

SAN FRANCISCO
MUNICIPAL TRANSPORTATION AGENCY
BOARD OF DIRECTORS
AND PARKING AUTHORITY COMMISSION

MINUTES

Tuesday, May 7, 2013
Room 400, City Hall
1 Dr. Carlton B. Goodlett Place

REGULAR MEETING AND CLOSED SESSION
1 P.M.

BOARD OF DIRECTORS

Tom Nolan, Chairman
Cheryl Brinkman, Vice Chairman
Leona Bridges
Malcolm Heinicke
Jerry Lee
Joél Ramos
Cristina Rubke

Edward Reiskin
DIRECTOR OF TRANSPORTATION

Roberta Boomer
BOARD SECRETARY

ORDER OF BUSINESS

1. Call to Order

Chairman Nolan called the meeting to order at 1:03 p.m.

2. Roll Call

Present: Leona Bridges – absent at Roll Call
Cheryl Brinkman
Malcolm Heinicke – absent at Roll Call
Jerry Lee
Tom Nolan
Joél Ramos

Absent: Cristina Rubke – with notification

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

Chairman Nolan announced that the ringing of and use of cell phones, pagers and similar sound-producing electronic devices are prohibited at the meeting. He advised that any person responsible for the ringing or use of a cell phone, pager, or other similar sound-producing electronic devices might be removed from the meeting. He also advised that cell phones that are set on “vibrate” cause microphone interference and requested that they be placed in the “off” position.

Director Bridges arrived.

4. Approval of Minutes

On motion to approve the minutes of the April 16, 2013 Regular Meeting: unanimously approved (Heinicke, Rubke-absent).

5. Communications

Board Secretary Boomer stated that there would be no closed session.

6. Introduction of New or Unfinished Business by Board Members

Chairman Nolan requested an update on the Market Street Railways’ Vision for the E Line.

7. Director’s Report (For discussion only)

- Special Recognition Award
- Update on North East Mission Parking Plans
- Ongoing Activities

Director Heinicke arrived.

Special Recognition Awards were presented to Chimmy Lee, Graphic Designer, Communications; Langi Tiueti, Security Guard, Fifth/Mission Garage; Sustainable Streets; Joseph Freeman and Kenneth Wadley, custodial service employees; Maintenance of Way and Infrastructure, Transit Services.

Director Reiskin provided an update on plans for parking in the North East Mission; and discussed the arrival of new vehicles and the transit boring machines, a recent *SFpark* nomination; MAP21 congressional hearings and Bike to Work day.

PUBLIC COMMENT:

Ernestine Weiss suggested that the new vehicles be placed on the most heavily trafficked routes in the city, specifically the 1 California, 14 Mission and 30 Stockton. The old buses were too high especially for seniors, children and people with disabilities.

Marc Solomon discussed the parking plan for the North East Mission. Staff has not been forthcoming with the neighborhood. The needs of existing residents should be put first, followed by "PDR" and lastly commuters. That would be an elegant and workable solution. The Board needs to step up.

8. Citizens' Advisory Council Report

No report.

9. Public Comment

Ernestine Weiss discussed overcrowding on the F Line, the need for signage and the need for seating in the new shelters.

Joanne Abernathy discussed problems she has experienced on the T Third line. It's unfair to ticket people for an expired transfer when they've waited more than 90 minutes to catch the train.

Carl Macmurdo discussed senior operator permits, paying for licenses on-line and the ability to purchase a pink moustache on-line.

Joan Wood expressed opposition to the demolition of the Pagoda Palace.

Lance Carnes expressed opposition to the extension of the Central Subway tunnels into North Beach. The behavior of the SFMTA towards the neighborhood is that the neighborhood is gullible and uninformed. He invited Board members to meet North Beach neighbors.

Winston Smith expressed opposition to removing the tunnel boring machines in North Beach and concern about contamination. The machines should be left underground in Chinatown.

Espanola Jackson discussed poor T Third line service and trains being stopped at 23rd Street.

Claude Carpenter expressed concern about how Bayview Hunters Point (BVHP) residents are treated. Turning the T Third line train around affects residents.

Jackie Wysinger discussed the impact that T Third line service has on elderly people. Don't turn the train.

Claudia Bustamante discussed an experience she had on the T Third line. Someone in a wheelchair was forced to get off. Please stop this.

