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MUNICIPAL TRANSPORTATION AGENCY  
CITIZENS' ADVISORY COUNCIL

MINUTES

Thursday, March 4, 2021

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**PUBLIC COMMENT CALL-IN:** (415) 915-0757 | Conference ID: 589 180 11#

REGULAR MEETING  
5:30 P.M.

COUNCIL MEMBERS  
Neil Ballard (Chair), Frank Zepeda (Vice Chair),  
Chris Arvin, Michael Chen, Queena Chen, Steve Cornell, Aaron Leifer, John Lisovsky,  
Christopher Man, Daniel Murphy, Obai Rambo, Karim Salgado, Susan Vaughan, and Dorris  
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COUNCIL LIAISON  
Christine Silva

COUNCIL SECRETARY  
Keka Robinson-Luqman

Due to the COVID-19 health emergency and to protect our Council Members, SFMTA staff, and members of the public, the SFMTA Meeting Room (Union Square Conference Room) is closed.

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## ORDER OF BUSINESS

### 1. Call to Order

Chair Ballard called the meeting to order at 5:36 p.m.

### 2. Roll Call

CAC members present at Roll Call: Neil Ballard, Chris Arvin, Michael Chen, Queena Chen, Stephen Cornell, Aaron Leifer, John Lisovsky, Christopher Man, Daniel Murphy, Karim Salgado, Dorris Vincent, and Frank Zepeda

CAC members absent at Roll Call: Obai Rambo and Susan Vaughan

### 3. Announcement of prohibition of sound producing devices during the meeting.

No announcement was made.

### 4. Approval of Minutes:

No public comment.

On motion to approve the minutes of February 4, 2021:

ADOPTED: AYES – Neil Ballard, Chris Arvin, Michael Chen, Queena Chen, Stephen Cornell, Aaron Leifer, John Lisovsky, Christopher Man, Daniel Murphy, Karim Salgado, Dorris Vincent, and Frank Zepeda  
ABSENT – Obai Rambo and Susan Vaughan

### 5. Report of the Chair (For discussion only)

Chair Ballard congratulated Roger Marengo on the new addition to his family, 32-day-old Diego Marengo Calderon.

No public comment.

### 6. Public Comment

Edward Mason stated that on December 2<sup>nd</sup> Muni requested funding for replacement of 30 ft Orion buses. The problem is they were very vague in their description of what they were asking for. There was no sketch, no outline. At the board meeting, they disclosed they formed a consortium with Georgia's State Department of General Services. They failed to advise the Citizens' Advisory Council. This whole process was going on for over six months. The CAC was sidestepped at looking at the contract. The CAC should have had at least some type of knowledge as to what was being procured.

Roger Marengo stated that the TWU Local 250-A is happy with the announcement that the streetcars and cable cars will be returning in 2021. They look forward to providing more service to the city of San Francisco.

#### REGULAR CALENDAR

7. Presentation, discussion, and possible action regarding the San Francisco Youth Commission priorities and recommendations as related to the SFMTA. (Calvin Quick, Legislative Affairs Officer & District 5 Commissioner; Jayden Tanaka, District 1 Commissioner; and Plyfaa Suwanamalik-Murphy, District 4 Commissioner. Explanatory documents include a slide presentation and a memo.)

#### PUBLIC COMMENT:

Hayden Miller stated that he supports all the recommendations.

Roger Marengo thanked the youth commissioners for their presentation. He stated that his only concern is the actual timing of the free fares. He wants to make sure the agency doesn't consider layoffs to offset the cost of the program. He stated that in the last contract, the dependent passes for the dependents of Operators ended at age 18 and they negotiated it up to age 26.

Tom Barton stated that he was not aware of the youth council and he supports them. He thanked them.

#### CAC MOTION 210304.01

The SFMTA CAC recommends that the SFMTA adopt recommendations 1, 2, 3, 5, 6 and 7 (that is, those recommendations unrelated to fares) presented by the Youth Commission to the CAC at the March 2021 meeting of the SFMTA CAC, with the addition of the word "eligible" before "students" in item 3.

On motion to approve:

ADOPTED: AYES – Neil Ballard, Chris Arvin, Queena Chen, Aaron Leifer, Christopher Man, Daniel Murphy, Obai Rambo, Karim Salgado, Susan Vaughan, and Dorris Vincent  
NAYES – Michael Chen, Stephen Cornell, John Lisovsky, and Frank Zepeda

#### CAC MOTION 210304.02

The SFMTA CAC recommends that the SFMTA adopt recommendation 4 (that is, the recommendation related to fares) presented by the Youth Commission to the CAC at the March 2021 meeting of the SFMTA CAC.

On motion to approve:

FAILED ADOPTION: AYES – Neil Ballard, Chris Arvin, and Dorris Vincent

NAYES –Michael Chen, Queena Chen, Stephen Cornell, Aaron Leifer,  
John Lisovsky, Christopher Man, Daniel Murphy, Obai  
Rambo, Karim Salgado, Susan Vaughan, and Frank Zepeda

8. Presentation, discussion, and possible action regarding ConnectSF. (Kansai Uchida, ConnectSF Project Manager. Explanatory documents include a slide presentation.)

Kansai Uchida, ConnectSF Project Manager, presented the item.

PUBLIC COMMENT:

Tom Barton stated that staff should involve all transit riders and all supervisors.

Hayden Miller stated that with the current structural deficit he wonders how practical it is to keep building more and more capital projects when they can't even keep up with existing capital infrastructure. A lot of members lose trust in the public when they're told that some things are going to be temporary and then they become permanent.

Edward Mason recommended using absolute minutes of time savings instead of percentages. He stated that the citizenry of San Francisco has lost confidence. There must be a drastic change and a complete overhaul of the way capital projects are conducted.

9. Council Member Information and Agenda Item Requests. (For discussion only)

None.

ADJOURN- The meeting was adjourned at 7:53 p.m.

Submitted by:



Keka Robinson-Luqman  
SFMTA CAC – Secretary

Next regular meeting: Thursday, April 1<sup>st</sup> at 5:30pm | Online via Microsoft Teams