
Question for SFCTA Community Advisory Board's Sept 9 Meeting

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To: clerk@sfcta.org

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Dear Members of the SFCTA Community Advisory Committee,

I am writing as a concerned SF resident (age 79) and regular driver to Golden Gate Park to ask the Community Advisory Committee to consider an important public-process issue:

When will there be a public forum focused on the impacts of street-parking fees in Golden Gate Park scheduled to begin this January?

My concern is not simply whether parking should be free or paid, or what the hourly rate should be. It is that I have been **unable to identify a meaningful public forum** in which the people who use Golden Gate Park can examine and discuss the transportation and public-access consequences of this major policy change **before it takes effect**.

The proposal would place paid parking on approximately 3,100 legal parking spaces throughout the park. It therefore has implications well beyond the price of parking, including:

- changes in how and when people travel to the park;
- access for seniors and people with limited mobility;
- impacts on families and regular recreational users;
- effects on the park's museums, cultural institutions and other organizations;
- potential changes in neighborhood parking and traffic patterns; and
- the equity implications of the proposed pricing structure.

These **questions deserve a substantive public discussion**—not simply opportunities for the public to express support or opposition to a predetermined proposal.

I recognize that SFCTA does not set Recreation and Parks policy or SFMTA parking rates. I am therefore **not asking the CAC to take a position on paid parking**.

Instead, I am asking a more basic question:

Which public body or forum is responsible for providing San Franciscans with a meaningful opportunity to examine, question and comment on the transportation, access and equity implications of the Golden Gate Park parking proposal before implementation?

Given SFCTA's role in transportation planning and community engagement, I believe the CAC is an appropriate body to help answer that question.

If the CAC concludes that this issue falls outside its jurisdiction, I would appreciate knowing which public agency, commission or committee does have responsibility for providing such a forum. Is it the SF Rec & Park Commission?

I would also respectfully ask the CAC to consider whether this issue warrants discussion at a future meeting, particularly because the January 2027 implementation date is approaching.

Please distribute this letter to the members of the Community Advisory Committee and include it among the written public comments for the September 9 meeting.

Thank you for your consideration. I look forward to hearing from you and learning where and when the public can have this discussion well before January.

Sincerely,

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