

**SITE:**            **Bank of America Building (So. Van Ness @ Market)  
One South Van Ness Avenue, 7<sup>th</sup> Floor  
Union Square Conference Room, #7080**

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**Minutes: March 19, 2015, 1 to 3 p.m.**

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**Present:**

Heidi Seretan, Randall Glock, David Longa, Daniel Catalan, Roland Wong, Miro Kielbus, jakkee bryson, Jean Green, Katie Mazza, Jeanne Lynch, Lily Marshall-Fricker, Marty Smith, DeMian Williams, Byron Yan

**Absent Excused:**

Bruce Morgan, Ed Evans, Les Clark, Kevin Lee, Justin Hamada, Vernon Smith, Dorothy Ramey

**Guests:**

Ron Mitchell

**1. Approval of Agenda and Minutes**

A motion was made by Ms. Seretan and seconded to approve the agenda and minutes. **Motion carried.**

**2. Public Comment**

None.

**3. Tactile Maps for Muni Metro Stations**

Frank Welte, Lighthouse for the Blind  
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Mr. Welte informed the membership of some tactile maps currently offered by the Lighthouse for the Blind which

describe all of the Muni Metro Stations. These maps are accessed via a smart pen, and are available for purchase for \$2.00 per a page. Smart pens are also available for purchase for \$109.00. For a limited time, 100 smart pens and tactile maps are being offered free of charge. If interested, please drop by the Lighthouse for the Blind to pick one up.

Mr. Kielbus asked if these maps would be made available in any of the libraries. Mr. Welte replied that they would be available at the Main Library.

Ms. Mazza wished to know how many copies. One.

Ms. Lynch asked for clarification on the number of maps offered free of purchase.

Ms. Mazza suggested partnering with DOR in publicizing the availability of these maps.

Ms. bryson stated that one could reach out to tech companies for a sponsorship to help make all the maps and pens free.

Ms. Seretan asked if the pen could read more than the transit maps. Yes.

Jeanne asked if any effort had been made to make these available to veterans; perhaps through the VA?

Mr. Smith asked if a similar approach might work for taxis; specifically using the smart pen to help describe features in the cab.

#### **4. Muni Forward Projects**

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Matthew Brill and Cathal Hennessy presented on two Muni forward Projects.

Mr. Brill informed the MAAC of the Muni Rapid Project and the enhancements to Mu bus stops which are one feature of this program. These enhancements will include a redesigned bus stop sign, banded bike rack at stops and the prioritizing of shelters for these stop locations.

These enhancements will start on April 25<sup>th</sup>.

Mr. Kielbus stated that along with the redesign of the bus stop signs /routes, the agency should explore the use of different shapes to designate different types of service. Perhaps a square for local, triangle for rapid, and circle for express.

Mr. Catalan confirmed that the 22 Line would be included in this.

Ms. Mazza confirmed that the new route names would be made available via Push to Talk.

Ms. Lynch asked if the SFMTA is able to move garbage cans at bus stop locations as part of this project.

Mr. Longa clarified that locals and rapids will use the same stops.

Mr. Brill handed off the presentation to Mr. Hennessy, who informed the MAAC about the enhancements to service on the 22 Line as it travels on 16<sup>th</sup>, between Church and 3<sup>rd</sup>.

Mr. Kielbus commented that instead of ending the line at 3<sup>rd</sup>, one should continue it to 4<sup>th</sup> and King.

## 5. **Update on Better Market Street Project**

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Ms. Tanner presented the membership with an update on the Better Market Street Plan. This project is currently in environmental review.

Mr. Smith asked if TNC companies would be permitted to use the transit only lanes. They would not.

Mr. Kielbus asked what the logo was. He then went on to ask why the people involved with Better Market Streets are not presenting, and why they insist on hiding behind the shadows. Staff explained that they were part of the Better Market Streets Team, and are the people involved with the project.

Mr. Wong asked if there was an example of an 8' island which he could visit to test out. Yes, on Church at 14<sup>th</sup>.

### Other Items:

## 6. **Items for Upcoming Agendas**

*(Make a motion for items you wish to be discussed)*

Ms. Seretan made a motion and Mr. Wong seconded, to have an update on the Free Muni Program.

**Motion carried; all in favor.**

Mr. Smith made a motion, and Ms. Seretan seconded, to set aside time to discuss ideas for encouraging the SFMTA Board to address the need to encourage people to yield their seats to seniors and people with disabilities.

**Motion carried; all in favor.**

**7. Meetings and Upcoming Events**

BART is hosting a tour of their network for seniors and people with disabilities. For more information, ask staff after the meeting.

**8. Adjourn**

*The next MAAC meeting is on April 16th.*

