



# San Francisco Youth Commission Housing & Land Use Committee

## Minutes ~ Draft

Tuesday, July 27th, 2021

4:30 PM - 6:30 PM

Public Comment Call-in:

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Members: Erika Morris (Chair), Plyfaa Suwanamalik-Murphy (Vice Chair), Calvin Quick, Jayden Tanaka, Lillian Tang

### **1) Call to Order and Roll Call**

Chair Morris called the meeting to order at 4:31pm. All are present and quorum is met.

#### **Roll Call Vote:**

Erika Morris, present

Plyfaa Suwanamalik-Murphy, present

Calvin Quick, present

Jayden Tanaka, present

Lillian Tang, present

### **2) Approval of Agenda (Action Item)**

No public comment. Commissioner Murphy motions to approve the agenda, seconded by Commissioner Tanaka. Motion passes by a roll call vote.

#### **Roll Call Vote:**

Erika Morris, aye

Plyfaa Suwanamalik-Murphy, aye

Calvin Quick, aye

Jayden Tanaka, aye

Lillian Tang, aye

### **3) Approval of Minutes (Action Item)**

A. June 15th, 2021

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No public comment. Commissioner Quick motions to approve the minutes, seconded by Commissioner Tang. Motion passes by a roll call vote.

**Roll Call Vote:**

Erika Morris, aye

Plyfaa Suwanamalik-Murphy, aye

Calvin Quick, aye

Jayden Tanaka, aye

Lillian Tang, aye

**4) Public Comment on Items not on Agenda (2 minutes per public comment)**

No public comment.

**5) Business (All Items to Follow Discussion and Possible Action)**

A. Relationship Building Activity

Presenter: Chair Morris

Commissioners engaged in a relationship building activity.

B. Review Roles

i) Timekeeper (Murphy/Morris)

ii) Facilitator (Chair)

iii) Action Item Sender (Tang)

iv) Notetaker (Tanaka)

Commissioners reviewed roles.

C. [Presentation + Inform ] 29 Sunset Improvement Plan - Update

Presenter: Jean Long and Steve Boland, Transportation Planners, San Francisco Municipal Transit Agency (SFMTA)

Presenters introduced themselves. Jean Long will be leading the presentation and Steve will be taking notes.

Steve will take over the project once Jean goes on leave in August.

Jean went to Lowell, SF born and raised, visited Lick-Wilderding for a Community Presentation - 29 Sunset is a work course line - the 29 sunset is a very long route, K-12 schools and CCSF and SFSU - serves a high number of schools -

Timeline: February 2020 was going to be a year-long outreach plan - the COVID-19 pandemic halted the program and muni service lines were cut. We increased service to the 29 bus route in August of 2020 and have been doing service changes since. We are currently gearing up for Aug. 14 when muni service lines will open 18 lines, including 4 troopers - empty buses that start at school, pack 40 people - 1 to Balboa, 2 to Burton, and 1 to AP Gianni - we still have restrictions because of COVID-19 - status as of now, we



have analysed the ridership and trip patterns and opportunities to find the best areas to reduce travel time. We haven't done any outreach yet, which will come in the Fall! We will also be updating our website and sharing an online survey.

How can YC get involved: participating on Ride Audits, attending public meetings for the 29 Sunset Improvement Plan, goal is to develop a proposal with all of YC so it can continue to be a reliable transportation mode.

Questions:

Commissioner Morris: You said you'd like to improve the line in the southeast? Where do you see more availability for buses? How do you see the timetables working?

Jean: We know where the problem areas are and in terms of solutions, add more buses, reduce travel time. A couple of ways to do it, this is why we're asking you all to help us find solutions as well as other stakeholders. Increasing service or reducing travel time, these are the 2 main approaches. Both of these will require money, which is what we're trying to do in the next few months.

Commissioner Quick: thank you for the update. A couple clarifying questions:

- on the school trippers, are those AM or PM?

Jean: These are all PM. I don't know why they are not AM.

Commissioner Quick: In terms of schedule for outreach, is this going to be a part of the broader conversation that MTA wants to have about service restoration beyond August? or this a separate?

Jean: This is a separate conversation, it's always been. The 29 is currently in service, we're looking at the future. We're trying to incorporate all feedback.

Commissioner Quick: Feedback off the top of my head:

- I like the idea of a 29 R line because it allows us to increase the accessibility of getting from place to place, while also reducing the travel time and increasing frequency. I know there are engineering issues, but how can we look at the technical challenges and see how we can make it work? Maybe it's on the next street over
- Would also be interested in running more service in specific sections of the line, would like to hear more about this concern

Jean: Yes we have data as transit planning professionals, we would do this, shorts and longs. Shorts add capacity, but we still have our long ones that are not as frequent, but it's one strategy to figure out how to service as many people as possible. If we do this with the 29 Sunset, we would do a 29 short, if we go in this direction, hear from the community, and see if this is a viable, helpful solution. There are tradeoffs.

