

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

Minutes: August 15, 2013, 1 to 3 p.m.

Members Present:

Heidi Seretan, Roland Wong, Miro Kielbus, Randall Glock, jakkee bryson, Ed Evans, Jean Green, Dave Longa, Jeanne Lynch, Bruce Morgan, Marty Smith, Vernon Smith, Demian Williams, Byron Yan, Roland Wong

Members Absent:

Stu Smith*, Les Clark*, Joseph Flanagan*, Kevin Lee*

*Excused

Guests:

Melvin Galloway, Bruce Oka, Virginia Rathke*, Matthew West*, Tim Chan, Annette Williams*

*SFMTA Staff

Approval of Agenda and Minutes

A motion was made to approve the Agenda and July Meeting Minutes. **Motion Carried.**

Public Comment

There was no public comment.

Presentations:

1. Update on Balboa Park Eastside Connection

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Mr. Chan presented an overview of Phase Two of the BART Eastside Connection Project at Balboa Park Station. He reviewed plans to construct a new Ocean Ave. entrance to the station, which will include a new accessible key stop and a better path of travel to and from the station. Mr. Chan also brought up plans to relocate the elevator so as to place it outside of the BART paid area. New plans call for the elevator to be placed next to the stair house on the North side of Geneva Ave.

Mr. Kielbus asked for more clarification regarding the location and specifics of the proposed elevator.

Mr. Morgan asked about the accessible path of travel; how exactly will this be constructed?

Mr. Chan answered that the path would be regarded, and would connect to the existing ramp on Ocean Ave. The entire area would also be opened up and made into a “Free” zone within the station.

Mr. M. Smith asked about the proposed elevator on Geneva – When it is placed will there be an adjacent taxi zone near it for people who arrive by paratransit?

Mr. Chan answered that this would have to be decided by SFMTA Staff, most likely TEP Staff.

Ms. Bryson asked about the housing plans in the area, specifically those made by the Mayor's Office on Housing. If these funds will be used for the new elevator, how far off is construction of this housing?

Mr. Chan stated that construction is still a ways off, however it is still the best source of funding for this project.

Ms. Green asked about access to the J Line. Will this change?

Mr. Chan stated that it will change; both the drop off area and the boarding area will be reconstructed to provide better access.

The meeting moved onto agenda item 9.

For Discussion:

2. Update on CPUC Rule Change for Ride Share

Stu Smith, Chair, SFMTA PCC

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Mr. S. Smith was not present. Mr. M. Smith gave a brief overview of the issue with rideshare services and insurance coverage. The rest of this presentation was tabled until the next meeting.

Ms. Bryson asked that a letter from the SFMTA MAAC be written which expresses the committee's concerns with equal availability of transit options.

3. **Update on Wayside Platform Feasibility Study**

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Mr. West began to provide a brief overview of the Wayside Platform Feasibility Study. Ms. Williams arrived and Mr. West yielded the floor to Ms. Williams, who continued with the presentation.

Ms. Williams reviewed several stops which would be suitable for a possible key stop and asked for the committee's recommendation.

Judah at 28th was supported by Mr. Glock, Mr. Yan and Ms. Redmond.

All proposed locations on the L Taraval (42nd, 17th and/or 18th) were supported by Mr. Wong.

Mr. Kielbus suggested that Taraval at 15th be looked at instead of Taraval at 17th and/or 18th.

Ms. Williams also mentioned that the SFMTA would like to examine the feasibility of a key stop somewhere between Sunset and 22nd Ave.

The SFMTA MAAC membership was in support of this.

Mr. Longa asked about the construction of a new key stop along the K/T Loop – Is this still scheduled to happen?

Ms. Williams stated that yes; this was to be constructed in the next year.

Mr. Wong asked if there was any way we could construct a ramp on Taraval at 46th similar to the one on the M Line, on Randolph at Arch.

Mr. Glock asked why we chose Taraval at 42nd over Taraval at 46th? Also, are there any plans for an additional accessible stop at the end of the L Line, over by the zoo? This way people would not have to wait through the layover.

The MAAC moved onto the agenda item 10.

4. Status of Previous Requests

- SF DPW will present to the SFMTA MAAC in September
- SFPD will present to the SFMTA MAAC in October

5. Comments from the Chair

Ms. Seretan welcomed everyone to a new year of MAAC. She then reviewed the MAAC Rules of conduct and asked everyone to please abide by them.

