



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

MINUTES

Tuesday, September 4, 2018
Room 400, City Hall
1 Dr. Carlton B. Goodlett Place

**REGULAR MEETING
1 P.M.**

SFMTA BOARD OF DIRECTORS

Cheryl Brinkman, Chairman,
Malcolm Heinicke, Vice Chairman
Gwyneth Borden
Lee Hsu
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 1:05 p.m.

2. Roll Call

Present: Cheryl Brinkman
Malcolm Heinicke
Cristina Rubke
Art Torres

Absent: Gwyneth Borden – with notification
Lee Hsu – with notification

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

On motion to approve the minutes of the August 21, 2018 Regular Meeting: unanimously approved (Borden and Hsu-absent).

5. Communications

Chairman Brinkman stated that she was going to re-order the agenda to take the Consent and Regular agenda items at the beginning of the meeting to accommodate a possible loss of quorum.

6. Introduction of New or Unfinished Business by Board Members

Chairman Brinkman asked staff to establish what the options would be if a new street device doesn't work and to give new devices a set amount of time to allow people to get used to them before they are taken out.

7. Director's Report (For discussion only)

- Special Recognition
- Update on Vision Zero

-Ongoing Activities

John Haley, Director, Transit, recognized Brian Ball and Joseph Bozzie, stationery engineers.

Ed Reiskin, Director of Transportation, discussed Vision Zero “coffee chats” regarding the next Vision Zero action plans, Central Subway construction in Chinatown, SFMTA’s revenue bond rating, increased ridership on Muni, recent Muni service, the Twin Peaks Tunnel project, Global Climate Action Summit, and the Muni Heritage Weekend.

John Haley, Director, Transit, reviewed short, mid, and long-term plans to improve Muni.

Director Torres requested a detailed report regarding plans to improve Muni.

PUBLIC COMMENT:

Aleta Dupree discussed Muni ridership and the importance of accurate counts. Having ridden through the West Portal tunnel, the SFMTA has to be proactive in everything it does. She discussed accidents and the need for drivers to pay attention. It would be great for Muni to not make the news.

Herbert Weiner discussed San Francisco ridership and whether it was down in absolute numbers. If ridership is down, there is less revenue. The reason for the proposed fare increase is because of decreased revenue. He suggested that new service should replace formerly deleted service. It’s good that the SFMTA is hiring full-time drivers as part-time drivers don’t get health or pension benefits.

8. Citizens’ Advisory Council Report

No report.

Chairman Brinkman asked the Board Secretary to call the Consent and Regular agenda prior to Item 9.

9. Public Comment

Aleta Dupree discussed the addition of the extra transfer time on her ticket. There isn’t congestion in the West Portal tunnel but there’s still congestion at the ends. She is encouraged about scooters. There could be some privacy policy issues with the two scooter companies. There isn’t any information. She wondered if their customer service aspects were vetted.

Megan Colford expressed disappointment in the decision to award permits to two companies who don’t have experience. She thinks that Lime was unfairly rated. Lime is committed to local hiring and has a low-income program. One company selected doesn’t have a low-income program. San Franciscans will be shut out from Lime’s regional program. Lime plans to appeal the decision.

Cynthia Gomez discussed the search for a developer at Third Street. One of the contenders, Marriott, is the largest employer of hotel workers in San Francisco. They set the trends for hotel workers. Hotel workers and supporters were arrested recently, and the union has called for a strike vote on Thursday. Automation is threatening jobs. The 3rd St. hotel is lucrative, and the City should think hard about awarding the contract.

Herbert Weiner discussed definitions of democracy. Bike advocates, transit riders and WalkSF have the ear of this Board. They get everything they want. This is catastrophic for public transportation. The result is seen on the L Taraval line. It's a disaster. There's been a loss of parking, more congestion and a loss of business. The fare increase will result in more money for Chariot and will reduce ridership.

DeJenney Davis stated that the community has been gentrified. Powered scooters are a perfect opportunity for creating jobs.

Larry Spiller stated that Lime reached out to the Western Addition and provided over 47 jobs to residents. Residents and seniors were looking forward to what was going to be offered by Lime for the neighborhood. Lime is one of the leading companies, but they got left out of the pilot. Other companies didn't offer the communities anything. He doesn't understand why Lime would be excluded but a permit was given to Ford for the electric bikes.