Commissioner Quick: yeah there are tradeoffs and I'd be interested in learning more.



Sasha Hirji (YTAB): There are some schools who are and some who aren't going back to school in the fall. What are the plans to do outreach to students who may not be returning until Spring or next year.

Jean: I've outlined it in the powerpoint. The pandemic has made it difficult to reach people. We have an online survey and text based surveys. The youth from Lowell did an instagram campaign. The best thing is to sign up for our regular emails. We want to hear from you, we're gonna rely on you to get the survey out. Once we have this preliminary feedback, we will do some synthesizing, and maybe do a virtual open house. What's an effective way you think

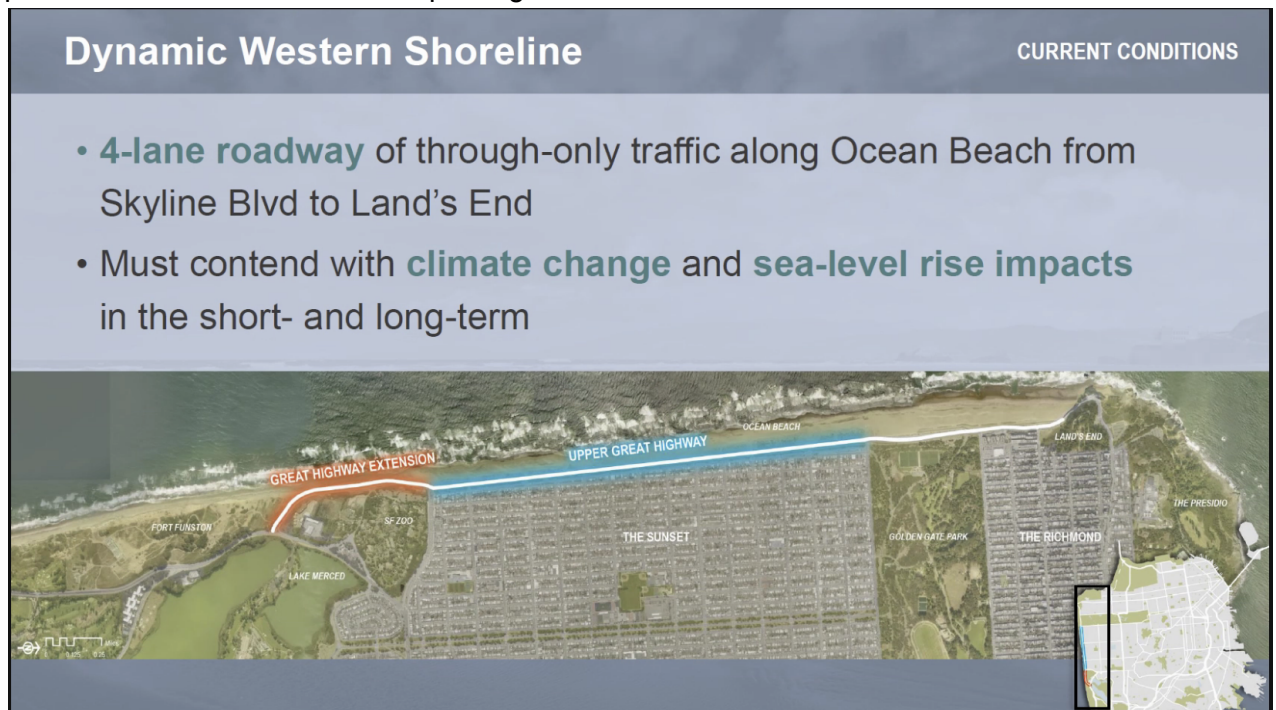
Commissioner Quick: that reminded me, I've heard that the elimination fare for youth, the folks who presented on that said that they are speaking directly with schools. I think it is more effective when the school sends out an internal email or post flyers. I like the idea of a text campaign, I personally use email all the time, but I think the text campaign option is something more attractive to youth.

Jean: to go back, SFUSD, and we work closely with our liaison and school. As you can imagine the web is difficult, but we are working with our contacts to get the word out.

D. [Presentation + Input] Great Highway Promenade

Presenter: Stacy Bradley will be presenting along with Tim Doherty from SFMTA

Stacy begins the presentation, the lower great highway connects to the Sunset, and the multi-use trail, the upper great highway is the part with 2 lanes for cars, but now used for pedestrians and bikes. We have parking north of Lincoln and south of sloat.





