Honorable Daniel Lurie and San Francisco Board of Supervisors
City Hall
#1 Dr. Carlton B. Goodlett Place
San Francisco, CA 94102

Dear Mayor Lurie and Supervisors:

At the meeting of the Public Works Commission on September 11, 2025, the following resolution was adopted:

RESOLUTION NO. 2025-0095

APPROVAL TO FORWARD THE SAN FRANCISCO PUBLIC WORKS COMMISSION'S "STATEMENT OF PURPOSE" TO THE BOARD OF SUPERVISORS AND MAYOR FOR APPROVAL.

RESOLVED, that pursuant to San Francisco Charter Section 4.102 the Public Works Commission hereby approves forwarding the Commission's "Statement of Purpose" to the Mayor and Board of Supervisors for approval.

Votes in favor: 4

Votes opposed: Ø

Very truly yours,

Bob Fuller
Commission Affairs Manager
San Francisco Public Works Commission

San Francisco Public Works Commission
Statement of Jurisdiction and Purpose

The San Francisco Public Works Commission (Commission) is a five-member volunteer body tasked with providing public oversight of San Francisco Public Works (Department).

Composition

Two of the Commission's five members are appointed by the Mayor, subject to confirmation by the Board of Supervisors. Two members are appointed by the Board of Supervisors. One member is appointed by the Controller, subject to confirmation by the Board of Supervisors. Commission meetings are open to the public and are generally held twice per month at San Francisco City Hall.

Jurisdiction and Authority

As provided in Section 4.141 of the San Francisco Charter, with regard to the Department, the Commission shall exercise all powers and duties of boards and commissions set forth in Sections 4.102, 4.103, and 4.104, except for the authority conferred to the Sanitation and Streets Commission in Section 4.139. In addition, the Commission may take other actions as prescribed by City ordinances.

The Commission's significant powers include, but are not limited to:

1. Approval of the Department's annual budget, subject to the Mayor's authority to initiate, prepare, and submit the proposed budget.
2. Recommendation of rates, fees, and similar charges to the Mayor for approval by the Board of Supervisors.
3. Approval of Department contracts according to Chapter 6 of the San Francisco Administrative Code.
4. Conducting investigations into Department operations and making recommendations to the Board of Supervisors.
5. Removal of the Department head.
6. In the case of a Department head vacancy, submittal to the Mayor of three or more qualified applicants for the position, subject to appointment by the Mayor.

Apart from hiring the Commission Affairs Manager, the Commission does not have power over hiring decisions, workforce deployment, or other day-to-day departmental operations. The Department head exercises those operational powers.

Purpose and Goals

1. Enhance the quality of life in San Francisco by providing effective oversight of the construction and maintenance of public facilities and the public right-of-way.
2. Evaluate the performance of the Department in executing its responsibilities.
3. Set Department policies that reflect industry best practices and the input of San Franciscans.
4. Create a forum for the public to learn about and comment on the work of the Department.
5. Serve the public interest with integrity, openness, and independence.