Ms. Bryson asked if MAAC Members can make sure to sit around the table.

Mr. Oka reminded members that if the SFMTA MAAC wishes to invite various department heads, the committee needs to follow the rules of conduct and be as professional as possible.

6. Member's Future Goals Agenda Items

Ms. Seretan went around the room and asked MAAC members to state what their main concern/goal is for the upcoming year. These goals will then be used to inform future agenda items.

Mr. Longa stated that he would like to focus on priority seating and making sure that the public knows what the blue seating inserts mean (Also, we should make sure that all blue seating inserts are correctly placed in the coaches). Mr. Longa would also like to see the MAAC involved with more field visits.

Mr. Morgan stated that communication is very important. He would like to see better communication to the riding public about what is expected on them. Also, we need to ensure that operators are making announcements; especially on Metro. Mr. Morgan would also like to see better coordination between the various city agencies which deal with people with disabilities.

Mr. Kielbus stated that all of the above is true, as well as the repeated need to include visual announcements as well as verbal announcements. We need to make sure to include better access services for the deaf community.

Mr. M. Smith stated that we need to look at more taxi stands throughout the city. We need to have one at most major transit stations, and in general they need to be more available.

Ms. Lynch would like to see more education efforts – the riding public needs to be educated on what is expected of them. Perhaps a video or other media – Passengers need to learn to respect people with disabilities. While there is

signage, many people do not read them. We also need to educate the tourists.

Ms. Redmond agrees with Ms. Lynch – Also we need to educate operators on how to help encourage people to yield the seats.

Mr. Evans agrees with the need for more taxis stands. Also we need better enforcement of everything, smoking in shelters, yielding seats, nefarious activities.

Ms. Green agrees with the last three speakers – Also we need to communicate with operators on what the policies are, and do a better job of backing up the operators when they try to enforce said polices. Educating the public on these same polices would be very helpful.

Ms. Seretan would like to see the MAAC get more involved in the community.

Mr. Glock would like to see more education of the MAAC Membership so that members can be better advocates on different transportation items. Mr. Glock would also like to see more positive feedback from the community in regards to the MAAC membership.

Ms. bryson would like to see her meeting tree turn into a meeting orchard. There are many different meetings out there and members need to attend them. Ms. bryson would also like to see the SFPD, DPW and Bicycle Coalition at our meetings to address member concerns with enforcement issues.

Mr. Yan would like to see better education and enforcement; the public needs to be aware of the rules and of what is expected of them.

Mr. Williams did not have any comment.

Mr. V. Smith did not have any comment.

Mr. Oka stated that the SFMTA MAAC has access to department heads right now – If we desire their presence at meetings we need to treat them with respect and ask questions which address the problem in general and not just a member's particular concern. If the SFMTA MAAC does into do this, then these department heads will not come back.

The meeting moved to agenda item 4, after which the MAAC took at 10 minute break.

The meeting resumed at 2pm and covered agenda item 2

7. Announcements

Mr. Wong announced that he has taken a new position with the Independent Living Resource Center (ILRC) as a Community Activities Coordinator. He is responsible for securing free tickets which people may use to attend various cultural activities. If anyone is interested in obtain a ticket, feel free to contact him.

Mr. Wong went onto announce that the ILRC and the Mayor's Office on Disability (MOD) are forming a joint task force to address paving options in the Better Market Streets Plan. If members are interested, please see this flyer or contact Peter Mendoza at (415) 543-6222. (Mr. West passed out the flyer.)

Mr. Kielbus stated that the SFMTA MAAC has very few people with visual disabilities on the committee – We need to do outreach to get more representation.

Mr. V. Smith stated that he had talked to the Northern California Council for the Blind and mentioned that the MAAC is actively recruiting members.

Mr. Glock stated that in general the SFMTA MAAC needs better representation of different disabilities.

Ms. Seretan stated that she had spoken with Ms. Marie Marchese and inquired if she would be interested in re-joining the SFMTA MAAC.

Ms. bryson asked who was currently working on Ms. Marchese's project to look at enforcement of cyclists by SFPD.

8. Adjourn

A motion was made to adjourn the meeting at 2:50pm.

Motion carried.

The next MAAC meeting is on September 19th

