



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

MINUTES

Tuesday, September 3, 2019
Room 400, City Hall
1 Dr. Carlton B. Goodlett Place

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

SFMTA BOARD OF DIRECTORS

Malcolm Heinicke, Chair
Gwyneth Borden, Vice Chair
Cheryl Brinkman
Amanda Eaken
Steve Heminger
Cristina Rubke
Art Torres

Tom Maguire
DIRECTOR OF TRANSPORTATION

Roberta Boomer
SECRETARY

ORDER OF BUSINESS

1. Call to Order

Chair Heinicke called the meeting to order at 1:02 p.m.

2. Roll Call

Present: Gwyneth Borden
Cheryl Brinkman
Amanda Eaken
Malcolm Heinicke
Steve Heminger
Cristina Rubke
Art Torres

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

Board Secretary Boomer 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 August 20, 2019 Regular Meeting: unanimously approved.

5. Communications

None.

6. Introduction of New or Unfinished Business by Board Members

None.

Director

7. Director’s Report (For discussion only)

- Special Recognition
- Ongoing Activities

Tom Maguire, interim Director of Transportation, recognized Candace Sue, Director of Communications and Marketing. Mr. Maguire also discussed the reopening of Stockton Street, Chase Center opening, Cable Car rehabilitation, the L Taraval project, the Muni Streetcar Heritage weekend and Transit Week.

Vice Chair Borden asked staff to reach out to SF Travel as they were not aware of the shutdown and cable cars are a tourist attraction.

PUBLIC COMMENT:

Tariq Mehmood discussed the traffic flow of Stockton Street and the difficulty as Stockton crosses Market street, he grinds his teeth. Turning right is difficult. The lane for buses and taxis is blocked. The parking needs to be removed so cars can turn right. It's such a mess.

8. Citizens' Advisory Council Report

No report.

9. Public Comment

Tariq Mehmood discussed the new taxi meter which is a hazard for taxi drivers. This meter was imposed on taxi drivers. It doesn't show the fare correctly. This is creating havoc for hundreds of drivers are crying and staff is creating havoc for them.

Laura Kemp discussed service on the 9 San Bruno including Sunday service. Often a bus will be out of service which isn't known to passengers. She asked the Board to improve weekend service on the line. She would like to see 9R service on the weekends.

Herbert Weiner said that with "Muni Forward", bus stops have been deleted and no coaches have been added. This means less service and is a minus sum service. This is deception disguised as "Muni Forward".

Tom Gilberti stated that he doesn't know why wheelchair locks aren't being installed on new buses. Some buses have space for wheel chairs but they don't have straps. Asking drivers to help takes minutes away from travel time. We need to have wheelchair locks on the new buses. He doesn't want to ride at his own risk. The door on the Powell Station platform needs to be washed. He asked that it be cleaned over a year ago. He hopes people are working on signage. There should be a two-stop system on Van Ness.

Roan Kattouw discussed a new bus rapid transit in Indianapolis that recently opened. Indianapolis started planning it in 2011 and it's done. They have level boarding and a single track where buses can go both ways and can pass each other. The City has been working on Geary and Van Ness bus rapid transit projects since at least 2004. He wondered why projects can't things be delivered quickly and about other bus rapid transit projects such as Geneva-Harney.

Chair Heinicke asked staff to discuss wheelchair locks with Mr. Gilberti and for staff to look into the taxi meter issue and get back to Mr. Mehmood.

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. Ugantsetseg Khongorzul vs. CCSF, Superior Ct. #CGC19573770 filed on 2/14/19 for \$19,062.56
- B. David Carswell vs. CCSF, Superior Ct. #CGC18568531 filed on 7/31/18 for \$95,000
(Explanatory documents include a resolution.)

RESOLUTION 190903-110

(10.2) Approving the following traffic modifications:

- A. ESTABLISH – 2-HOUR PARKING, 8 AM TO 6 PM, MONDAY THROUGH FRIDAY - Connecticut Street, southern terminus, at 22nd Street.
- B. ESTABLISH – 2-HOUR PARKING, 8 AM TO 6 PM, MONDAY THROUGH FRIDAY - Connecticut Street, southern terminus, at 22nd Street.
- C. ESTABLISH – RESIDENTIAL PERMIT PARKING AREA N – ESTABLISH – 2-HOUR PARKING, 8 AM TO 6 PM, MONDAY THROUGH FRIDAY, EXCEPT VEHICLES WITH AREA N PERMITS, 12th Avenue, both sides, between Geary Boulevard and Anza Street.
- D. RESCIND – TOW-AWAY, NO STOPPING EXCEPT PERMITTED CAR SHARE VEHICLES — Capp Street, west side, from 28 feet to 46 feet north of 23rd Street; ESTABLISH – TOW-AWAY, NO STOPPING EXCEPT PERMITTED CAR SHARE VEHICLE — Capp Street, west side, from 43 feet to 61 feet north of 23rd Street. (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 190903-111

(10.3) Approving a Memorandum of Understanding, which became effective on June 19, 2019, with San Francisco Animal Care and Control, and the Real Estate Division of the San Francisco Office of the City Administrator for the jurisdictional transfer of property between the San Francisco Municipal Transportation Agency and San Francisco Animal Care and Control for a new Animal Care and Control Facility and SFMTA Operations and making environmental review findings. (Explanatory documents include a staff report, memorandum, environmental review documents and resolution.)

RESOLUTION 190903-112

On motion to approve the Consent Calendar:

ADOPTED: AYES – Borden, Brinkman, Eaken, Heinicke, Heminger, Rubke, and Torres

REGULAR CALENDAR

11. Presentation and discussion regarding progress on Vision Zero. (Explanatory documents include a slide presentation.)

Chava Kronenberg, Manager, Vision Zero program, and Megan Weir, Department of Public Health presented the item.

