributed, low-barrier opportunities for physical activity and social connection; and

WHEREAS Pick-up soccer refers to informal soccer games that do not require long-term commitment, official teams, or league registration. Players show up at a field, outdoor or indoor, join whoever is there, form teams on the spot, and play.

WHEREAS, unstructured, inclusive play promotes not only physical health but also teamwork, leadership, social cohesion, and community building across diverse neighborhoods, schools, and socioeconomic backgrounds; and

WHEREAS, cities like New York and Philadelphia have designated pick-up soccer days and allocated funding to increase pick-up soccer opportunities for youth as a response to research showing unequal access to youth sports;

WHEREAS, establishing an annual Pick-Up Soccer Day in collaboration with existing organizations, such as Street Soccer USA and GoodRec, would create a sustainable tradition that promotes health equity, recreation access, and civic engagement for generations of San Francisco youth; therefore, be it

RESOLVED that the San Francisco Youth Commission supports the establishment of an annual San Francisco-wide Pick-Up Soccer Day as a strategy to increase youth physical activity, reduce participation barriers, and strengthen community connections; and

FURTHER RESOLVED that this initiative should prioritize:

- Economic accessibility: free participation with no registration fees, equipment costs, or other financial barriers through potential public-private partnerships with private sponsors;
- Geographic equity: Events hosted simultaneously across all San Francisco neighborhoods and districts, with particular attention to underserved communities and areas identified as having safety and access challenges;
- Gender equity: Intentional outreach and programming designed to encourage participation by females and gender non-conforming individuals, including opportunities to play with friends and peer groups;
- Low-barrier participation: No tryouts, no skill requirements, and welcoming environments for youth who are disconnected from traditional sports programs;
- Safety and support: Adequate supervision, safe travel routes, and partnerships with community organizations already trusted by families in neighborhoods like the Tenderloin;
- Cross-sector collaboration: Partnerships among public schools, private schools, recreation departments, youth-serving organizations, community-based organizations, and neighborhood groups; and

FURTHER RESOLVED that the San Francisco Youth Commission encourages the San Francisco Recreation and Parks Department, San Francisco Unified School District, community-based organizations serving youth, and relevant city agencies to collaborate in planning and implementing this city-wide initiative with attention to the documented barriers facing San Francisco's young people; and

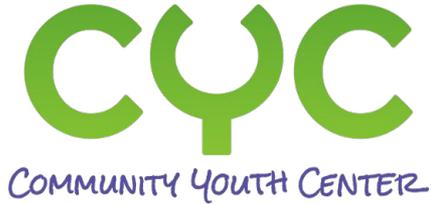
FURTHER RESOLVED that the success of this initiative should be measured not only by total participation numbers but also data disaggregated by participation rates from households across income levels, the geographic distribution of participants across neighborhoods, engagement of youth who do not currently participate in organized sports, and feedback from families regarding accessibility, safety, and desire for ongoing programming; and

FURTHER RESOLVED that this resolution be transmitted to the Mayor of San Francisco, the San Francisco Board of Supervisors, the San Francisco Recreation and Parks Commission, the San Francisco Unified School District Board of Education, and relevant community organizations working with youth in San Francisco.

Youth Transit Safety Audit

Youth Commission Housing & Transportation Committee
March 23, 2026

What is the Coalition for Community Safety and Justice?



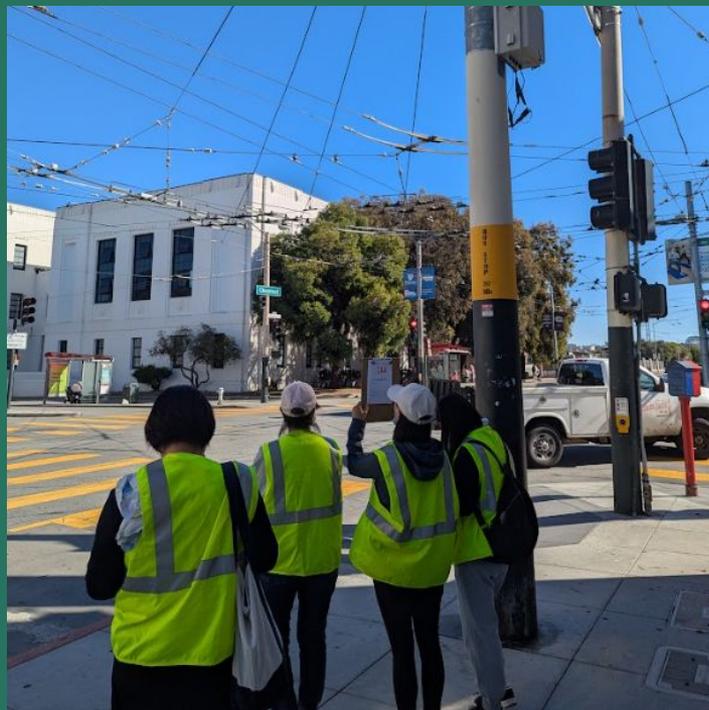
- Founded in 2019
- Funded through Department of Children, Youth and their Families
- Run a wide range of programs focused on community safety, including a direct victims services program

