

Report

CITY AND COUNTY OF SAN FRANCISCO EMERGING TECHNOLOGY OPEN WORKING GROUP SESSION #4, SEPTEMBER 17, 2018, 2P-4P



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EXECUTIVE SUMMARY

POTENTIAL ACTION RATINGS AND COMMENTS

On a scale of 1 to 5, session participants were asked to rate each potential action on a scale of 1 to 5 where 1 was that the potential action did not at all address the issue(s) and 5 was that the potential action addressed the issue(s) very well.

Below each row indicating where the majority of ratings were, are the themes of "Improvements Needed" to each potential Action (details on ratings and feedback can be found in the Detailed Session Notes which follow the Table of Contents).

		Mostly	Mostly	Mostly			
Track	Action	Positive	Neutral	Negative			
		4 or 5	3	1 or 2			
	1.1 Designate Single Point of Contact	Х					
	Position or committee, not person; role is to help navigate, must remain neutral, accessible via						
	digital, not just in-person						
	1.2 Create informal forums	Х					
Collaboration & Accountability	Make it a public forum/process, structure evaluation	(data), share pre	evious results/	lessons			
	1.3 Build relationships between cities	Х					
	Departments as well, public/private consortium, publ						
	1.4 The City should get feedback from residents	No ratings	for this poten	itial action			
	This role/department should have the authority to give	ve definitive ans	wers/direction	n			
	2.1 Develop a proactive testing / pilot permit	x					
	process	^					
	Clarify that permit process is not a pilot, robust and rigid rules + enforcement required, involve neighborhoods						
	2.2 Create an interdepartmental group	Х					
Agile Permitting & Accountability	Give it decision-making authority, should be happening anyway						
	2.3 Fund the true cost	Х					
	Hard to know true costs; could push out small busine	sses, Permittees	to pay for thi	S			
	2.4 Create a partner scorecard	Х					
	Standards for computing scores required, City takes the lead on scores.						
	3.1 The City acts as a community liaison	Х					
	Share the responsibility with community		-				
	3.2 The City conducts regular needs assessments	х					
	Lacked clarity, specifics						
	3.3 The City should gather regular feedback from	N N					
Community Engagement & City Priorities	residents	Х					
	Reactive, city must act on the feedback						
	3.4 Companies should conduct outreach and						
	develop programs and partnerships that benefit			х			
	neighborhoods.			^			
	Ensure community is heard, some confusion over this	action					



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		Mostly	Mostly	Mostly		
Track	Action	Positive	Neutral	Negative		
		4 or 5	3	1 or 2		
	4.1 Conduct equity impact assessment	Х				
	Current state assessment needed for data-driven asse	essment, engage	e with commu	nities, needs		
	to be apolitical or biased to permitee, challenging to make it flexible					
	4.2 Develop citywide strategy to close the digital	х				
	divide.					
	Must be bold, agile, resident-focused, gap of tech access, needs funding, more specifics needed,					
Equitable Benefits	e.g., what does this deliver to residents, e.g., internet	for all?				
Equitable benefits	4.3 Create equity technology fund	Х				
	Has to remain neutral, not run by tech companies, wh	nere \$ comes fro	om? Assumes	tech used		
	only for good					
	4.4 Incentivize and promote apprenticeship	x				
	programs					
	Ensure paid apprenticeships, should be long term and	d required, only	solves for som	e of the		
	people impacted,					
	5.1: Develop and implement a regulatory vetting					
	process accounting for accessibility & safety	Х				
	compliance review					
	Culturally competent					
Accessibility & Safety	5.2: Implement ongoing collaborative engagement process No ratings for this potential action					
	Includer older people and disadvantaged, low income	e, people of colo	or in definition	of disability		
	5.3: Adopt universal design standards			Х		
	Before test, determine if, "we need or want this at all	."				
6.1: establish data sharing protocols and standa		Х				
	Risks to making data more public, enforcement missing, balance interests, could be more					
	definitive, e.g., NO PERSONAL DATA					
	6.2: Hire a Chief Privacy Officer.		Х			
	Needs to be broader than a person, more need for communication and policies					
Data Sharing, Security & Privacy	6.3 Establish a privacy advisory council	Х				
	Too broad, include more than government, include citizens, standards will be necessary to reach					
	agreement on council's decisions.					
	6.4: cybersecurity review		Х			
	Could be too much burden on City, need resources+SMEs, need to be able to solve for edge					
	cases or lesser known technology, Clear opt-in or out	_	·			
	7.1: Create future cities council	Х				
	Clear outcomes, needs consistency and staffing, relate it to permitting, current and future.					
Forecasting	7.2 Hire staff within the City to forecast into the future		х			
	Make it a council or connect to the advisory council, t	ap in to existing	talent and kn	owledge		
	That is a council of connect to the advisory council, t			o micage		







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EMERGING TECHNOLOGY WORKING GROUP OVERVIEW

WORKING VISION

San Francisco embraces technology to enhance quality of life and our public spaces.

