



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

MINUTES

Tuesday, May 15, 2018
Room 400, City Hall
1 Dr. Carlton B. Goodlett Place

**REGULAR MEETING AND CLOSED SESSION
1 P.M.**

SFMTA BOARD OF DIRECTORS

Cheryl Brinkman, Chairman,
Malcolm Heinicke, Vice Chairman
Gwyneth Borden
Lee Hsu
Joél Ramos
Cristina Rubke
Art Torres

Edward D. Reiskin
DIRECTOR OF TRANSPORTATION

Roberta Boomer
SECRETARY

ORDER OF BUSINESS

1. Call to Order

Chairman Brinkman called the meeting to order at 1:01 p.m.

2. Roll Call

Present: Cheryl Brinkman
Gwyneth Borden
Malcolm Heinicke
Lee Hsu
Joél Ramos
Cristina Rubke
Art Torres – absent at Roll Call

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

Chairman Brinkman announced that the ringing of and use of cell phones, pagers and similar sound-producing electronic devices are prohibited at the meeting. She 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. She also advised that cell phones that are set on “vibrate” cause microphone interference and requested that they be placed in the “off” position.

4. Approval of Minutes

No public comment.

On motion to approve the minutes of the May 1, 2018 Regular Meeting: unanimously approved (Torres-absent).

5. Communications

None.

6. Introduction of New or Unfinished Business by Board Members

Director Borden requested an update on cybersecurity procedures.

Director Heinicke requested a report on NextBus issues.

PUBLIC COMMENT:

David Pilpel stated that the two SFMTA members are back. He expressed hope for better interaction and rapport in the future.

7. Director's Report (For discussion only)

- Update on Vision Zero
- Ongoing Activities

Ed Reiskin, Director of Transportation, discussed Vision Zero efforts including motorcycle safety, Howard Street safety improvements and pedestrian countdown signals; Central Subway track; San Francisco Small Business Week and Bay to Breakers.

Director Torres arrived.

PUBLIC COMMENT:

David Pilpel discussed pedestrian crossing speeds. He's not sure what the impact will be on Muni operations and costs. This could be a CEQA issue. He wondered about the jurisdiction for that decision. He expressed displeasure with the new logo and a technology glitch resulting in systems being down. (Chairman Brinkman asked staff to reach out to Mr. Pilpel regarding the CEQA issue.)

Herbert Weiner stated that the videos are good but he challenged the SFMTA about cyclists riding on sidewalks. The Central Subway Project has had a sordid history. Tutor Perini has been in court many times. There are delays and cost overruns.

Cathy Deluca discussed increased crossing time for pedestrians. This is an amazing success. Seniors, families and people with disabilities don't have enough time to cross the street. SFMTA staff reviewed the standards and made a change for people who live and walk in San Francisco. Ms. Deluca expressed appreciation for prioritizing people who walk.

8. Citizens' Advisory Council Report

Frank Zepeda, Vice Chairman, Citizens' Advisory Council, presented various recommendations including the scooter permitting process and the disposition of surplus vintage streetcars.

No public comment.

9. Public Comment

Tariq Mehmood expressed appreciation for distributing funds from the Taxi Driver Fund. He discussed the Schaller Report recommendations and the lack of support for the recommendations. The report was a waste of money and the SFMTA should not proceed with any of the recommendations.

Herbert Weiner saw two scooters on the sidewalk on the way to the meeting. They should never have been given a free pass and they should have been monitored. The companies should be issued an ultimatum that they either comply with the law or they will be run out of town. Standards should be strictly enforced. Public safety is endangered.

David Pilpel questioned if the rail to be laid in the Twin Peaks Tunnel is in accordance with the contract specifications. The Central Subway rail issue raises similar questions about the Twin Peaks Tunnel project. The Twin Peaks Tunnel closure over Memorial Day hasn't been broadly communicated to the public. Other closures will impact people getting to special events and may result in significant delays.

Tom Gilberti said that people lying on the sidewalk is difficult. So are scooters that are left, particularly when they are left in a way that block wheelchair ramps. There's a mishmash of danger regarding people wearing helmets while riding a scooter. He expressed appreciation for help with the elevators at Civic Center. More people need to be hired.