Brad Williford stated that he relies on bikeshare to get around. He wonders how more bikes can be added. There is an advocacy group for people who use bike share. He expressed disappointment that two permits for bike share were removed in District Two and he wants those permits to move forward. There should be a focus on increasing the Jump bike cap. The SFMTA is crippling the bike share revolution.

Patrick Traughber stated that the North of Panhandle neighborhood had good bike share stations, but Russian Hill doesn't have any. He resorts to using a Transportation Network Company service instead. At least two bike share stations were permitted for District Two. There was extensive public outreach for those stations. He wants to know why they were postponed and when they will be installed. He urged the expansion of the bikeshare program quickly to the District Two neighborhood.

Samir Lavingia stated that Muni delays have resulted in him needing to find alternative ways to get around. The bike share bikes are few and far between. The companies need to do community outreach before they start. He wants to know what community outreach the companies will be required to do. He wants to know when there will be scooters on the street. He hopes the distribution of scooters will be distributed more evenly.

Yuriy Dybskiy stated that when he first moved to San Francisco, there were few transportation options. That hasn't changed a whole lot. He chose where he lives based on Muni service. He hasn't heard discussion about the long term health benefits for various modes of transportation. The bike share program is valuable, but he doesn't understand the need for a cap. It's a great way to get around.

Tariq Mehmood stated that he received a notice from the SFMTA about a town hall meeting, but he doesn't know what will be discussed. He asked that a package be sent discussing the topics to be presented.

Rachel Hyden discussed Transit Week to thank transit riders. She asked Board members to pledge to ride transit every day that week and invited the Board to the kick-off event.

Devin Brady stated that he is a big user of the Jump and Ford bikes. The cap on the Jump bikes is holding the program back. Jump bikes are a big success in Sacramento. Fifteen percent of Jump bike users are low-income. More scooter companies should be allowed in San Francisco.

Margaret Bonner requested more bike share bikes. Most mornings, there are no shared bikes available in her neighborhood. People are clearly using these bikes so there is demand. It makes sense to lift the cap.

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. REVOKE – BLUE ZONE, DISABLED PARKING ONLY, AT ALL TIMES – “2850”
Leavenworth Street, east side, from 8 feet to 32 feet north of midblock crosswalk.
- B. ESTABLISH – BLUE ZONE, DISABLED PARKING ONLY, AT ALL TIMES – “1324”
Columbus Avenue, east side, from 10 feet to 32 feet north of Leavenworth Street.
- C. ESTABLISH – BLUE ZONE, DISABLED PARKING ONLY, AT ALL TIMES – “3495”
California Street, south side, from 33 feet to 45 feet east of Locust Street.
- D. ESTABLISH – NO RIGHT TURN ON RED (BIKE TWO-STAGE BOX) – Masonic Avenue,
northbound, at Turk Street, westbound, at Masonic Avenue.
- E. ESTABLISH – NO RIGHT TURN ON RED (BIKE TWO-STAGE BOX) – Golden Gate
Avenue, westbound, at Masonic Avenue.
- F. ESTABLISH – TOW-AWAY, NO PARKING, 7 AM TO 9 AM, MONDAY THROUGH
FRIDAY – Mission Street, east side, from Crescent Avenue to 51 feet northerly.
- G. ESTABLISH – PERPENDICULAR PARKING – Broderick Street, west side, between Jackson

Street and Broadway Street.

- H. ESTABLISH – STOP SIGN – 38th Avenue, southbound, at Ortega Street.
- I. ESTABLISH – STOP SIGN – Arellano Avenue, southbound, at Serrano Drive.
- J. ESTABLISH – STOP SIGN – 11th Avenue, southbound, at Pacheco Street.
- K. ESTABLISH – STOP SIGN – Galvez Avenue, westbound, at Phelps Street.
- L. ESTABLISH – PERPENDICULAR PARKING – Galvez Avenue, south side, between Phelps Street and 3rd Street
- M. ESTABLISH – NO RIGHT TURN ON RED (BIKE TWO-STAGE BOX) – Hayes Street, eastbound, at Masonic Avenue
- N. ESTABLISH – CLASS III BIKE FACILITY – Hayes Street, eastbound and westbound, from Baker Street to Masonic Avenue; Hayes Street, westbound, from Masonic Avenue to Ashbury Street; Ashbury Street, southbound, from Hayes Street to Fell Street; Central Avenue, northbound and southbound, from Fell Street to Hayes Street; and Central Avenue, northbound and southbound, from Page Street to Oak Street.
- O. RESCIND – BUS ZONE – Buckingham Way, north side, from 840 feet to 911 feet west of 20th Avenue (South); Buckingham Way, east side, from 498 feet to 513 feet south of Winston Drive.
- P. ESTABLISH – BUS ZONE – A. Buckingham Way, north side, from 259 feet to 358 feet west of 20th Avenue; Buckingham Way, north side, from 965 feet to 1045 feet west of 20th Avenue; Buckingham Way, east side, from 513 feet to 593 feet south of Winston Drive. (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.)

