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ENGINEERING, MAINTENANCE, AND SAFETY COMMITTEE

MINUTES

Wednesday, January 25, 2017
Noe Valley Conference Room, #7075
1 South Van Ness Avenue, 7th Floor

**REGULAR MEETING
4:00 P.M.**

COMMITTEE MEMBERS
Frank Zepeda, Chairman
Cesar Magdaleno
Dorris Vincent

COUNCIL LIAISON
Roberta Boomer

COUNCIL SECRETARY
Keka Robinson-Luqman

ORDER OF BUSINESS

1. Call to Order

Chairman Zepeda called the meeting to order at 4:02 p.m.

2. Roll Call

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

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

CAC Secretary Robinson-Luqman made the announcement.

4. Approval of Minutes:

No public comment.

On motion to approve the minutes of September 28, 2016, October 26, 2016, and November 16, 2016:

ADOPTED: AYES – Cesar Magdaleno, Dorris Vincent, and Frank Zepeda

5. Report of the Chairman (For discussion only)

Chairman Zepeda welcomed Council Member Magdaleno as the newest member of the committee. He asked the CAC secretary to call Item 8 out of order and moved public comment until the end of the meeting.

6. Public Comment:

Edward Mason stated that the overhead poles on the J line were replaced in the summer of 2016 and removed from 1135 Church Street. The new pole was installed at 1141 Church Street. There is still a temporary asphalt patch where the removal took place. There is also a temporary asphalt patch at 22nd and Church Streets where Muni put in a box on a pole that has solar cells on it. He inquired when all of these temporary patches would be fixed.

REGULAR CALENDAR

7. Presentation, discussion, and possible action regarding the future of the red transit-only lanes. (Sean Kennedy, Manager, Muni Forward. No explanatory documents.)

Julie Kirschbaum, Deputy Director of Operations Support, presented the item. The SFMTA is very proud of the red transit-only program and the results have been positive. Since they started rolling them out, the SFMTA has seen significantly fewer violations where there are red lanes as opposed to the previous patterns in the transit-only lanes. The red lanes have also improved Muni service reliability. The California Transportation Commission (CTC)

asked for Muni's final report to include a section on outreach. The SFMTA will be returning to the CTC in March. The Federal Highway Administration is also supportive of San Francisco and other cities doing this treatment.

PUBLIC COMMENT:

Edward Mason inquired if the field of view of the cameras on buses allows for them to record activity that goes on in the red lane if the bus is outside of the red lane. A lot of times, the red lanes are blocked so the buses are operating in adjacent lanes. There's a restaurant on Mission Street between 21st and 22nd streets that always has the red lane blocked. He has never seen enforcement at this restaurant. The bus spends more time out of the red lane than in it because the red lane is always blocked. He inquired why this is allowed to happen.

8. Presentation, discussion, and possible action regarding safety light brightness and announcement loudness on New Flyer vehicles. (Gary Chang, Senior Program Manager. Explanatory documents include a slide presentation.)

Gary Chang presented the item. He stated that volume is subjective. The SFMTA is trying to find a happy medium and is actively working toward a solution to the volume issue. As for the lights, from this point on, all new arriving buses have a glare shield. The glare shield significantly reduces the brightness of the safety lights. The SFMTA will be adding the glare shield to all buses.

PUBLIC COMMENT:

Edward Mason stated that he has gotten feedback from neighbors that the bus headlights are intensely bright. He inquired if they are LED lights.

9. Presentation, discussion, and possible action regarding the Palou Streetscape Project. Chava Kronenberg, Manager, Pedestrian Program, and Felipe Robles, Transportation Planner. Explanatory documents include existing street and proposed changes handout.)

Felipe Robles presented the item. He stated that there is some concern from Bayview residents about making Quint Street a cul de sac, but other than that, feedback regarding the project has been mostly positive. The plan goes before the SFMTA Board for approval on February 21st.

PUBLIC COMMENT:

Edward Mason inquired how close the Palou Streetscape Project is to the Quint Street Bridge redesign for Caltrain. At the Transportation Authority, they were proposing a cul de sac where the train and the bridge is.

EMSC Motion 170125.01

With the support of the community, the SFMTA CAC recommends that the SFMTA Board of Directors support the Palou Streetscape Project.

On motion to approve:

ADOPTED: AYES – Cesar Magdaleno, Dorris Vincent, and Frank Zepeda

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

Dorris Vincent inquired if it is the SFMTA or the Department of Public works that is responsible for replacing temporary asphalt patches with permanent concrete when Muni does construction.

Dorris Vincent inquired if there was ever a transportation plan that included a municipal garage in the Bayview. She inquired how to go about getting a municipal garage there.

Frank Zepeda requested on-time improvement data since the installation of red transit-only lanes and transit signal priority.

Frank Zepeda requested a presentation on the removal of the rearward securement device from new additions to Muni's fleet.

ADJOURN- The meeting was adjourned at 5:44 p.m.

Submitted by:



Keka Robinson-Luqman
SFMTA CAC – Secretary

Next regular meeting: Wednesday, February 22, 2017 at 4:00 p.m.
One South Van Ness Avenue, 7th Floor, Noe Valley Conference Room, #7075