ccsjsf.org

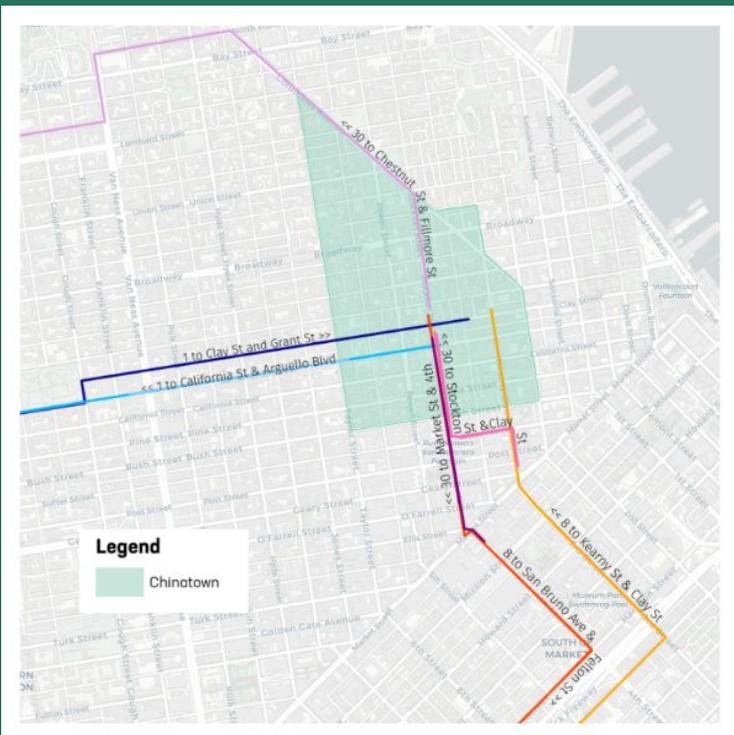
Why transit safety?

- 27% of those who experienced anti-AAPI hate in 2023 experienced it on public transit
- Led to sponsoring two state senate bills (SB 1161 in 2022 and SB 434 in 2023)
- CCSJ victims services team was increasingly supporting youth and adults who experienced hate and/or violence while riding Muni

What are transit safety audits?



How do the audits work?



Transit Safety Workshop Handbook 公交安全研究手册

Name: _____

姓名: _____

Date: ____ (mm) / ____ (dd) / ____ (yy)

日期: ____ 月 ____ 日 ____ 年

Bus line: _____

公交线路: _____

Direction: _____

方向: _____

Team members: _____

团队成员: _____

Introduction

引言

Thank you for participating in our transit safety workshop. This workshop is intended to make our buses safer and more accessible for you. Your insights will directly inform our advocacy with SFMTA and city officials. You know this bus route. Tell us what you see.

感谢您参加我们的公交安全研究。这次研究的目的是让公交车更安全、更便利。您的意见会直接帮助我们向旧金山交通局(SFMTA)和市政府官员反映问题。您熟悉这条公交线路,请告诉我们您的所见所感。

At least one staff member from CAA will accompany you during the audit. They are here to support you, help with writing and photos if needed, and listen to your experience on transit. We appreciate your time and participation. 至少会有一位华人权益促进会(华促会)的工作人员陪同您进行考察。他们会在旁协助,需要时帮忙记录和拍照,并倾听您的乘车体验。感谢您抽出时间参与。

Answering the questions

回答问题

This handbook is designed to learn from your expertise. We will ask you to assess your experience using bus stops and riding the bus. We encourage you to take notes to explain your thoughts and record your observations.

我们通过这本手册了解您的看法。请您评估在公交站候车和乘车的体验。欢迎您做笔记,以说明想法和记录观察。

We have included questions to help guide your assessment, but do not be limited by the questions we ask. We encourage you to write about things we have not asked about. 我们准备了一些问题作为参考,但不必局限于此。有什么其他想说的,请随时写下来。

Questions include:

6. How easy would it be for people with wheelchairs or strollers to use this bus stop?

12. How would you rate the cleanliness of the bus stop?

39. Do you see signage on the bus that tells people how and where to report issues, such as harassment or unsafe conditions?

20. How safe would you feel waiting for the bus at night?

Next steps

- Recruiting high school students to conduct audits
- Goal is to conduct audits and hold focus groups by the end of May and report back on initial results in June
- Goal is to have 30 completed audits