

SF BAC minutes 01_26_2026

Monday, January 26, 2026

1. Roll Call – Determination of Quorum

Meeting start time: 6:31 PM

Present: D1, D2, D4, D5, D7, D8, D9, D11

Absent: D3, D6, D10

2. Ramaytush Ohlone Land Acknowledgment

3. Approve Minutes – Monday, December 3, 2025 Meeting

- Brandon Powell moved to approve, Tim Marcus seconded. Unanimously approved.

4. Public Comments

- District 8, resident for 32 years, and a bike messenger 40 years ago. Here today to ask about the motorcycles in the bike lane. It's become intolerable. Most of them appear to be owned by doordash (a food delivery service). There seems to be a lot the city can do like require licensing, education, insurance. I can't understand why it's allowed. It's a terrible motorscooter. On 17th in front of the SFPD building, they are always parked there, and you can't even ride in the bike lane.
 - D1: there's been discussion in this committee about the use of ebikes and scooters in the bike lanes.
 - Acting Captain, Lt. Dave O'Connor SFPD: not prepared to answer your specific question, but i do have some responses for you. What is actually a bicycle and what is a motorcycle is actually hard to define. They can be classified as many different things. Difficult to determine what is legal and what is not, and some can be altered to be initially a legal bike, and altered to be not legal. When they don't have pedals, and are capable of a certain speed. We have a cheat sheet when out in the field.
 - Chair, D7: 3 classes of ebikes. Class 2 is up to 20 mph, and those are the ones that are being altered. If it has a throttle, it should not be in the bike lane. Class 3, those can go up to 28 mph, no throttle.
 - Q: Can you tell us who licenses lime? SFMTA, Lydon George: The development of these devices happens a lot faster than the regulation does. It's hard to have a cohesive plan in coordination with other agencies when that is the case.
 - D1: I often see these delivery vehicles on walking paths in Golden Gate Park to deliver food to people in the park having a picnic. When they do share the bike lanes with us, they don't know how to ride there either, no headlights, no bell, will pass faster on the right

- D8: This is a state issue and should and will be regulated. Can we have geofencing in CA if they can go faster than 20 mph? Bike lanes are single file, like other vehicle lanes.
- SFPD are aware this is an issue, we went to a traffic dept conference in san mateo county for education and awareness of this issue
- D8: i think it would be great to have some traffic officers on bicycles to monitor and enforce in the bike lanes.
- D9: If on bikes, then they would feel the vulnerability we do, as well.

5. Committee Member Reports (*Information*)

Report	Discussion
Chairman report	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ● Absent this month
Committee reports	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ● D1: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ Sf commissions streamlining task force. They are making recommendations next month. Special meeting January 28. You can still write a letter of support for this committee. I can also write a petition to gather signatures. <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ■ Chair: without a mailing list, i don't think a petition will do much. ■ D4: have the supervisors that we serve know that certain agencies depend on us for funding. ○ Went to Spain and saw some great bicycle infrastructure. ● D2: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ Presidio commemorates 250th anniversary ○ Central subway extension to fishermans wharf ○ Sfbc is hosting meeting at ft mason center on feb 17 from 630-730 ○ Meeting with Supe Mandelman & Supe Dorsey at Manny's in the mission. ● D3: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ Absent this month. ● D4: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ New supervisor Alan Wong. i gave him a lot of traffic related paperwork and advocated for sunset dunes. ○ Supervisor wong tried to get the sunset dunes on the ballot via other supervisors and he was unsuccessful ○ He's concerned with street safety, and talked about people being scared to cross the street, things we advocate for. Goals are the same, the path to get to those goals are very different. ○ D7: I'm following Nextdoor in that neighborhood, and it seems to be changing re the park.

- There's been a lot of traffic calming on Sloat, that would have to be reversed
- D9: propose traffic diet and more parking and that will narrow the lanes naturally
- D5:
 - Construction has started on Oak Street, but every time I have passed it this past month, it looks like not much has happened. The website doesn't have an update with a timeline. Caveat is I have passed at night as I have not been able to go walk past it during the day for a closer inspection
<https://www.sfmta.com/projects/oak-street-quick-build-project>
 - Follow up from last month: moment of silence of those affected by traffic violence in 2025.
 - Per the city data website, there were 25 traffic deaths in 2025, which believe it or not, is a [substantial decrease from prior years](#). Among those killed include 1 cyclist, Juan Paz, age 45, and 14 pedestrians. Eleven of the 14 pedestrians were over the age of 50. There were 25 total traffic deaths, with an overall decrease of 42% from 2024.
 - Side note, I noticed a discrepancy between the city's data and the data reported by Walk SF with Walk SF reporting 2 more deaths than are in the city's 2025 data report.
 - While more than zero traffic deaths is too many, I am pleased to see the decrease. I hope the city can better analyze why there was a substantial reduction in deaths. I assume that may need to happen over a few years to see a pattern or if 2025 was an anomaly.
 - Bay Wheels survey was sent to emails. Please take it if you are a Bay Wheels user.
- D6:
 - Absent this month.
- D7:
 - Sent an email to Lydon and Clinton about Sloat where it merges in with the freeway without being able to be seen.
 - SFMTA: we will discuss this more in my update because D4 also had a question about Sloat
 - I was elected for the Golden Gate Bridge President of the Board of Directors.
- D8:
 - Injuries are not just a one off thing, it affects me, my friends and family, and my earnings potential. The Golden Gate Bridge is dangerous without wayfinding. Striping is needed and necessary.
 - Two or three years ago we passed that SF should provide protected bike parking in neighborhoods. Every minute we waste where bikes are not safe, why isn't it a priority, people will simply