Luke Martin, acting Captain, Traffic Company, discussed police department efforts regarding Vision Zero.

PUBLIC COMMENT:

Richard Rothman expressed interest in transportation issues. They want to improve two intersections on the 2 Clement and the 31 Balboa but the traffic engineers won't approve them. The two lines aren't major corridors. 34th and Fulton, there was a serious accident five years ago. Why did it take so long for the signals to be improved? Staff isn't fixing the problem. Board should read "Street Design". SSD needs to be reorganized so each neighborhood has their own planner and engineer.

Jody Medeiros expressed appreciation for doing more, faster and quicker especially on San Francisco's most dangerous streets. She urged the Board to keep asking staff to do more. San Francisco is in a state of emergency. VZ is achievable but it will take all of us to double down. Glad for policy f or no turn on red. Glad we'll do a left turn calming campaign at 8 intersections. Want to see tools like red light cameras.

Harold Findley said that the Board knows how to stop the killing. You know the root cause and how to eradicate it. there's a growing tide of public support for the SFMTA to create a safe, vibrant city. You don't have to solve the need of providing someone ta place to park and drive in the city. Providing a

safe route for a child shouldn't be a question. Cars shouldn't have the right to drive in front of a pedestrian in a crosswalk.

Jennifer Walsh said that everyone needs to give back to the committee but the community must be accessible. The sidewalk committee has been working to ensure temporary pathways around construction sites are accessible to p/w/ds. In ideal world, all city departments would take ownership of ensuring accessibility of sidewalks.

Nancy Arbuckle said they sold their cars years ago. They are concerned about injuries and fatalities on all streets and not just those on the HIN. Cars driving only look for other cars and don't see pedestrians. Cars turning don't see pedestrians. Appreciate that citations/enforcement are seen as critical.

Susan Weisberg stated that in three months, there have three deaths and countless more injuries. The City needs to do more, have more tools and do more with them. The danger to pedestrians is an urgent emergency. The city must declare an emergency and immediately work to implement all proposals, even those transformative ones. VZ must stop being a vision and become a reality

Nancy Harrison expressed appreciation for San Francisco's transportation system. She is the demographic. In feb, she was hit by left turning car at 18th/Guerrero. Oncoming car turned right into her. She hesitates to go out on the streets because it's dangerous. She's pleased to hear the commitment/passion around VZ.

Brian Weidenmeier expressed appreciation for the focus on VZ and the progress that's been made such as pushing for ASE and 'quick-build' project. However, we're not doing enough. Suggested additional tools. 8 miles of improved lanes/year, mayor has challenged SFMTA for 20 in two years. Is a mismatch. On Market St, can approve turn restrictions on Market. You need to do more. Van ness/aMarket is dangerous, turn restrictions should go to Franklin. Should install new red light cameras.

Herbert Weiner expressed rigor that VZ has presented to board. Agree with some proposals. Would like to see equal commitment to safety on the sidewalk. It's illegal to ride on the sidewalk and people need to be protected, esp. seniors and p/w/d. vehicles traveling at any speed is a threat. That includes cyclists.

Tom Gilberti stated that there needs to be dedicated signals that will hold back pedestrians so cars can turn right or left. He wondered about "magic eyes" that can control the signal. He wondered about having a button for seniors to push that would add signal crossing time. If buses stop at every other stop, all stops could be included and the time could be cut in half. It's doable and better for people who live on Van Ness.

Roan Kattouw said that VZ came out with a video asking cyclists to stop at red lights. Showed a photo of a streets in foreign cities with temporary, or quick-build solutions.

Director Eaken left the meeting

Director Rubke requested a regular Vision Zero report that shows the metrics.

Director Heinicke requested a map showing where we have daylighted intersections and if they haven't been done, when it is scheduled to be done.

12. 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.

On motion to invoke the attorney-client privilege: unanimously approved (Eaken-absent).

RECESS REGULAR MEETING AND CONVENE CLOSED SESSION

CLOSED SESSION

1. Call to Order

Chair Heinicke called the closed session to order at 3:41 p.m.

2. Roll Call

Present: Gwyneth Borden
Cheryl Brinkman
Malcolm Heinicke
Steve Heminger
Cristina Rubke
Art Torres

Absent: Amanda Eaken

Also present: Tom Maguire, Interim Director of Transportation
Roberta Boomer, Board Secretary
Susan Cleveland-Knowles, Deputy City Attorney
Rob Stone, Deputy City Attorney
Randy Parent, Deputy City Attorney
Nadeem Tahir, Program Manager, Central Subway Project
Tom Caruso, Professional and Structural Engineer, Mark Resolve, Inc.
Pam Halvorson, Senior Claims Analyst, Mark Resolve, Inc.

3. Pursuant to Government Code Sections 54956.9 (d) (2), and Administrative Code Section 67.10 (d) (2), the Municipal Transportation Agency Board of Directors will meet in closed session to discuss attorney-client matters in the following case(s):

CONFERENCE WITH LEGAL COUNSEL

Anticipated Litigation:

 1 As defendant or 1 As plaintiff

ADJOURN CLOSED SESSION AND RECONVENE OPEN SESSION - The closed session was adjourned at 4:23 p.m.

13. Announcement of Closed Session.

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

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

On motion to not disclose the information discussed: unanimously approved (Eaken-absent).

ADJOURN - The meeting was adjourned at 4:24 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.

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 of Directors. 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. 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>.

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.