

SFCTA-CAC Chair Qualifications and Objectives - Chris Waddling

First appointed to the SFCTA-CAC in December, 2012, I have served as representative for District 10 since. I have worked closely with Commissioner Ronen and the Portola Neighborhood Association to successfully lobby for Neighborhood Transportation Improvement Project funds that were used to study bicycle and pedestrian safety and access through the Alemany Maze in District 9. This project is currently seeking Prop K funds for construction of the first phase, slated for completion later this year. I also worked to ensure that the Cesar Chavez-Potrero-Bayshore-US 101 Interchange study didn't simply sit on a shelf and helped bring it to the attention of district 9 and 10 commissioners, leading to imminent construction of the first phase of improvements to the area as well as attention being paid to the homeless population who live at the interchange and whose homelessness is being addressed. Unfortunately, not all of my efforts have been successful, including advocating to retain an increasingly well-used bike lane on Paul Ave that local residents, churches, and others refused to recognize as being important for our district and city's Vision Zero goals. My intention is to continue to fight for this bike lane or to add other infrastructure to the area to increase transportation options in the area and make safe again the connection between the Portola and Bayview neighborhoods.

In 2015 and 2016 I was unanimously elected CAC Chair and presided over every regular meeting of the CAC those years. I have continued as the CAC Chair through 2017, but with a change in jobs in September, scheduling conflicts made me unable to attend meetings at the end of the year. Despite this, I continued to work closely with the communities in D9 and D10 to ensure that the public was well-informed as to upcoming and on-going projects, including the DPW's Industrial St repaving project and the SFMTA's San Bruno Ave Multimodal Improvement Project. I have also met privately with SFCTA, DPW, and SFMTA staff over the course of the year to discuss projects coming before the CAC in an effort to get the most pertinent information presented at each of our meetings.

In 2018, my objectives as a CAC member include recommitting to attending all CAC and TA Board meetings along with continued oversight of NTIP projects at Alemany and Cesar Chavez and the SFMTA's San Bruno Ave project. As chair of the CAC, I will encourage members to bring the concerns of their communities to CAC meetings in 2018 so that we all are able to better understand each other's needs. I will encourage CAC members to interact directly with their communities through social media and community bulletin boards, and to attend community meetings hosted by agencies receiving funding through Prop K. I will also encourage CAC members to actively engage staff from various city agencies, outside of our regular meeting schedule, to get answers to questions they may have.

With regard to CAC meetings, I will continue to see that the CAC is included in large-scale projects from the earliest stages so that we may have a better understanding of them and be able to comment on them in a more informed manner throughout. I will also be working with SFCTA staff to continue to take the CAC on guided tours of current projects as we did the Transbay Terminal and Central Subway to give us a greater appreciation and understanding of the work that is being done and funded through Prop K. I will also strive to keep our meetings civil, running smoothly, and on-time.



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