	<p>choose not to ride. We increase global warming. How much money does it cost to install secure bike parking in this city? We are literally burning to a crisp the more time we force people into driving.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ ● D9: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ Chairman's report ○ Every month we come here and beg for our lives, and the city does not care. ● D10: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ Absent this month. ● D11: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ Nothing to report this month.
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6. Governmental Reports

Agency	Discussion
MTA Bicycle Program Report: Lydon George, Transportation Planner	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ● If you have questions or requests, please e-mail: Lydon.george@sfmta.com. ● In 2025 the street safety executive directive by the Mayor. Acknowledges the issues of road safety issues and need of coordinate response from the city. There's still work to do with injuries. Systematically approaching safety, lydon will send a link with the directive to the group ● Working group: SFPD, DPW, SFMTA overseen by mayor chief of infrastructure, climate, and mobility ● Jan 20: Victoria Weiss went in front of BOD to discuss the street safety initiative. Officially adopting what the mayor laid out in the directive. You are able to watch that on the website. ● Sloat: two way lane is southern side next to zoo, there's still an existing shoulder ● Skyline at sloat: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ D4: i sat in the parking lot and was observing how the cyclists go. ● 40th and kirkham sideshow: no process for stunt driving interventions. When curbs get installed, it gets installed to SFPD and SFMTA. Contact your supervisor to get the ball rolling. ● Oak: rebuilding the corners, followed by other phases, NW corner of Oak and Masonic until February. ● D8: have bike slots on speed humps 6 ft away from car parking

<p>SFPD Report: Acting Captain, Lt. Dave O'Connor, SFPD Traffic division</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ● Nothing to report, but happy to answer questions. ● Chair: Is the chicken suit making a comeback? <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ A: We discussed this today, and there's a good chance it'll make an appearance soon. Can't say more than that. ● Chair: we could use speed enforcement on Ocean Ave on the commercial district. There's a lot of people who don't follow the speed limit.
<p>SF Dept of Public Works: Clinton Otwell</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ● Reached out to project manager for Sloat ● Gabriel Ho is the engineer for Sloat, and Casey Hildreth is the project manager for the Sloat quick build. Waiting to hear back but they should come here themselves. ● Valencia is pretty awful. I have been riding on that myself. ● Fixed bike lane, on sloat, cracked seal ● Tree root issue in d9 ● Fixed more potholes, patched pavement NB bike lane, ● I encourage everyone to keep submitting 311 reports with the app. That way you have the image and location. ● Chair: please relay to IT team that they should improve the mobile website (not the app) bc not everyone should need to download an app to report issues to the city. ● D8: is there any way to get the valencia bike lanes swept more frequently.
<p>BART Bicycle Advisory Task Force Report: Maya Chaffee</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ● BBATF web page: https://www.bart.gov/about/bod/advisory/bicycle ● BART Legistar Calendar: https://bart.legistar.com/Calendar.aspx ● Meeting is next monday over zoom. Bart station profile study with post pandemic data. Useful for better bike connections can be made, etc. ● Continue to talk about next generation fare gates. New clipper readers. ●

7. Fillmore Street Transit & Safety Project (Presentation)

The Fillmore Street Transit & Safety Project seeks to improve the speed and reliability of transit and enhance pedestrian safety and the customer experience through capital improvements on 1.4 miles of Fillmore Street from Duboce/Church to Fillmore/Pine. Presented by Julia Flessel,

SFMTA Project Manager.

- This presentation is part of the requirement for MTC to present to the BAC. This is yet another reason to keep our committee around. Part of the process is that MTC comes to the local bicycle advisory committee when requesting grants.
- TIP grant request to MTC:

8. Nomination for BART Bicycle Advisory Task Force (vote)

The Bart bylaws state that for SF the BAC is the nominating body for appointments. The committee will vote to nominate Maya Chaffee for reappointment to BART BATF.

- Chair: this is yet another reason this committee should not be eliminated since
- Brandon Powell moves to nominate Maya Chaffee, Diane Serafit seconds. Unanimously approved.

9. Review draft resolution (Discussion):

Joint Resolution of Park Recreation and Open

Space Advisory Committee and Bicycle Advisory Committee Calling for Improvements to Traffic and Pedestrian Safety Infrastructure In San Francisco Parks and Open Spaces (Also Known as “Jessie’s Resolution”). Kristin Tieche, Representative from District 1.

- Discussion ensued

10. Motion to Adjourn

- Brandon Powell moves to adjourn, Diane Serafini seconds. Adjourned without objection.

Meeting adjourned at 9:04 pm.