Jim Hill discussed the T Third line train turning around at 23rd Street. He doesn't understand why it turns around when it's full of people who then must wait 45 minutes to an hour. It's not right. More trains should be on the line during commute hours.

Jane Martin expressed appreciation for Free Muni for Youth. She also discussed issues with respect to turning the T Third line early. It happens frequently, both scheduled and unscheduled. She requested that this be put on a future agenda for discussion.

David Pilpel proposed a "fall back" operation that was tried 30 years ago (and didn't work.) It will have dramatic implications on cost and passengers. He also expressed interest in the recent PERB decision and stated that he discussed the lack of public trust at a recent CAC meeting.

Paul Page urged the SFMTA to slow the progress of the tunnel boring machines and prevent it from going to North Beach. Residents should be given the chance to decide how they want transit to come to North Beach.

Donaji Lona expressed appreciation for "Free Muni for Youth" and expressed concern about T Third line service. It's hard for mothers to wait 45 minutes for a train when they have children to pick up.

Juana Tello discussed T Third line trains that are turning around. It's unfair and inequitable to have service that leaves families on the platform. After 4 p.m., service is overcrowded and inconsistent. It's unacceptable for elderly people or mothers with children and groceries to have to walk for blocks.

Beatriz Herrera expressed appreciation for "Free Muni for Youth" and concern about T Third line service. Many BVHP residents work during ball games and there aren't as many trains going to where they live so it can take more than one or two hours to get home. She requested that the item be scheduled for future discussion.

Mary McGuire asked that the Board discuss T Third line service. She also discussed town cars at ballgames. Taxis can't get to cabstands near the ballpark because the streets are jammed. Illegal ride shares are ignoring the "cease and desist" order. Taxi drivers pay millions of dollars in fees. There aren't any vehicle inspections for town cars.

Marc Salomon discussed switchbacks. The K and the T lines need to be separated and signage needs to be examined. Despite having widely separated stops, traffic signal prioritization and grade separation on Third Street, service is still slow. There are limits to how fast Muni can move on the surface.

Chairman Nolan asked for a report on T Third line service. Director Heinicke requested that the report include how we are communicating service changes and delays to passengers.

THE FOLLOWING MATTERS BEFORE THE SAN FRANCISCO MUNICIPAL TRANSPORTATION AGENCY BOARD OF DIRECTORS ARE RECOMMENDED FOR ACTION AS STATED BY THE SFMTA DIRECTOR OF TRANSPORTATION OR CITY ATTORNEY WHERE APPLICABLE. EXPLANATORY DOCUMENTS FOR ALL CALENDAR ITEMS ARE AVAILABLE FOR REVIEW AT 1 SOUTH VAN NESS AVE. 7th FLOOR.

CONSENT CALENDAR

10. All matters listed hereunder constitute a Consent Calendar, are considered to be routine by the San Francisco Municipal Transportation Agency Board of Directors and will be acted upon by a single vote. There will be no separate discussion of these items unless a member of the Board of Directors or the public so requests, in which event the matter shall be removed from the Consent Calendar and considered as a separate item.

(10.1) Approving the following traffic modifications:

- A. ESTABLISH – RESIDENTIAL PERMIT PARKING AREA "DD", 2-HOUR PARKING, 8 AM TO 4 PM, MONDAY THROUGH FRIDAY – Ocean Avenue, 3800 block, both sides, between Sylvan and Middlefield Drives.
- B. ESTABLISH – NO PARKING ANYTIME – 15th Street, north side, from Buena Vista Terrace to 79 feet easterly; and 15th Street, south side, from Buena Vista Terrace, 54 feet to 80 feet easterly.
- C. ESTABLISH – PARK AT 90 DEGREES – 15th Street, south side, from 80 feet to 186 feet east of Buena Vista Terrace.
- D. ESTABLISH – TOW-AWAY NO PARKING ANYTIME – 15th Street, south side, from 186 feet to 235 feet east of Buena Vista Terrace.
- E. ESTABLISH – NO PARKING ANYTIME – Hudson Avenue, south side, from Newhall Street to 48 feet westerly.
- F. ESTABLISH – BIKE LANES – Holloway Avenue, eastbound, Beverly Street to Vernon Street and Holloway Avenue, westbound, Ashton Street to Vernon Street.
- G. RESCIND – NO PARKING, 9 AM TO 6 PM – Holloway Avenue, north side, Ashton Avenue to Lunado Way.