RESOLUTION 180904-122

(10.2) Rescinding Modification No. 3 and approving Modification No. 3R to Contract No. 1236R, Third Street Light Rail Project Mission Bay Loop, with Mitchell Engineering, to design and construct a duct bank for the San Francisco Public Utilities Commission; to increase the Contract amount by \$1,744,867.67; and to extend the Contract term by 90 days. (Explanatory documents include a staff report, modification, financial plan and resolution.)

RESOLUTION 180904-123

(10.3) Adopting a revised Substance Abuse Policy, which has been updated to reflect the recent changes regarding the addition of synthetic opioids to the U.S. Department of Transportation drug testing panel, to clarify certain existing drug testing program provisions and definitions, and to make technical amendments. (Explanatory documents include a staff report, resolution and handbook.)

RESOLUTION 180904-124

On motion to approve the Consent Calendar:

ADOPTED: AYES – Brinkman, Heinicke, Rubke, and Torres

ABSENT – Borden and Hsu

REGULAR CALENDAR

11. Making environmental review findings and approving various parking modifications on and adjacent to Page Street between Webster and Gough Streets as follows:

- A. ESTABLISH - TOW-AWAY, NO STOPPING ANYTIME – Page Street, south side, from 15 feet to 60 feet westerly of Buchanan Street; Page Street, north side, from 15 feet to 20 feet easterly of Buchanan Street; Buchanan Street, east side, from 15 feet to 60 feet southerly of Page Street; Laguna Street, west side, from 24 feet to 50 feet northerly of Page Street; Page Street, south side, from Gough Street to 61 feet westerly; Gough Street, west side, from 20 feet to 37 feet northerly of Page Street; Page Street, north side, from Gough Street to 15 feet westerly; Page Street, south side, from Webster Street to 15 feet westerly. (Explanatory documents include a staff report, resolution, map, rendering, and environmental documents.)

Casey Hildreth, Project Manager, Page Street Neighborway Phase I project, presented the item.

PUBLIC COMMENT:

Members of the public expressing support: John Lowell, Charles Deffarges, Cathy DeLuca, Natalie Burdick, Lawrence Li, and Robin Leavitt

Vice Chairman Heinicke asked staff to reach out to people on the west side of the City and others who may drive through this area.

RESOLUTION 180904-125

On motion to approve:

ADOPTED: AYES – Brinkman, Heinicke, Rubke, and Torres

ABSENT – Borden and Hsu

12. Authorizing the Director to issue a Request for Proposals for SFMTA Contract No. 2019-01: Next Generation Customer Information System, and to negotiate a contract for these services with the highest-ranked proposer for a six-year initial term with the option to extend for up to two five-year terms. (Explanatory documents include a staff report, report, request for proposals and resolution.)

Jason Lee, Project Manager, Finance and Information Technology, presented the item.

PUBLIC COMMENT:

Members of the public expressing support: Aleta Dupree

RESOLUTION 180904-126

On motion to approve:

ADOPTED: AYES – Brinkman, Heinicke, Rubke, and Torres

ABSENT – Borden and Hsu

ADJOURN - The meeting was adjourned at 3:15p.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

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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.

Board of Supervisors review of certain SFMTA Decisions: Certain parking and traffic modifications as well as Private Transportation Programs that involve certain parking modifications can be reviewed by the Board of Supervisors. These decisions are subject to review within 30 calendar days after they are made by the SFMTA Board. For information on requesting a review, contact the Clerk of the Board of Supervisors at City Hall, 1 Dr. Carlton B. Goodlett Place, Room 244, San Francisco, CA 94102, call (415) 554-5184, or visit https://sfbos.org/sites/default/files/SFMTA_Action_Review_Info_Sheet.pdf. Ordinance No. 127-18 specifying which SFMTA decisions are reviewable by the Board of Supervisors can be accessed on-line: <https://sfbos.org/sites/default/files/o0127-18.pdf>

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