



Engineering, Maintenance and Safety Committee
Monday, April 28, 2014 at 3:00 p.m.
1 South Van Ness Avenue, 6th Floor, Candlestick Conference Room

MINUTES

1. Call to Order

Chairman Zepeda called the meeting to order at 3:14 p.m.

2. Roll Call

EMSC members present at Roll Call: Frank Zepeda and Dorris Vincent

EMSC members absent: None

SFMTA CAC members not on this committee, but also present: None

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

The Acting CAC Secretary made the announcement.

4. Approval of Minutes:

- January 22, 2014

Continued to next meeting

Public Comment:

None

5. Report of the chairman (For discussion only):

None

6. Public Comment:

Edward Mason commented that the SFMTA excavated the pavement on Church Street and installed a large utility box on a utility pole but the area hasn't be repaved. The work has been completed but the repaving hasn't been done for three weeks and this is creating potholes. The SFMTA should complete projects ASAP as this is bad for traffic.

7. Presentation, discussion and possible action regarding the Transit Effectiveness Project procedures. (Julie Kirschbaum, Manager, Service Planning)

Julie Kirschbaum stated that Project staff looked at customer origin destination patterns to understand where transit is working well and where it can be working better. Staff reviewed ridership and noted that the majority of customers travel at the core of the route. They looked at route design and studied regional travel patterns versus local patterns. Connectivity was key in maintaining coverage, origin, destinations and route hierarchy. Staff developed travel time reduction options. Signal Priority can be implemented at intersections and has been done at Mission Street. The bus can hold the light which saves about five minutes. Bus bulbs can reduce the amount of time a bus spends pulling in and out of traffic. Lane modifications are another option including dedicated lanes and the widening of lanes based on safety data. Staff is also interested in implementing pedestrian improvements and is aligning TEP and VisionZero goals. Staff is collecting before and after data related to ridership, travel time and service delivery.

Public Comment:

Edward Mason commented that seniors will have to walk up or down the Liberty Street hill along the J line. He advocated for the TEP to consider the impact on the elderly and disabled. He also stated that with the elimination of stop signs, there will be an acceleration of car traffic.

8. Presentation, discussion and possible action regarding an update on the Real Estate Vision. (Jason Gallegos, Manager, Real Estate Development)

Jason Gallegos stated that the Real Estate Vision Report is a road map to utilize strategy for our real estate. Staff factored in the age of facilities and the inefficiency of some properties. The report is multidimensional and includes bus storage. The SFMTA needs to intensify the use of existing properties and is working with the Mayor's Office and a city task force to develop city wide guidelines. Affordable housing is a component to ensuring the betterment of San Francisco as a whole.

The facilities at the yards exceed crush capacity and the SFMTA needs to expand motor coach expansion or acquire a new facility which is difficult in San Francisco. There is a larger than expected ridership in some areas so added efficiency means longer buses and the need to store them which is a change to the original plan. Rubber coach facilities like Woods are a priority.

Public Comment:

Edward Mason inquired if the SamTrans north yard near the airport, the Lazarus yard or the City College reservoir would work for the SFMTA's storage needs. He also inquired if any affordable housing development at various Muni yards would allow Muni employee first shot at housing.

9. Presentation, discussion and possible action regarding an update on Pedestrian Safety. (Seleta Reynolds, Section Leader, Livable Streets)

Seleta Reynolds stated that there is a Mayor's directive to cut pedestrian accidents and injuries by half. There is a network of 70 miles of streets. Staff has reviewed 2300 collision records, categorized crash profiles for the elderly, left turns, children under 17, etc. The SFMTA adheres to the highway safety manual for the most effective solutions.

Cost effective solutions have been matched and prioritized by trends of elderly and children and other communities of concern. Staff is addressing equity issues both socially and geographically. There is some funding in place but more is needed. VisionZero goes further than the Mayor's directive and goes across all modes, not just walking. The Livable Streets, Transit Engineering and Traffic Operations sections are collaborating on this effort.

Public Comment:

Edward Mason inquired if staff was considering signage such as "walk your bike on the sidewalk."

10. Committee members' requests for information. (For discussion only)

Dorris Vincent wants an update on platform maintenance and on lines being changed to accommodate new housing developments at Alice Griffin and Jamestown.

Frank Zepeda would like updates on the Second Street and Polk Street Projects as well as the E-line.

Public Comment:


None

11. Schedule upcoming Meeting and Agenda Items. (For discussion only)

Next regular meeting: Wednesday, May 28, 2014 at 3:00 pm

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ADJORN: The meeting was adjourned at 5:03 p.m.


Respectfully submitted by:
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