Mark Gruberg stated that the Schaller Report was a missed opportunity. The prime reason for the report was the broken medallion sales program but there is nothing in the report that will change that situation. There are some vague proposals that would change the management of taxis. There is no direct help to build ridership. Reducing medallions will only hurt. The report will benefit two large companies and the small ones will be left begging. The behavior of scooter riders is horrendous.

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) Requesting the Controller to allot funds and to draw warrants against such funds available or will be available in payment of the following claims against the SFMTA:

- A. Adrian Malone vs. CCSF, Superior Ct. #CGC17561555 filed on 9/27/17 for \$3,500 (Explanatory documents include a resolution.)

RESOLUTION 180515-076

(10.2) Making environmental findings and approving the following traffic modifications:

- A. ESTABLISH – STOP SIGN – Texas Street, northbound, at 17th Street.
- B. ESTABLISH – STOP SIGN – Malta Drive, southbound, at Stillings Avenue.
- C. ESTABLISH – TOW-AWAY, NO STOPPING ANYTIME – McAllister Street, north side, from Buchanan Street to 29 feet westerly.
- D. ESTABLISH – STOP SIGN – Bowdoin Street, northbound, at Olmstead Street.
- E. ESTABLISH – NO LEFT TURN, 7 AM TO 9 AM AND 4 PM TO 6 PM EXCEPT SUNDAY, EXCEPT MUNI – Columbus Avenue, southbound, at Green Street and Stockton Street.
- F. ESTABLISH – RED ZONE – Burnett Avenue, east side, from 45 feet to 70 feet south of the intersection of Burnett Avenue and Parkridge Drive.
- G. ESTABLISH – NO PARKING VEHICLES OVER 6 FEET HIGH – Naples Street, east side, from Geneva Avenue to 80 feet northerly.
- H. RESCIND – ANGLED 45 DEGREE PARKING – 26th Avenue, east side, from Judah Street to 79 feet northerly.
- I. ESTABLISH—NO PARKING FOR STREET CLEANING, TUESDAY, 7 AM TO 8 AM – 900 block of Pacific Avenue, south side, between Mason and Powell streets.
- J. ESTABLISH – NO U-TURN, NO LEFT TURN – Mission St., northbound, at Cortland Ave.
- K. ESTABLISH – TOW-AWAY, NO STOPPING ANYTIME – Ocean Avenue, south side, from Howth Street to 132 feet easterly; Howth Street, east side, from Ocean Avenue to 35 feet southerly; Geneva Avenue, south side, from Louisburg Street to 10 feet easterly; and Geneva Avenue, north side, from Louisburg Street to 20 feet easterly.
- L. ESTABLISH – RAISED MEDIAN – Geneva Ave., from Louisburg St. to 70 feet easterly.
- M. ESTABLISH - MARKED CROSSWALK – Geneva Avenue, west leg, at Louisburg Street
- N. ESTABLISH – RED ZONE – San Jose Avenue, east side, from Rice Street to 25 feet southerly.
- O. ESTABLISH – NO LEFT TURN ON RED – Westbound Howard Street at Hawthorne Street.
- P. ESTABLISH – STOP SIGNS – Kirkham Street, eastbound and westbound, at 16th Avenue.
- Q. ESTABLISH – BUS ZONE – Sunnydale Avenue, south side, from the western-most property line of 2055 Sunnydale Avenue to 205 feet westerly.
- R. RESCIND – 2-HOUR PARKING, 9 AM TO 6 PM, MONDAY THROUGH FRIDAY, EXCEPT VEHICLES WITH AREA Z PERMIT – ESTABLISH – GENERAL METERED PARKING, 4-HOUR TIME LIMIT, 9 AM TO 6 PM, MONDAY THROUGH SATURDAY – 23rd Street, north side, between Valencia Street and San Jose Avenue.
- S. ESTABLISH – TOW-AWAY, NO PARKING ANYTIME – Minna Street, south side, from 147 to 269 feet west of 10th Street.
- T. ESTABLISH – CROSSWALK – Minna Street at 7th Street, south side.
- U. ESTABLISH – CROSSWALK – Owens Street at Campus Way.
- V. ESTABLISH – NO PARKING ANYTIME – Pennsylvania Avenue, east side, from Mariposa St. to 15 feet southerly; and Pennsylvania Ave., south side, from Mariposa St. to 10 feet northerly.
- W. RESCIND – TOW-AWAY, NO STOPPING EXCEPT PERMITTED CAR SHARE – 15th Street, south side, from Dolores Street to 18 feet westerly.
- X. ESTABLISH – NO PARKING ANYTIME – 15th Street, south side, from Dolores Street to 18 feet westerly.
- Y. ESTABLISH – TOW-AWAY, NO STOPPING EXCEPT PERMITTED CAR SHARE

