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ENGINEERING, MAINTENANCE AND SAFETY COMMITTEE

MINUTES

Wednesday, June 24, 2015  
Noe Valley Conference Room, #7075  
1 South Van Ness Avenue, 7<sup>th</sup> Floor

REGULAR MEETING  
3:00 P.M.

COMMITTEE MEMBERS  
Frank Zepeda, Chairman  
Dorris Vincent  
Roland Wong

COUNCIL LIAISON  
Roberta Boomer

COUNCIL SECRETARY  
Yvette Torres

## ORDER OF BUSINESS

### 1. Call to Order

Chairman Zepeda called the meeting to order at 3:08 p.m.

### 2. Roll Call

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

EMSC members absent at Roll Call: None

EMSC members absent: None

SFMTA CAC members not on this committee, but also present: Steve Taber

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

CAC Secretary Torres made the announcement.

### 4. Approval of Minutes:

No public comment.

On motion to approve the minutes of May 26, 2015:

ADOPTED: AYES – Dorris Vincent, Roland Wong, and Frank Zepeda

NAYES – None

ABSENT – None

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

None

### 6. Public Comment:

David Pilpel commented on outreach for the Twin Peaks Tunnel Project and staff communication to the Citizens' Advisory Council when construction for capital projects affect passengers. Mr. Pilpel stated that July 3, 2015 will be a minimum staffing day and that Muni will operate a Saturday service schedule and a Sunday service the next day. Mr. Pilpel inquired if the Council was informed in advance of these service changes.

## REGULAR CALENDAR

### 7. Presentation, discussion, and possible action regarding private bus operations in the Marina. (Tim Papandreou, Deputy Director)

Timothy Papandreou discussed the status of private bus operations in the Marina. Mr. Papandreou stated that the SFMTA is developing a response for shared transit services. Mr. Papandreou stated that items of concern for the private bus operators are the certification and allocating and managing curbside space. Mr. Papandreou stated that he will provide an update to the Citizens' Advisory Council.

PUBLIC COMMENT:

Edward Mason commented that the Santa Clara VTA has an application where you can call for transit services in areas not well served by transit or during off hours. Mr. Mason also commented that private bus operators contribute to congestion at 24<sup>th</sup> and Church Streets.

8. Presentation, discussion, and possible action regarding the Glen Park Community Plan Implementation Project. (David Greenaway, Project Manager, Capital Projects & Construction)

David Greenaway discussed the status of construction work in progress in Glen Park. Mr. Greenaway stated that after construction work had started, he had received requests from the community regarding the left turn signal at Diamond Street (northbound) and changing the location of the bus shelter at Diamond and Bosworth Streets (southbound). Mr. Greenaway also described remaining construction work to complete the project.

Damon Curtis, Engineer, Sustainable Streets division, discussed the design of the turns for the intersection of Diamond and Bosworth Streets. The SFMTA uses the California Manual on Uniform Traffic Control Devices issued by Caltrans (CA-MUTCD).

PUBLIC COMMENT:

Edward Mason commented that there are a lot of corporate commuter buses at 24<sup>th</sup> and Castro Streets and how those buses are negotiating right-hand turns at that location. These buses turn from the middle lane and their rear wheels go over the catch basins. Mr. Mason inquired if there may be similar problems at Diamond Street.

David Pilpel commented on the design standard of turns and inquired what guidelines or standards are used by the SFMTA and if it is publically disclosed.

9. Presentation, discussion and possible action regarding the Rail Capacity Study. (Grahm Satterwhite, Program Manager)

Grahm Satterwhite provided an update on the Rail Strategy workshops. Mr. Satterwhite stated that the rail system is over capacity. There are demands on both the rail and bus lines in the near- and long-term future. Mr. Satterwhite stated that the rail capacity workshops were intended and successful in bringing in ideas, identifying constraints, discussing how Muni operates, Muni's existing assets, and improving expansion. This summer staff will work on an action plan for the West Portal subway entrance and pursue dedicated funds for an additional turnback at the Embarcadero. Mr. Satterwhite will return in six months to provide an update to the EMSC.

PUBLIC COMMENT:

David Pilpel commented that this was the first time he had heard of the Rail Capacity study and that he would have liked to be involved. He could not find information about it on the SFMTA website. Mr. Pilpel stated that he is interested in improving operations to reduce bottlenecks. Mr. Pilpel expressed surprise that there is no revenue line on Cesar Chavez and wishes there had been a more public opportunity to discuss this.

Edward Mason commented on auto traffic at 19<sup>th</sup> Avenue to the Golden Gate Bridge; the bike route at 22<sup>nd</sup> and Chattanooga Streets; congestion of corporate commuter buses and bicyclists on 24<sup>th</sup> Street; and train movement out of the West Portal station. Mr. Mason also stated that the first J Church that leaves the yard at 4:45 a.m. is not shown on 311.

10. Committee member requests for information. (For discussion only)

Frank Zepeda would like to know what vehicle (50', 40' bus) design and which template was used for the right-hand turn northbound at Diamond and Bosworth.

Dorris Vincent stated that a Beautification Grant was granted for Palou Street and that several outreaches have been done, but she would like to know how does this fit into Muni's plan. She stated improvements, such as bulb outs and planting goes from Griffin Street to Palou Avenue, but she would like to know if this grant is independent of what Muni is doing or does it fit into Muni's plan.

11. Schedule upcoming calendar items. (For discussion only)

Next regular meeting: Wednesday, July 22, 2015 at 3:00 p.m.

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The meeting was adjourned at 4:58 p.m.

Submitted by:



Yvette Torres  
SFMTA CAC Secretary