PROJECT OBJECTIVES

- Engage the community and technology experts in the policy making process
- Develop recommendations on a regulatory and permitting process that addresses use cases on land, in the air and water, in building and underground
- Develop a nimble and responsive **governance framework** that City Departments can use with emerging technology companies to partner with the city

PROJECT JOURNEY & PROCESS









DETAILED SESSION NOTES

SESSION AGENDA

- I. Welcome
- II. Overview of Working Group
- III. Introductions (see attendee list in Appendix)
- IV. City / County of San Francisco Directions & Decisions To-Date
- V. Participant Input Facilitated Exercise
- VI. Next Steps, Upcoming Meetings

EXPECTATIONS & OUTCOMES

- Allow participants to weigh-in on the possible actions.
- Modify staff-produced possible actions.

EMERGING TECHNOLOGY GARDEN

Working Vision: San Francisco supports technology that serves the needs of marginalized communities and helps the city meet its policy goals (Like climate action, vision zero, etc.) ("Quality of life" way too vague!)

POTENTIAL ACTIONS

Continuing with the Tracks identified between the second and third Open Working Group Sessions (below), Session #4 participants were provided a number of options for Actions addressing each Track's key issue(s).

- Track 1: Collaboration & Partnerships
- Track 2: Agile Permitting & Accountability
- Track 3: Community Engagement & City Priorities
- Track 4: Equitable Benefits
- Track 5: Accessibility & Safety
- Track 6: Data Sharing, Security, & Privacy
- Track 7: Forecasting

At the September 17 session, participants were randomly divided into 7 groups, then each smaller group was asked to

- 1. Determine which tracks they wanted to discuss, i.e., which topic areas were most important that they discuss and weigh-in on. Most small groups discussed approximately three tracks' potential actions.
- 2. Once Tracks were selected, participants were asked to rate how well the potential actions addressed the issue(s) on a scale of 1 to 5 where 1 was not at all and 5 was very well.
- 3. Then, each Action that was rated was discussed on two dimensions: What Works and Improvements Needed.

Below is the summary of participants' ratings of the potential actions and their discussions / suggestions.

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Track 1: Collaboration & Accountability

<u>Issue Potential Actions are Intended to Solve</u>: There is often a lack of trust and understanding between companies and local government. Each city's regulation is different without much sharing of lessons learned as to how they addressed specific technologies. Companies find it difficult to know where to start when interested in operating in the City.

The ratings (actual numbers, not percents) are reported in the graphs; and feedback to the three proposed actions for this Track and its issue are below.

1.1 **Designate Single Point of Contact** to serve as a consistent entry point for companies seeking to deploy in San Francisco.



How well addresses Issue:

City overwhelmed with cold calls -single point of	Making sure single point does not see interest – make connections = not just collect info.
 direction Single point – help with more Government should adopt – make info more helpful for city and tech companies Can help regulate – create a streamline process to support tech and keep community safe. Vendor selection feels subjective how – can be more efficient – no duplicate Increase access City has bid portal Show where to start Consistent info and internal coordinator Consistent information being shared. Ensure there is Organizational Readiness rolled out with this policy for companies in various stages of engagement: New, In Progress, Vetted. Nothing Removes one excuse that "disrupts" use 	 "Domain experts" One point of entry – to make sure they connect everyone that needs to be in the loop. Could bottleneck (needs multiple paths/POCs) Don't solve, but funnel Make it a position, not person Needs to be able to navigate Have "navigators" Should be in depth with city-wide mandate Capacity / budget proper resources Are there tradeoffs Digital vs. in person crossover and coordinator Scope of responsibilities removed from impacts needs, operations. How does it remain neutral and connected (to city)? Instead of designating a single person, understanding the language (ex. Tech language)







 Single point of contact decreases confusion. Reassures the client. Builds confidence in doing business with the city. Develops positive relationships. Happy client - can lead to increased business. Easy access 	 Central core where information is gathered Rewrite: "Designate a TEAM" for first response, who understand all language Directionally right, but needs work City responding in terms of providing language. Creating a committee vs. a single point of contact which would quickly respond – it is premature for a single POC Proactive vs reactionary Ensure the proper documentation is provided and kept up to date. Inform in progress companies if there are any changes to the policy or documentation for companies still being processed. There should be multiple points of contact to avoid corruption of the process. You must also make this department very easy to find and accessible via email, sms, drone, avatar, or any other possible means of communication you or anyone else can think of. Be sure the contacts are made public an details are fully transparent City contact point must be at Supervisor level, not SFMTA Maintain contact with two - three qualified and trained personnel in the designated department. Should be able to relieve each other. Create access through sms. Use Twilio.