VEHICLES – 15th Street, south side, from 38 feet to 56 feet west of Dolores Street.

- Z. ESTABLISH – NO PARKING ANYTIME – Highland Avenue, north side, from Mission Street to 18 feet easterly; Highland Avenue, south side, from Mission Street to 15 feet westerly; Leese Street, north side, from Mission Street to 18 feet easterly; and Leese Street, south side, from Mission Street to 20 feet easterly.
- AA. ESTABLISH – RIGHT TURN ONLY – Leese Street, westbound, at Mission Street.
- BB. ESTABLISH – TOW-AWAY, NO STOPPING ANYTIME – Bryant Street, south side, from 38 feet west of the west Sterling Street property line to 58 feet easterly.
- CC. ESTABLISH – TOW-AWAY, NO STOPPING ANYTIME – ESTABLISH – SIDEWALK WIDENING; Bryant Street, north side, from Sterling Street to 80 feet east of Sterling Street.
- DD. RESCIND – PASSENGER LOADING ZONE 7 AM TO 10 PM DAILY – Bryant Street, south side, from 4 feet to 24 feet east of the west Sterling Street property line.
- EE. ESTABLISH – PASSENGER LOADING ZONE 7 AM TO 10 PM DAILY – Bryant Street, south side, from 20 feet to 56 feet east of the west Sterling Street property line.
- FF. REMOVE – TRAFFIC ISLAND – Bryant Street at Sterling Street.
- GG. ESTABLISH – NO LEFT TURN ON RED – Bryant Street, eastbound, at Sterling Street.
- HH. ESTABLISH – NO RIGHT TURN ON RED – Bryant Street, westbound, at Sterling Street.
- II. ESTABLISH – TOW-AWAY, NO STOPPING ANYTIME – Fell Street, north side, from Baker Street to 17 feet easterly; Baker Street, east side, from Fell Street to 5 feet southerly; Fell Street, south side, from western crosswalk at Lyon Street to 49 feet easterly; Lyon Street, west side, from Fell Street to 12 feet northerly; Fell Street, south side, from western crosswalk at Central Avenue to 39 feet easterly; Fell Street, north side, from Central Avenue to 10 feet easterly; Masonic Avenue, west side, from Fell Street to 11 feet northerly; Fell Street, south side, from western crosswalk at Ashbury Street to 38 feet easterly; Fell Street, south side, from Ashbury Street to 10 feet easterly; Ashbury Street, west side, from Fell Street to 11 feet northerly; Fell Street, south side, from Clayton Street to 10 feet easterly; Fell Street, north side, from Clayton Street to 10 feet easterly; Clayton Street, west side, from Fell Street to 11 feet northerly; Fell Street, south side, from western crosswalk at Cole Street to 38 feet easterly; Fell Street, south side, from Cole Street to 10 feet easterly; Cole Street, west side, from Fell Street to 10 feet northerly; Fell Street, south side, from Shrader Street to 10 feet easterly; and Shrader Street, west side, from Fell Street to 9 feet easterly. (Explanatory documents include a staff report and resolution. For every parking and traffic modification that received a categorical exemption, the proposed action is the Approval Action as defined by Chapter 31 of the San Francisco Administrative Code.)

Item 10.2 P and II were severed from the Consent Calendar at the request of members of the public.