- H. ESTABLISH – TOW-AWAY NO PARKING ANYTIME – Holloway Avenue, south side, from Junipero Serra Boulevard to Vernon Street; and Holloway Avenue, north side, from Ashton Way to Vernon Street.
- I. ESTABLISH – RESIDENTIAL PERMIT PARKING AREA H, 2-HOUR PARKING, 8 AM TO 6 PM, MONDAY THROUGH FRIDAY – Holloway Avenue, north side, from Lunado Way to Vernon Street. (Explanatory documents include a staff report and resolution.)

Item 10.1 was removed from the Consent Calendar at the request of a member of the public.

PUBLIC COMMENT:

David Pilpel expressed neither support nor opposition.

RESOLUTION 13-049

On motion to approve Item 10.1:

ADOPTED: AYES – Bridges, Brinkman, Heinicke, Lee, Nolan and Ramos

ABSENT - Rubke

(10.2) Approving parking and traffic changes on portions of Washington, Drumm and Jackson streets for streetscape improvements associated with the 8 Washington Street/Seawall Lot 351 Project development, making findings that the Final Environmental Impact Report is adequate for its use as the decision-making body for approving parking and traffic changes, and adopting and incorporating by reference Planning Commission Motion No. 18561. (Explanatory documents include a staff report, resolution, and findings)

Item 10.2 was removed from the Consent Calendar at the request of a member of the public.

PUBLIC COMMENT:

Ernestine Weiss expressed opposition.

David Pilpel expressed neither support nor opposition.

Eileen Dick expressed support.

RESOLUTION 13-050

On motion to approve Item 10.2:

ADOPTED: AYES – Bridges, Brinkman, Heinicke, Lee, Nolan and Ramos

ABSENT - Rubke

(10.3) Authorizing the Director to execute a Memorandum of Understanding with the Recreation and Park Department for the use of property located at the Union Square Garage and Union Square Park to facilitate construction of the Central Subway Project. (Explanatory documents include a staff report, resolution, financial plan and MOU.)

RESOLUTION 13-051

(10.4) Approving a lease agreement with the Sega Food Group/Ramin Vahabi for vacant retail space in the Ellis-O'Farrell garage for an initial term of 10 years, starting at the base rent of \$15,000 per month, with annual rent increases and with two five-year options to renew. (Explanatory documents include a staff report, resolution and agreement.)

RESOLUTION 13-052

(10.5) Authorizing the Director to execute Contract #SFMTA 2013-02 with Claremont Behavioral Services to provide Employee Assistance, Peer Assistance, Trauma Response Program Services and Conflict Resolution Training for an amount not to exceed \$1,062,000 and for a term of three years. (Explanatory documents include a staff report, resolution and contract.)

RESOLUTION 13-053

(10.6) Adopting modified CEQA Findings for the San Francisco Bicycle Plan Project and related actions; re-adopting the 2009 San Francisco Bicycle Plan and re-approving the traffic modifications required to implement 45 of the 60 near-term projects. (Explanatory documents include a staff report, resolution, findings, mitigation program and list of projects.)

Item 10.6 was removed from the Consent Calendar at the request of a member of the public.

PUBLIC COMMENT:

David Pilpel expressed opposition.

Marc Salomon and Neal Patel expressed support.

RESOLUTION 13-054

On motion to approve Item 10.6:

ADOPTED: AYES – Bridges, Brinkman, Heinicke, Lee, Nolan and Ramos

ABSENT - Rubke

On motion to approve the Consent Calendar (Items 10.1, 10.2 and 10.6 severed):

ADOPTED: AYES – Bridges, Brinkman, Heinicke, Lee, Nolan and Ramos

ABSENT - Rubke

REGULAR CALENDAR

11. Presentation and discussion regarding the SFMTA's long range vision for transit - initial policy analysis. (Explanatory documents include a slide presentation.)

Director Reiskin presented the item.

PUBLIC COMMENT:

Members of the public expressing neither support nor opposition: David Pilpel and Marc Salomon.

12. Discussion and vote pursuant to Administrative Code Section 67.10(d) as to whether to conduct a closed session.

No action. The closed session was cancelled.

ADJOURN - The meeting was adjourned at 3:11 p.m.

A tape of the meeting is on file in the office of the Secretary to the San Francisco Municipal Transportation Agency Board of Directors.



Roberta Boomer
Board Secretary

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