1.2 Create **informal forums** for conversations with companies, investors and entrepreneurs considering deploying new technologies to engage with stakeholders and build trust.



Ratings for 1.2

What Works	Improvements Needed
Discover unintended impact	• 2-part process – internal and public forum
	Make it a public forum





- Topic based could be useful that create conversations if non-stressful non-confrontation
- Learn what you don't know to ask for little risk
- Gives you a sense of why they are making it = open conversation about why this tech will make
- Critical for tech firms to understand the public sector in an informational way transparency for tech and staff
- City can be better prepared
- Allows tech to get feedback from different groups like seniors and children groups.
- Does it look like trade shows? (Chambers of Commerce)
- Organic, fluid and not bureaucratic.
- Conversation is good.
- Being proactive is always a good idea. The City will be educated on the industry and on challenges and perceived advantages that the industry itself sees.
- Early public engagement
- Shows what is required to do business effectively with SF. Organise trade shows, tax advisors, Chamber of Commerce presence.
- Informal is good start. Do this multiple times.

- A data driven needs assessment can improve the forum
- Needs to be well structured to be successful
 - What is the outcome / outputs?
 - Topic oriented
 - Productive departments will take action.
- A good business partner will do due diligence prior to engaging with city
- Conversation should be specific to SF note a general application
- Prior to conversation = needs assessment should be done - - tech should prep and target conversation to SF residents
- Make sure you aggregate lessons and others can access
- Need to make sure accessible
- May not be transparent
- Make sure something happens
- Does not equal informational guidelines or ground rules
- City to share needs / goals / problems > opportunities for true partnerships – how do we set the tone?
- People from 1.1 should be doing this.
- City approaching existing groups creating technology to ask what they need.
- Having a website to guide the starting process to permitting.
- "attend professional forums..." instead of creating, approaching.
- Identifying subject matter experts and approaching them.
- Extensive public involvement
- Someone from the city of San Francisco should also attend working groups, seminars and other public events for emerging technology. There are plenty of them.
- Remove the words "and built trust" implies avenue for PR by disruptors Make it formal, not informal - fully open and transparent Require all demands by community be reported and integrated into permit.
- Be consistent with information given. Review and correct promptly misinformation. Accept responsibility for any errors and apologies. Make nice.





1.3 Build **relationships between cities** to understand impacts and apply lessons learned.



1.4 The City should get **feedback from residents** about a new technology.

None of the session participants rated or discussed this action, however, input was provided via the online survey:







Written Comments: What other policy actions should the City consider to address this problem?

- This department should have some clout it's nice to have someone know that autonomous vehicles are going to cause gridlock under certain circumstances, but this department should be able to "force" all stakeholders MTA (multiple stakeholders inside of MTA), Planning, SFPD and SFFD to get together to address issues. I use autonomous vehicles as an example there will be others. Perhaps this department should report directly to the Mayor and be in the Mayor's office.
- Make it clear up front that the City is the boss. This is not a collaboration or "partnership". Disruptors can request. But this is not a negotiation. The city (Supervisors, not SFMTA) and each local neighborhood has final say.
- Be open minded. Study and become familiar with different cultures especially when doing business become familiar with their business







Track 2: Agile Permitting & Accountability

<u>Issue this track is intended to solve</u>: Regulation is often reactive and lacks an agile process to respond to rapidly changing technologies and business models.

Regulation is only recovering the cost for administration, and not the impact costs of using public infrastructures.

Ratings and feedback to the four proposed actions for this Track and its issue are:

2.1 Develop a **proactive testing / pilot permit process** to learn about operators, provide testbeds within the city, and define range of deployment options, which will inform the development of potential permit legislation, terms and conditions.