PUBLIC COMMENT:

Members of the public expressing support for Item 10.2 II: Tim Hickey, Kristen Leckie, Cathy Deluca, and Charles Dupigny

Members of the public expressing opposition to Item 10.2 P and II: David Pilpel

RESOLUTION 180515-077

On motion to approve Item 10.2 P:

ADOPTED: AYES – Borden, Brinkman, Heinicke, Hsu, Ramos, Rubke, and Torres

On motion to approve Item 10.2 II:

ADOPTED: AYES – Borden, Brinkman, Heinicke, Hsu, Ramos, Rubke, and Torres

(10.3) Authorizing the Director to execute Amendment No. 4 to Contract No. CPT 713 with New Flyer of America, to change 68 coaches from parallel propulsion to series propulsion, amend the list of additional equipment, and amend the Schedule of Prices, for an additional amount of \$14,880,231 and a total contract amount not to exceed \$428,654,904, with no change to the term. (Explanatory documents include a staff report, amendment and resolution.)

RESOLUTION 180515-078

(10.4) Authorizing changes to rental fees for vintage street cars; and amending the Transportation Code, Division II, Sections 301 and 305 to: reduce the special collection fee for failure to timely pay or contest citations; establish a low income boot removal fee; make renters of towed vehicles eligible for first tow and low income reduced administrative fees; and revise low income towing fees. (Explanatory documents include a staff report, amendment and resolution. The proposed actions are Approval Actions as defined by S.F. Administrative Code Chapter 31.)

Item 10.4 was severed from the Consent Calendar at the request of members of the public.

PUBLIC COMMENT:

Members of the public expressing support: Anne Stuhldreher, and Jamie Austin

Members of the public expressing opposition: David Pilpel

Sarah Jones, Director, Planning, stated that there was no impediment to proceeding despite the CEQA questions raised by the public.

RESOLUTION 180515-079

On motion to approve Item 10.4:

ADOPTED: AYES – Borden, Brinkman, Heinicke, Hsu, Ramos, Rubke, and Torres

(10.5) Authorizing the disposal of 12 surplus vintage streetcars. (Explanatory documents include a staff report and resolution. The proposed action is the Approval Actions as defined by S.F. Administrative Code Chapter 31.)

Item 10.5 was severed from the Consent Calendar at the request of a member of the public

PUBLIC COMMENT:

Members of the public expressing opposition: David Pilpel

Chairman Brinkman continued 10.5 to a future meeting to allow staff to consult with the Planning Department regarding the CEQA issue raised by the public.

On motion to approve the Consent Calendar (Item 10.2 P, II and 10.4 severed and 10.5 continued):

ADOPTED: AYES – Borden, Brinkman, Heinicke, Hsu, Ramos, Rubke, and Torres

REGULAR CALENDAR

11. Committing to start procuring zero emission battery buses to replace the electric hybrid vehicles by 2025, with a goal of achieving a 100% electric vehicle fleet by 2035. (Explanatory documents include a staff report and resolution.)

John Haley, Director of Transit, presented the item.

PUBLIC COMMENT:

Members of the public expressing support: Paul Cort, Emily Rush, Nick Josefowitz, and Eddie Ahn

Members of the public expressing neither support nor opposition: David Pilpel and Tom Gilberti

RESOLUTION 180515-080

On motion to approve:

ADOPTED: AYES – Borden, Brinkman, Heinicke, Hsu, Ramos, Rubke, and Torres

12. Presentation and discussion regarding the San Francisco County Transportation Authority's Emerging Mobility Evaluation Report. (Explanatory documents include a report.)

Darton Ito, Manager, Innovation, Sustainable Streets and Warren Logan, Senior Transportation Planner, Transportation Authority presented the item.

PUBLIC COMMENT:

Nima Rahimi, stated that Chariot is proud of the work that it has done. Chariot is setting the bar for emerging mobility providers. Chariot received San Francisco's first private transit vehicle permit. Chariot is committed to accessibility, labor harmony and safety. Chariot reduces congestion.

Mark Gruberg stated that the report is a good first step and expressed hope that some regulation will result. He talked about the Transportation Network Companies (TNCs) contribution to congestion. The SFMTA has the authority to enforce general rules. He called attention to congestion pricing as it's more than just double parking and stopping in a bike lane, it's the sheer number of TNCs on city streets.

