



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

MINUTES

**Monday, February 26, 2024
5:30 p.m.**

**IN-PERSON MEETING with Remote Access
City Hall, Room 278
1 Dr. Carlton B. Goodlett Place, San Francisco, CA 94102-4689**

Members: Imaan Ansari (Chair, D11), Jason Fong (Vice Chair, D7), Allister Adair (Member, D2), Helen Cisneros (Member, D5), Aryelle Lampkins (Member, Mayoral), Chloe Wong (Member, D1).

Present: Imaan Ansari, Jason Fong, Allister Adair, Helen Cisneros, Aryelle Lampkins, Chloe Wong.

Absent: None

Tardy: None

The San Francisco Youth Commission's Housing, Recreation, & Transit Committee met in-person with remote access, on February 26, 2024, with Chair Ansari presiding.

1. Call to Order and Roll Call for Attendance

Chair Ansari called the meeting to order at 5:37pm.

On the call of the roll:

Roll Call Attendance: 6 present.

Allister Adair present
Helen Cisneros present
Aryelle Lampkins present
Chloe Wong present



Jason Fong present
Imaan Ansari 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)

Vice Chair Fong, seconded by Commissioner Lampkins, motioned to approve the February 26, 2024 Housing, Recreation, & Transit Committee meeting agenda, with the amendment to table Item 6 and Item 7b to the next HRT Committee meeting. No discussion. No public comment. The motion carried by the following voice vote:

Voice Vote: 6 ayes.

Allister Adair aye
Helen Cisneros aye
Aryelle Lampkins aye
Chloe Wong aye
Jason Fong aye
Imaan Ansari aye

Action: Agenda Approved.

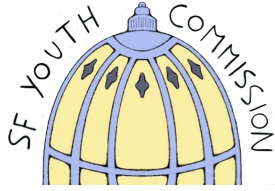
4. Approval of Minutes (Action Item)

a. February 12, 2024 (Packet Materials)

Commissioner Wong, seconded by Vice Chair Fong, motioned to approve the February 12, 2024 Housing, Recreation, & Transit Committee meeting minutes. No discussion. No public comment. The motion carried by the following voice vote:

Voice Vote: 6 ayes.

Allister Adair aye
Helen Cisneros aye
Aryelle Lampkins aye



Chloe Wong aye
Jason Fong aye
Imaan Ansari aye

Action: Minutes Approved.

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

No public comment.

~~**6. Presentation** (discussion & possible action)~~

~~a. SFMTA Presenting Active Communities Plan~~

~~i. Presenters: Christine Osorio, SFMTA Transportation Planner~~

Item 6 was tabled to the next Housing, Recreation, & Transit Committee meeting on March 11th during the Approval of Agenda.

7. Committee Business (all items to follow are discussion & possible action)

a. 2024 Budget and Policy Priorities

i. Accessible and Prioritized Housing for TAY

Commissioner Adair read the BPP "Address San Francisco's Housing Availability and Affordability Crisis" (new title) aloud into the record, and he added that after staff review, that he would be adding more information regarding youth-related issues when it comes to housing. Vice Chair Fong said that the biggest thing that sticks out to him is that even though there's a lot of "cutting red tape", that there are still barriers that remain to build housing. Commissioner Adair added that the goal to build 82,000 units is very ambitious, and that the housing crisis is greater than just something that the city can address since it's a national issue.

Commissioner Wong added information regarding how expensive it is for people just to find housing to rent, since most landlords require first month's rent, the security deposit, and three-times-rent income to move in. Commissioner Adair said that he'll be adding that in the language, and that these policies drive people outside of San Francisco permanently. Adair said he would be making his final amendments before the Executive Committee meeting on Wednesday.

ii. Protective Infrastructure Against Climate Change



Vice Chair Fong mentioned that the only changes he made to the BPP “Improving Climate Resilience” (new title) consisted mainly of grammatical amendments. Commissioner Adair also mentioned that some of the language should include references to clarify any confusion. Fong said he would make any last remaining amendments before the Executive Committee meeting on Wednesday.

Commissioner Wong, seconded by Commissioner Lampkins, motioned to approve two budget and policy priorities and recommend to the full Youth Commission [(1) Address San Francisco’s Housing Availability and Affordability Crisis; (2) Improving Climate Resilience]. No discussion. No public comment. This motion carried with the following voice vote:

Voice Vote: 6 ayes.

Allister Adair aye
Helen Cisneros aye
Aryelle Lampkins aye
Chloe Wong aye
Jason Fong aye
Imaan Ansari aye

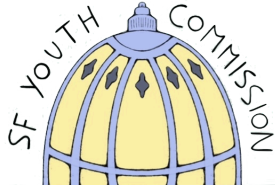
Action: “Address San Francisco’s Housing Availability and Affordability Crisis” and “Improving Climate Resilience” BPPs approved and recommended to the full Youth Commission.

~~b. Motion to Submit Public Comment in Support of Free Muni for All Youth to the SFMTA Board of Directors~~

Item 7b was tabled to the next Housing, Recreation, & Transit Committee meeting on March 11th during the Approval of Agenda.

c. HRT-related Updates

Commissioner Wong brought up some of the amendments that were suggested by Chair Barker Plummer under the “Support for Unhoused Youth and TAY” BPP, and said she prefers to have the original language since it’s objective and not an opinion. All other changes to the previously passed BPPs shall be grammatical.