		n	atiligs for	2.1		
	0	1	5	8	12	
	1	2	3	4	5	
Nice to have fe	What Works			Clarify w	-	ents Needed
 Love statement Avoid expensiv Always a good ET Learn from all s Should have ge Likes that the c Incentivize Gives knowledg Good way for t Avoid disruptio Gives people sc Mitigating cost It's negotiable test test test test test test test test	e mistakes idea to pilot and learr stakeholders cography specific testh city is aware of what is ge mechanism to info he city to see technol	beds. s in the pipe rm future a ogy and ab oblem solvin ort term est test test aster you de you can go going adjus	cially for eline ctions sorb ng t test eploy into tments	for cityw Need sta Can't env has its fir reactive Clarify log Test pilot Technolo A lot of u Don't kno Maximur and pern people ju forgivene Pilot mus were fina Neighbor permit ru Regulate t Is this cros new entity	ide — should b ndardized pilo vision a proact ngers on the p gistics t vs. pilot proc gy may not be ncertainty ow enough de n of 30 days b nit issuing/app ist release the ess t have robust al permit befor shoods must b ules and monit he speed of th ss-department //program? Ho	bt process tive environment unless city pulse. Always somewhat cess e in a physical space etail for upcoming approach between permit application proval, else you will have the eir products and beg for trules established as if it re pilot begins. be involved in setting the toring and adjusting the pilot the rollout of new policies. tal with existing staff or a ow does this process address
• This might be he anyone or any co	elpful in setting the ex ompany wishing to op inology in San Francisi	perate a nev	N	Additional time, it se	lly, with new c ems like it cou	pilot/testing processes? companies emerging all the uld still be a reactive process. e process and goals more.

Ratings for 2.1



approach the city first. Doing research on operators is	
great to help understand the possibilities and	
implications.	

2.2 **Create an interdepartmental group** that convenes regular meetings to coordinate city departments who are regulating emerging technologies.







2.3 Fund the true cost of effectively running a permit and enforcement program.





What Works	Improvements Needed
 Well-funded so we can recover the true cost Find the cost for enforcement Fund true costs and may offset Implementation may deter some costs Money is important Looking at why the concept of permitting was even required without enforcement is imperative. Funding this doesn't seem realistic if the why hasn't been answered and the status quo has been accepted. It's a minor start toward permittees paying for what they get Public Infrastructure will be happy as it makes it fair to everyone, depending on their budget. Addresses the fact that these efforts do require city resources. 	 How much do you actually need to charge to recover costs? A lot more to unpack. Calculate true cost to include benefits of the ET as well. What if it delivers a COT of mobility of equity benefits? Changes to state or other charters. May need other actions. Careful to not push out small businesses Transparency on true costs Make the permittees pay for this. Permittees should be charged far above just the cost. They should be required to pay for all impacts and mitigations for the disruption they cause to neighborhoods, businesses, - The city must secure significant moneys far and above even costs and mitigations. City profit or no permit! Maintain excellent accounting records. Left over funds should be carried over to the individual department's budget for the following year. Identify where the funding is expected to come from. Depending on the funding source, the structure of permit/pilot agreement, and the pilot results, funding this program might look like taxpayers funding R&D for select tech companies without reaping civic benefits. While the City should foster innovation, any program needs to be a partnership and permittees need to have some skin in the game.





2.4 Create a **partner scorecard** that tracks company compliance and tracks performance in the City.



Ratings for 2.4

What Works	Improvements Needed
Scorecard can help with compliance	• Who are the partners? arbitrary/same industry?
 Sharing info among departments (i.e., Mobility 	• "LIMP" "CUTE" compliance needs an enforcement
greenspace) departments have different missions	piece
holistic view	How does the city compute the scores?
 Good to have objective measures 	• Depends on how you administer 2.1, can't be
• Their partnership history into acct for approving pilots.	achieved if 2.1 is not done
 Sounds good -make sure this is public and updated 	Need standards
every day.	Outcomes
• This is a good idea, but again, like the permitting, if the	Have scorecard mounted on every vehicle or
information comes back that change is required, who	scooter - like restaurants with their health score. I
will enforce the required change?	will only ride scooters with an "A" rating. Why not?
 It's an ok idea if it has robust underlying criteria - not a 	• Stop calling them partners - they are permittees.
checkbox	City is boss. Neighborhoods should also create
 Necessary to ensure the companies compliance and 	scorecards that have final say in any changes
reveals areas that need improvement.	required
Transparency!	Encourage feedback from companies to help
	evaluate our system.

Written Comments: What other policy actions should the City consider to address this problem?

- I suggested this at the meeting use software to do this, like Jira. Atlassian is a company with HQ in San Francisco that specializes in Jira deployments both public and private get them to help you. Someone must know someone there.
- Board of supervisors, not SFMTA must have final say
- Become good listeners. Yearly review of forma.





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Track 3: Community Engagement & City Priorities

<u>Issue Potential Actions are Intended to Solve</u>: The City could better communicate its strategic goals, challenges and priorities in a way that identifies areas that technology can solve. Companies then need help with understanding community needs and opportunities and engaging with residents in neighborhoods.