Tom Gilberti stated that numbers matter. He wondered if San Francisco wants 6,000 more TNCs downtown. If a scooter hits a person in a wheelchair, a senior or a child, they get broken easier. TNCs should have better insurance. San Francisco doesn't need more sprawl of machines.

Herbert Weiner stated that walking another quarter of a mile is a hardship for seniors and people with disabilities. The removal of parking lanes and spaces has contributed to congestion. When walking distances are increased, fewer people will take public transportation. There are areas of San Francisco where congestion never used to exist but do now.

13. Discussion and vote pursuant to Administrative Code Section 67.10(d) as to whether to invoke the attorney-client privilege and conduct a closed session conference with legal counsel.

PUBLIC COMMENT:

Mark Gruberg discussed the Federal Credit Union lawsuit regarding medallion sales. He doesn't have an opinion on the legal issues but this is part of a larger discussion that needs to take place around medallion sales. It's a broken program that needs to get resolved. New York City is looking at this issue. Cities should consider whether something is owed to taxi drivers who sunk their savings into buying a medallion.

David Pilpel expressed agreement with the comments made by Mr. Gruberg.

On motion to invoke the attorney-client privilege: unanimously approved.

RECESS REGULAR MEETING AND CONVENE CLOSED SESSION

CLOSED SESSION

1. Call to Order

Chairman Brinkman called the closed session to order at 3:21 p.m.

2. Roll Call

Present: Cheryl Brinkman

Gwyneth Borden
Malcolm Heinicke
Lee Hsu
Joél Ramos
Cristina Rubke
Art Torres

Also present: Ed Reiskin, Director of Transportation
Roberta Boomer, Board Secretary
Susan Cleveland-Knowles, Deputy City Attorney
Christine Van Aiken, Deputy City Attorney
Stephanie Stuart, Deputy City Attorney
Kate Toran, Director, Taxis and Accessible Service

3. Pursuant to Government Code Section 54956.9(d)(1) and the Administrative Code Section 67.8 (a)(3), the Municipal Transportation Agency Board of Directors will meet in Closed Session to discuss and take action on attorney-client matters on the following:

CONFERENCE WITH LEGAL COUNSEL

Existing Litigation:

San Francisco Federal Credit Union v. SFMTA, Superior Court, Case #CGC18565325, filed on 3/27/18

ADJOURN CLOSED SESSION AND RECONVENE OPEN SESSION - The closed session was adjourned at 3:35 pm.

14. Announcement of Closed Session.


Chairman Brinkman announced that the SFMTA Board of Directors met in closed session to discuss litigation with the City Attorney but took no action.

15. Motion to disclose or not disclose the information discussed in closed session.

On motion to not disclose the information discussed: unanimously approved.

ADJOURN - The meeting was adjourned at 3:36 p.m.

A recording 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

California Environmental Quality Act (CEQA) Appeal Rights under S.F. Admin. Code Chapter 31: For identified Approval Actions, the Planning Department or the SFMTA has issued a CEQA exemption determination or negative declaration, which may be viewed online at the Planning Department's website. Following approval of the item by the SFMTA Board, the CEQA determination is subject to appeal within the time frame specified in S.F. Administrative Code Section 31.16 which is typically within 30 calendar days. For information on filing a CEQA appeal, contact the Clerk of the Board of Supervisors at City Hall, 1 Dr. Carlton B. Goodlett Place, Room 244, San Francisco, CA 94102, or call (415) 554-5184. Under CEQA, in a later court challenge, a litigant may be limited to raising only those issues previously raised at a hearing on the project or submitted in writing to the City prior to or at such hearing, or as part of the appeal hearing process on the CEQA decision.

The Ethics Commission of the City and County of San Francisco has asked us to remind individuals and entities that influence or attempt to influence local legislative or administrative action may be required by the San Francisco Lobbyist Ordinance [S.F. Campaign and Governmental Conduct Code section 2.100 et seq.] to register and report lobbying activity. For more information about the Lobbyist Ordinance, please contact the Ethics Commission at 415.581.2300; fax: 415.581.2317; 25 Van Ness Avenue, Suite 220, SF, CA 94102-6027 or the web site: sfgov.org/ethics.