Commissioners also discussed adding language regarding BART surfing to the safety measures for public transportation, to which they agreed that there should be more awareness for the problem rather than physical infrastructure changes. Chair Ansari said she would add that language into the BPP.

Commissioner Cisneros asked if it would be possible to add free BART for youth since SFMTA doesn't always get youth where they need to go, to which staff and commissioners mentioned that it was a fiscally infeasible issue since both BART and SFUSD are facing large budget issues.

Staff added that all commissioners should complete their BPP language by Thursday at 12pm so staff can submit the documents for the following Monday's full Youth Commission meeting.

8. Announcements (this includes Community Events)

Specialist Ochoa announced that Supervisor Preston's office is inviting the Youth Commission to their Arbor Day Tree Planting event on Saturday, March 9th. Staff will send out a calendar invite.

9. Adjournment

There being no further business on the agenda, the Housing, Recreation, & Transit Committee adjourned at 6:55pm.

March 10, 2024

San Francisco Municipal Transit Authority
Board of Directors
1 Van Ness Ave.
Floor 7
San Francisco, CA 94103

Re: Support the Ongoing Promotion and Funding of the Free Muni for All Youth Program By Including It As a Baseline in the SFMTA Budget

Dear San Francisco Municipal Transit Authority Board of Directors,

The San Francisco Youth Commission supports the ongoing promotion and funding of the Free Muni for All Youth program by including it as a baseline in the department's budget.

The Youth Commission has consistently advocated for Free Muni For Youth (FMFY). This advocacy began in 2010 with RESOLUTION NO. 1011-AL041 calling on the SFMTA and San Francisco Unified School District (SFUSD) to implement the Youth Lifeline Fast Pass. Further Resolutions called for the expansion of the program to 18-year-olds and later to expand the program to all youth.

The 2019-2020 Youth Commission passed RESOLUTION NO. 1920-AL-144, where they highlighted that the Free Muni for Low and Moderate-Income Youth program suffered from a complex application process and was not widely known, especially to people with limited English proficiency and who did not have easy access to the SFMTA offices at 1 South Van Ness Avenue. Youth Commissioners proposed the current Free Muni for All Youth (FMFAY) Program in the resolution. The new program reduced the administrative burden on SFMTA to process applications, verify eligibility, and issue Clipper cards.

During the 2020-2021 budget advocacy season and forward, Youth Commissioners met with SFMTA budget staff and urged them to fund the 1-year pilot program. Additionally, Youth Commissioners included the FMFAY program in RESOLUTION NO. 1819-AL-03, on Omnibus Preliminary Budget Priorities. On August 15, 2021, Muni, with \$2 Million in funding included in Mayor Breed's Fiscal Year (FY) 2021-2022 and FY 2022-2023 budget proposal, launched the 1-year pilot FMFAY program until August 14, 2022. On

April 19, 2022, the SFMTA Board of Directors voted to approve their FY 2023-2024 budget which included \$4.1 Million to continue the FMFAY program until June 2024.¹

The implementation of FMFAY has dramatically increased program accessibility compared to the previous means-tested program. SFUSD's most recent travel tally survey found that 60% of SFUSD 9th graders use Muni on any given day.² The new program is succeeding in reaching youth who didn't previously have a Free Muni Clipper Card—61% of youth utilizing the FMFAY program did not participate in the means-tested FMFY program.³

The FMFAY program is critical in removing the financial burden of fares for families. The easy and equitable access to public transportation that the FMFAY program provides is essential for San Francisco's young people to access school, extracurricular activities, jobs, and other opportunities.

The San Francisco Youth Commission urges the San Francisco Municipal Transit Authority to continue the Free Muni for All Youth program and continue to promote and collect data on the success of the Free Muni for Youth program.

Sincerely,

Ewan Barker Plummer, Chair
Adopted on
2023-2024 San Francisco Youth Commission

¹ SFMTA Consolidated Budget for Fiscal Years 2023 & 2024. SFMTA.

² 2019-20 SFUSD Travel Tally Data K, 5th, 6th, 9th. (2020, March 20). SFUSD.

³ Report for Free Muni for Youth.

[Motion to Support Efforts - Urging the San Francisco Municipal Transit Authority to Continue the Promotion and Funding of the Free Muni for All Youth Program]

Motion to urge the San Francisco Municipal Transit Authority to Continue the Promotion and Funding of the Free Muni for All Youth Program by Including it as a Baseline in Their Budget.

WHEREAS, the San Francisco Youth Commission is a chartered body in the City and County of San Francisco implying the voice of youth in government spaces; and

WHEREAS, the Youth Commission has consistently advocated for Free Muni For Youth (FMFY) since 2010 with RESOLUTION NO. 1011-AL041 calling on the SFMTA and San Francisco Unified School District (SFUSD) to implement the Youth Lifeline Fast Pass and expand the program to 18-year-olds and later to expand the program to all youth; and

WHEREAS, the FMFY program was created in 2013 as a pilot program that allowed low to moderate-income youth aged 5-17 to ride for free; and

WHEREAS, the access to free public transit is essential for all students in San Francisco with the limited availability of school funded school buses across the City and County of San Francisco and

WHEREAS, the San Francisco Municipal Transformation Authority has secured funding for the FMFY program for the 2024-2025 with no further signal of having it be a part of the baseline budget for the department ; and therefore be it

MOVED, that the San Francisco Municipal Transit Authority will continue the promotion and funding of the Free Muni for All Youth program by including it as a baseline in future budgets for the department.