Ratings and feedback to the four proposed actions for this Track and its issue are:

3.1 The **City acts as a community liaison** to facilitate communication between companies and neighborhood groups.



What Works	Improvements Needed
 Who else would do it if not the city? Defining neighborhood groups would be good because this is an opportunity for an agile way of creating change. Will the neighborhoods believe that the city can perform this function? The city can require these communications and monitor actual changes made by permittee 	 Too much burden on the city. Shared responsibility Combine with 3.2 Be clear to permittee that it must enter into a memorandum of understanding with the community before permit will be issues for that neighborhood

3.2 The City conducts **regular needs assessments** in each supervisor district and makes information publicly available via Open Data Portal.



Ratings for 3.2







Re	nor

What Works	Improvements Needed
The supervisors' involvement	 What is a "needs" assessment Odd?!? Confusing language Data portal vs. specific district needs Assessment I unfortunately don't have enough context here. Be clear that "needs" will sometime be "we need you to not be in this neighborhood"

Ratings for 3.3

3.3 The City should gather **regular feedback from residents** about a new technology.



What Works	Improvements Needed
citizen involvement	 An emerging tech is going to be \$ on the high spectrum oxymoronic Has a reactive stand Bring a +2 to the forums started on 1.1 (bringing residents) Again, I'm not clear about the problems being solved so I'm not helpful. The city will act on that feedback to modify the permit

3.4 Companies should conduct outreach and develop programs and partnerships that benefit neighborhoods.











What Works	Improvements Needed
 Good practice benefits neighborhood 	 3.2 and 3.2 may be covered by companies by combining it should develop into a roadmap Maybe covered in Track 4 How does the community voice get heard? (Bottom-up vs. top down) Doesn't make since / wouldn't work Specific partnerships (e.g. with one business) cannot override the neighborhood memorandum of understanding

Written Comments: What other policy actions should the City consider to address this problem?

• Top priority is equity in low income and neighborhoods of color. Cultural competency as defined by these communities must be met







Track 4: Equitable Benefits

<u>Issue Potential Actions are Intended to Solve:</u> Technology is underutilized in improving equity, and in some cases only benefits certain types of people, expanding social and digital divides. Further, impacts from automation disproportionately affect workers from underserved communities.

Ratings and feedback to the four proposed actions for this Track and its issue are:

4.1 Conduct equity impact assessment as a standard tool to evaluate new technologies.



What Works	Improvements Needed
 New ventures may not appreciate SF diversity 	Data needs / research
Impact assessment	Can't standardize something you don't know (New
 Depends on implementation – filling assessment i.e., 	tech always appearing)
CEQA – barrier to entry	 "To understand current affairs"
 Should be standard across city 	Should come later once understanding current
 Use properly and intended 	state
It's a good start	"Impact" screening negative should also include
 "Why not?" 	positive
 Important to define negative impacts to community 	 Could be gamed by applying with money
like lack of service.	 Agile > track #s
 Learn to predict future refine accuracy 	Can be expensive and not be trusted. Show things
 Ongoing assessment for performance review 	down
Road map	Easier to file
 Even playing field for comparison and analysis 	 If + assessment > shorter form
Temperature check	To be developed via community feedback
Workforce	 Should be able to evolve with changing needs
 Include all critical stakeholders 	 Neighborhoods should benefit equity
 City needs to include equity to avoid unintended 	 Should line up with proactive plan leading to
consequences	equitable benefits (KPIs etc.) public sector
Ensure services are valuable	 But we don't know what we don't know
Mechanism to incentivize	Equity impact should be built with engagement
 City has committed to be more equitable 	from impacted communities
 Need to operationalize the goal 	Interact
 Assessment to make sure tech does it 	 But how does this challenge innovation
 Assess tech against each other – develop baseline 	 But are we okay with that if it doesn't benefit
 Reduces unaligned one-off assessment 	everyone
Look at gaps from research	How to make process timely and efficient

Ratings for 4.1







 There is serious inequity within our walls (City, city supported organizations). How can we solve these problems outside ourselves when we have these problems internally that create serious morale issues? it clearly the most important thing 	 Political concern Vulnerability if not structured correctly Need to have appropriate level of participation Define metrics! And evaluate metrics Provide specificity in "equity" Define process Must be transparent Publicly available Create a one-size fits all will be hard How do you make it flexible for an emerging space? May require to do it well Beyond a checklist – real-time in-depth understanding Framework for balancing trade-offs Permittee will fund, but contractor choice and scope of assessment will be done by the impacted community
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4.2 Develop citywide strategy to close the digital divide.