We have been having climate issues. Significant erosion during the great highway. We are working with the PUC to be used as a multi use trail to help clear some of the erosion.

The roadway created 2 miles or 17 acres of land for families and community members to use.

Responding to community:

- Concerns:

## Pilot Scope

**Potential Program**

- Restrict vehicle access for a set period of time
- Maintain existing beach access for parking & pedestrians/bicyclists
- Currently exploring geographic extents and time-based configurations (e.g. weekend-only)

**Evaluation Criteria**

- Open space, street conditions, accessibility, and more

**Management Framework**

- Work with NPS/GGNPC to improve stewardship and coastal resources

POTENTIAL PILOT

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Still learning: Pilot Program - focus between sloat and lincoln, or between sloat and skyline

Tim Doherty, transportation network, SFMTA Planner - we conducted a study on traffic in the westside. We are trying to work with all stakeholders, including Richmond residents to get to a holistic solution.

Questions:

Commissioner Quick: great to have this update. Comment, the partial closure for cars and the other for pedestrians. What is the rationale for this?

Stacy: I have similar concerns for this pilot, we are trying to figure out the best path forward, there are some concerns we can't reach fast enough. We are assessing, and this is great feedback. It's a challenge.

Commissioner Quick: my position would be to have the full closure pilot to know where we stand. it has had great impacts so far, you always see people out there. It's a benefit we can build on when we get back to "normal". I would support setting clear boundaries for this pilot to close the



highway entirely. I wonder also if you have any plans to engage youth and students in the process and analyze it?

Stacy: As part of our engagement, we want to hear from a variety of youth. We are hoping to see people when they are out there and it is a great idea to reach out to the schools in the neighborhood.

Commissioner Tanaka: Thank you for presenting, I represent D1 on the YC and spoke to Sup. Chan on this matter and to my understanding, in Richmond the results were swaying against the closures.

Stacy: We have not done another survey since the last one. They are the most impacted. The rest of the city was 53% for the closure and 22% for reopening. Richmond was 53% for opening to the cars and 22% for keeping. The sunset, inner and outer, matched the results of the city as a whole. We want to do another survey, where you can use a map to take a survey, and we are hoping that using a survey method like that can help us reach more people. The MTA survey was looking directly at the great highway. We want to have translated efforts and want to be doing it in person. There's a question of when we will be able to do it, either before or after the survey. We also want to see who is using the space and getting an equitable look at who is using this space.

Commissioner Tanaka: thank you and will be looking out for a new survey.

#### E. Work Group Updates & Work Time

##### i) Reflection + Closing Activity

Writing Prompt: what are your reflections/hopes for this committee? What would you like to say to the folks who will be filling in your shoes?

Calvin: 4 things:

- (1) enduring hope with the 29 Improvement Project, not committed to the rapid route - YC can hopefully push for this rapid route
- (2) work with transit riders union, 30x30 plans
- (3) reevaluate for the need on youth homelessness - we've been operating on the same playbook - currently trying to find some data from HSH
- (4) can continue to be a strong voice for JFK/Great Highway closures + benefits / decision makers need some prodigy

Erika:

- Housing: I hope we get more TAY Nav Centers - Joi Jackson - making sure our connection with these folks stays strong and come out to the community and ask what these folks need
- Transportation: 29 Rapid Route!! No fees/fares for youth
- I hope COVID clears up
- Step out of the comfort zone and really push self to do more!

Lillian:

- continue contact with TAY NAV Center to make improvements and push for the 29R
- more work around pedestrian safety





Jayden:

- Provide support for TAY NAV Center
- Focus more on the grand challenge
- Work with Larkin to utilize grant money
- Monitor the FMFY Program
- Monitor how lines are getting used in the city

Plyfaa:

- general advice: embrace the structure of the YC and engage in meetings
- in general, reach out and attempt to understand other's perspective
- Great Highway and TAY NAV Centers

Sasha:

- reflections: I've been involved since 2018 and is the fastest these things have happened
- HSH is still slow
- My hope for next year's iteration is that they are ready for the fast space of some things and less opportunities for input
- I hope next year is ready for a fast paced environment and the uncertainty of COVID

F. Appreciations (5 mins)

Commissioners shared appreciations.

## **6) Staff Report (Discussion Only)**

- Grand Challenge Community Meeting @ 4:30 pm
  - Jayden and Itzel will attend
- Youth Commission on Summer Recess through August

## **7) Announcements**

Sasha Hirji: SFMTA's Youth Transit Advisory Board (YTAB) - Town Hall on September 18th - Location: Outdoors in Person - Time TBD

- We'll be discussing service priorities, other routes other than the 29 that impact youth.

## **8) Adjournment**

The meeting was adjourned at 6:26pm.

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