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CITIZENS' ADVISORY COUNCIL**

**ENGINEERING, MAINTENANCE AND SAFETY COMMITTEE**

**MINUTES**

Thursday, March 23, 2017  
Noe Valley Conference Room, #7075  
1 South Van Ness Avenue, 7<sup>th</sup> Floor

**SPECIAL 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 4:12 p.m.

### 2. Roll Call

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

EMSC members absent: Dorris Vincent (without notification)

CAC members present: Stephen Cornell and Stephen Taber

### 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 February 22, 2017:

ADOPTED: AYES – Cesar Magdaleno and Frank Zepeda

ABSENT – Dorris Vincent

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

No report.

### 6. Public Comment

Aaron Goodman stated that a child near Aptos was hit by a car recently. There are concerns about how to improve safety at platforms. Cars often jump over the curb. The platform is usually overflowing with kids. Having rails installed is key for the safety of children. There needs to be an assessment of rail areas near schools.

Edward Mason stated that earlier this month the Genentech bus stalled for over an hour and a half. It completely shut down 24<sup>th</sup> street. Forty buses an hour pass through 24<sup>th</sup> and Church. Between 7am and 8am, 30 buses compete for one bus stop in front of Happy Donuts. It's an ongoing nightmare. The SFMTA is supposed to meet with hold a community meeting in mid-April. The community's main concern from a safety standpoint is all the congestion.

David Pilpel stated that boarding island issues on Ocean Avenue and other places in the rail system should be compared along with what the SFMTA is learning from Taraval island signage. It's an opportunity for interdisciplinary chit chat on boarding islands. Staff should address delays caused by mechanical problems and operational issues of shuttle buses. The Twin Peaks Tunnel Project has been rescheduled due to changes. Staff should summarize the changes that have happened since their presentation.

## REGULAR CALENDAR

7. Presentation, discussion, and possible action regarding the Subway Vision Plan, ConnectSF, and the Bay Area Core Capacity Study. (Grahm Satterwhite, Principal Planner. Explanatory documents include a slide presentation.)

Lucas Woodward, Senior Transportation Planner, presented the item. He stated that there is not a lot that is new regarding the Subway Vision Plan. Staff is currently working on the final report. It is expected to be done in April. There haven't been new recommended lines. It's more of an inquiry into what future subway development might look at.

He discussed public outreach feedback, long term study findings, and next steps of the Core Capacity Transit Study.

### PUBLIC COMMENT:

Aaron Goodman expressed concerns about equity and rail capacity in more dense neighborhoods. Most of the density is in the southeast to southwest corridor but the plan focuses on the north area. It's key to start looking at what lines can be increased in those areas. There should be more high capacity lines being developed.

Edward Mason inquired if the forecasts are based on Plan Bay Area. He also expressed concern about the transfer at Church Street. He inquired what will happen with autonomous vehicles. Every transit agency is losing ridership. He wondered what the SFMTA is doing about relieving freeway traffic. The SFMTA should be considering a regional express bus system. Neighborhoods are clogged with private buses.

David Pilpel said the information presented was helpful, although, without seeing the full presentation, it is difficult to know what constitutes the short-term and the long-term plans. There needs to be a unifying vision to relate the big picture to this. He inquired how the SFMTA is reconciling subway verses surface. It's difficult to look at it in isolation. There are major implications in the near-term for riders if they must transfer more. If President Trump reduces discretionary funds, it will hurt the SFMTA.

Lucas Woodward also discussed ConnectSF. The SFMTA, in conjunction with several other agencies, is trying to do something they haven't normally done as a city which is look at transportation planning in the long term and consider things not normally considered. The SFMTA is trying to develop transportation products that are resilient to those transportation choices. The San Francisco Planning Department, Transportation Authority, and the SFMTA are all working together to pull together a vision that will inform several transportation products. Different agencies are responsible for different planning elements. The website ([connectsf.org](http://connectsf.org)) links to different transportation planning packages. They are pulling together a task force and planning popups and road shows to get people aware of the program throughout the city. The idea of the popups is to get people thinking long-term about transportation in the future and trying to understand the key values that drive people.

PUBLIC COMMENT:

Aaron Goodman inquired how the SFMTA will move mass transit in the future and if there is a modern view for mass transit. It doesn't always have to be a subway solution. The concept of more positive solutions must be generated.

David Pilpel stated that there needs to be something big that connects the pieces. It should be framed in a way that people can respond. He questioned the value of the pop up activity.

Edward Mason stated that people are leaving the city because of congestion. He inquired if SFMTA has the resources to support the growth. The growth will change transportation needs and requirements.

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

None.

PUBLIC COMMENT:

David Pilpel stated that he has yet to meet Siew-Chin Yeong Director, Capital Programs and Construction. He encouraged the committee to invite her to a meeting. He also encouraged the committee to request a copy of the SFMTA Capital Programs and Construction monthly updates.

ADJOURN - the meeting was adjourned at 5:38 p.m.

Submitted by:



Keka Robinson-Luqman  
SFMTA CAC – Secretary

Next regular meeting: Wednesday, April 26, 2017 at 4:00 p.m.  
One South Van Ness Avenue, 7th Floor, Noe Valley Conference Room, #7075