	1	2	3	4	5	
What	t Works				Improveme	ents Needed
 Everyone has access to i improve quality of life Holistic approach Strategy = open to more It would add clarity for 4 Digital access is and will underlying foundation o Technology is ever change Creating a more detailed here is imperative to cor It's a good idea 	stakeholder .3 and 4.4 impact all re f ET – must e ging l, specific pro	s sidents – is ti nsure access oblem statem	he	 Don't for Must be (Avoid 1 Identify Unbaked address Grants (v Focus or Gap with services Does thi information 	d, undocument this language what role could n employee wit n department t for San Francis s strategy do a tion?	eing displaced agile utions) ould be better served ted poor credit > let's d they play?) thin company technology practices > better



nStrategy



 Gap between access and knowledge and tech
available
 Need clear goals and clear actions
 Do research, having clarity of goals
Data needed
 Should assume data compilation
 A strategy is necessary but not sufficient
 More than a strategy must ensure funding, a
route to achieve, resources to implement, all
groups are accounted (K-12)
• This action assumes that technology is used for
good. Technology can also be used for bad things,
too.
• Must be more specific. if it means free internet to
low income homes - yes

4.3 Create equity technology fund to support access for low-income communities.



What Works	Improvements Needed
Bring more money to communities	Would tech be utilized?
Bring new people to table	• Don't do at cost of what companies should be
Need resources	doing
• Endorsement like to self-generate rev. based on history	Goal for fund (?) robust means? Timeline
practices.	Marginalized vs. low income
 Tools and education money opportunities 	Communicate / access for resources (how does it
Could help remove barriers	chip @ this)
Could provide universal access	Who is administering this fund?
Resources to reach more people	Don't trust tech to do it
• Money can fund public spaces with a strategic benefit	Where does the money come from?
Make sure everyone has an app	Shouldn't come from existing funds
Why is not one in existence now	"Healthy SF" tax on technologies/services to the
 it's good equity 	users – Congestion tax?
	• If you're not being equitable, you should pay into
	the fund if you are being equitable there no
	payment into the fund
	Need clear definition of needs to ensure money
	spent efficiently

Ratings for 4.3





 Data privacy Need to ensure money used in an appropriate / beneficial way It is not understandable Technology fund form: San Francisco Foundation 4.1, 4.2, 4.4 act as a tool for this Encourage the market to include an equity component vs. the city to subsidizes
 Not just focused on ET – more broadly Use fund toward emerging technology in schools
 This action assumes that technology is used for good. Technology can also be used for bad things, too.

4.4 Incentivize and promote **apprenticeship programs** at companies.





 Having an idea of wanted outcomes in measuring
success
• This action assumes that technology is used for
good. Technology can also be used for bad things,
too.
How about require, rather that incentivize?

Written Comments: What other policy actions should the City consider to address this problem?

- Track 4 Equitable Benefits' proposed actions assume that technology is the solution, but what about Equitable Costs? For example, 4.2 action is a strategy to close the digital divide, which assumes technology is good. However, technology is not an end, it is a means. What people do with technology matters more than the technology itself, and sometimes what people do with technology is bad. For example, Airbnb made it easy for speculators to illegally break land use law and convert housing to hotels, decreasing the supply of housing. While one solution might think we should give everyone access to Airbnb, it ignores the real problem: lack of housing. There should be an equity action that addresses the negative externalities of what the technologies enable. Not only are not all the benefits equitably distributed, but not all of the costs are equally distributed, either. Where is that in the actions?
- Listing very specific problems and tackling them each is going to provide better solutions







Track 5: Accessibility & Safety

<u>Issue Potential Actions are Intended to Solve</u>: Emerging technologies can reduce accessibility and it is hard to share the needs of disabled community members with technology companies. As a result, the disabled community is excluded from new technologies.

There were no participants who rated or gave feedback to the actions in this track.

5.1: Develop and implement a regulatory vetting process accounting for **accessibility & safety compliance review** and user impact of technology on communities, including people with disabilities.

What Works	Improvements Needed
 Too many "new technologies" are only for the young, rich, and fit When the needs of all users are considered, ideally by including those users in testing, it is possible to improve the likelihood that the emerging technologies will be of benefit to those users, as well as others. Further, as more cities and organizations require accessibility to be part of the process, more technology creators will be aware of it in their design process. Access for people with disabilities doesn't happen by accident, so this issue must explicitly addressed throughout the process of developing and implementing new technologies. It's important to included members of disability communities to engage in discussion with experience, user functions, understanding and then supporting the projects. It anticipates a process to implement and monitor legally required access. It encourages technology providers to think about accessibility upfront as a regular cost of doing business rather than it being an afterthought. 	 It must be culturally competent. Most people don't understand that for example, a red bike is a user safety issue in communities with gang activity It needs to have knowledge and teeth behind it. The evaluation team have to actually understand accessibility themselves, and not just look at VPAT's and other such documents taking it on faith that the technology vendor knows what they are talking about. Further, if a technology is adopted which later turns out to be inaccessible, there needs to be consequences for the manufacturer until those concerns are remedied. Make sure that regulations explicitly require adherence to known accessibility best practices, such as WCAG 2.0, Section 508, etc. Like I said - invited members of disability (in all range) communities to involve in this. We are not separate group. Only larger society separate themselves from us because they don't know how to work with us (still assuming and thinking they must help us - wrong). Provide penalties to companies and local governments that fail to follow the process. The penalty should be injunctive - the technology cannot be marketed or used until compliant, as well as financial. If only financial penalties are involved, companies would just treat it as a "disability tax." Who is responsible for the vetting process? Does it apply to all permitting or only "emerging technologies"?

One person rated this potential action and gave it a "5"







5.2: Implement ongoing **collaborative engagement process** with disability stakeholders and product development companies.

What Works	Improvements Needed
 it's earlier in the process It brings the relevant stakeholders, who are the experts in their own field to the table to actually discuss the real issues that would otherwise be encountered, instead of having people guess, often incorrectly, what the needs of a population is. It's proactive! It is critical that the voices of people with disabilities be heard throughout the process of including accessibility in the design and implementation of new technologies. We who live with disabilities know best what effective accommodation looks like. As long as pwd's are paid for their time, this is fine. It is not the disability community's job to provide this help for free. Pushes technology/product development in the right direction. 	 Must include older people and disadvantaged low income people of color in definition of "disability" (inequity is a social disability) Ensure that there is a diverse pool of users. Blind users can no more speak for the needs of the deaf, than someone who is sighted and hearing. Further, a single deaf user cannot speak for the entire population, nor can a single blind or visually impaired person speak for the entire group. Require meaningful input from people with disabilities, such as disability advisory committees that have real influence on decision-making. Keep on connecting to communities. I know this city have wide range of population. Think about how this process can be made attractive to companies concerned about sharing information or insights with their competitors. Think about how this can be made attractive to disability stakeholders who have competing priorities for their time!

5.3: **Adopt universal design standards** to be applied throughout the public right of way, that account for accessibility, safety, and opportunities for technological innovation.

One person rated this potential action and gave it a "1"

What Works	Improvements Needed
 Don't even think about SFMTA's "one size fits all" mentality. They have made the city nearly unlivable. It is broad, and helps to hit the basics for many people. Universal design standards are great way if again collaborate with communities. It is smart to adopt and maximize universal design concepts. A city-wide commitment to universal design! 	 Before we test, accommodate, or promote a new technology, as "do we need or want this at all" It is important to remember and plan for ways in which the universal design might cause a specific group additional difficulty, or may be inadequate. For instance, on the older BART trains, the overhead announcements are often not loud or clear enough to assist blind passengers in keeping track of where they are. This does not mean that the signs should not be used, but instead that it is important to think through the ramifications of implementation. Another example would be touch screen devices that do not offer alternate forms of input as some users would find buttons easier to manipulate, or reach.





All contracts should mandate that the parties
adhere to relevant accessibility standards.
 Without clear guidelines, compliance is hard to
gauge. We don't want litigation around what
"might" have been done better.
• This could be dangerous for being so general/high-
level. We need to get into a lot more detail here -
where are we currently lacking a commitment to
universal design standards? Which agencies are
responsible for reviewing and implementing these
projects and how are they falling short when
accounting for accessibility, safety, and innovation?
What are the barriers to adopting universal design
standards?

5.4: Proactively engage with product development companies so that emerging technologies can be part of an accessibility solution to an existing problem.

	What Works	Improvements Needed
•	Its bringing accessibility to the front of the issue, and making it very clear that it is important. Hopefully, this will mean that companies will be thinking of accessibility during design when it is easiest and most productive to implement.	 It always needs to be more than a rubber stamp. Again, members of the community who have various disabilities should be ideally part of this proactive approach See above.
•	Again, accessibility must be explicitly addressed in the development of products, and this can best be done by compliance with accessibility standards and including input from consumers with disabilities in the design process.	 This is very vague. Have no idea who is engaging and what it means to "engage." Is this an incubator? A procurement? Great potential but the devil is in the details.
•	Yes. Don't left US out of the emerging technology. Communication engagement and connection are very important to work. Keep in mind - included person of disabilities as part of the on-going projects. Otherwise you will end up having a lot of resistance to new emerging technology.	
•	Who is doing this proactive engagement? The government? The disability community? This is private company's individual obligations and smart marketing. Possibly follows a more traditional/established procurement process and could be "fast tracked".	







5.5: Establish fund so that emerging and adaptive technologies can be available and accessible to lower income residents with disabilities.

What Works	Improvements Needed
 The awareness of the regular intersection of disability and low income is an important one to consider. Giving people access to tools of independence often gives them the best opportunity to succeed and hopefully improve their situation. Because many people with disabilities lack the financial resources required to purchase needed accommodations, more robust systems need to be established to bring access technology to consumers at affordable prices. Yes. It's important to have budget or affordable equipment for all to be able to use the technology without barriers. Yes, we are moving to new technologies that cost money, people with disabilities and most poor people will be left behind. Assistive technology can make a huge difference in an individual or family's life! 	 Where necessary, there needs to be opportunities for users to learn of the accessible tools, and how to make the best use of them. Don't hide the good work under a barrel or your target audience won't find it either. Building accessibility into more mass-produced mainstream products. Accessible smartphones are a fine example of this approach. More access technology financing vehicles, such as low-interest loans, would help, as would access technology libraries where people could borrow equipment until they are in a position to purchase it for themselves. It's important to note: work with agencies that works with customers. I'm not sure how workable solution is. Technologies that are permitted through the city, especially those being operated in the public right-of-way, should have a low-income requirement and be accessible to all. What kinds of costs are applicable through this fund?

Written Comments: What other policy actions should the City consider to address this problem?

• The city could seek out existing successful programs and use them as templates for implementing locally.







Track 6: Data Sharing, Security, & Privacy

Issues potential actions are intended to solve: There is no standard process to share data between local governments and companies.

Resident privacy is not always protected.

Ratings and feedback to the four proposed actions for this Track and its issue are:

6.1 Permits should include language to **establish data sharing protocols and standards** and promote data sharing through the open data portal.







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6.2: Hire a Chief Privacy Officer.



Ratings for 6.2

What Works	Improvements Needed
 Needed to encourage trust and transparency. Shows commitment to public Useful to have someone running the show – what is their charge? Someone looking out for us. 	 "Ethical use officer" Just one position > needs broader city support Hard for one person to know all of the companies More red tape – nebulous Too limiting. Should include sharing > Chief data officer Too many chiefs / cooks in the kitchen – not enough communications Clarify responsibilities Establish policy This person should reside in the city attorney's office for maximum impact

6.3 Establish a privacy advisory council to establish a governance framework for data sharing, cybersecurity and privacy with companies operating in public spaces.







 Provides education to companies / public Case logging. Review on a case by case basis Governance framework "Advisory" Needs to be stronger "Cute" Open forum Transparency Always good to get outside input on these topics. 	 "Operating in public spaces" include private spaces Council should be ALL inclusive and not solely government Well getting 2 security gurus to agree is difficult. Getting more than 2 to agree is almost impossible. You will need to ride herd on the cats to get anything done.
The citizens are involved	 Council must be balanced with citizens, not be tech industry shills

6.4 New technologies operating in public spaces should be subject to a **cybersecurity review** during the permitting process.



What Works	Improvements Needed
Cybersecurity	 Lots of burden on city > have a 3rd party
Makes sense to review projects	Require mitigation plans
 Likes that it's during the permitting process 	• Solve for edge cases > be less prescriptive
Gives us a head start on unintended consequences	Potential to be extremely onerous
Always a good idea	Too reactive. Needs to be proactive
	Needs resources to effectively implement
	Subject matter experts needed
	What about existing technologies. Be careful on
	how it is worded
	Leverage existing reporting
	• Depending upon the technology, you may want
	two teams - "white box" testing (where you know
	the underlying architecture) and "black box" testing
	(where you don't' know the underlying
	architecture). Do this on a regular basis without
	announcement. Do extensive regression testing
	before major releases.

Written Comments:

• Any user must have clear choice "I opt into collection of data" or "I opt out of collection of data. This must be separate, up front and not part of any "terms of use document". Opting out may not preclude or change any costs or other conditions under the "terms of use". Use is granted, with or without data collection.





Track 7: Forecasting

Issues Potential Actions are Intended to Solve: There is no formal structure with subject matter experts to talk about the future of technology and its impact on cities, making it difficult for local government to anticipate impacts and proactively respond to new technologies.

Ratings and feedback to the two proposed actions for this Track and its issue are:

7.1: Create future cities council to anticipate upcoming technologies that may impact San Francisco.



Ratings for 7.1

7.2 Hire staff within the City to forecast into the future and use this intelligence to get ahead of regulatory issues.



What about commission instead of council / staff?

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 Advisory group? "Fix it team" 	
 What do we do when we get this information? 	





APPENDIX

SEPTEMBER 17 SESSION ATTENDEES

Name	Organization	Are you a registered lobbyist?
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