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MUNICIPAL TRANSPORTATION AGENCY
CITIZENS' ADVISORY COUNCIL

MINUTES

Thursday, June 4, 2020

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PUBLIC COMMENT CALL-IN: (415) 646-2800 | Conference ID: 681238

REGULAR MEETING
5:30 P.M.

COUNCIL MEMBERS

Daniel Weaver (Chair), Frank Zepeda (Vice Chair), Neil Ballard,
Michael Chen, Queena Chen, Steve Cornell, Aaron Leifer, John Lisovsky, Christopher Man,
Daniel Murphy, Karim Salgado, Susan Vaughan, and Dorris Vincent

COUNCIL LIAISON
Roberta Boomer

COUNCIL SECRETARY
Keka Robinson-Luqman

Due to the COVID-19 health emergency and to protect our Council Members, SFMTA staff, and members of the public, the SFMTA Meeting Room (Union Square Conference Room) is closed.

Members of the public are encouraged to participate remotely. If you want to ensure your comment on any item on the agenda is received by the Council in advance of the meeting, please send an email to CAC@sfmta.com by 5pm on Wednesday, June 3rd or call (415) 646-2388.

ORDER OF BUSINESS

1. Call to Order

Chair Weaver called the meeting to order at 5:31 p.m.

2. Roll Call

CAC members present at Roll Call: Neil Ballard, Michael Chen, Aaron Leifer, John Lisovsky, Daniel Murphy, Karim Salgado, Susan Vaughan, Dorris Vincent, Daniel Weaver, and Frank Zepeda

CAC members absent at Roll Call: Stephen Cornell

CAC members absent with notification: Queena Chen and Christopher Man

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

CAC Secretary Robinson-Luqman made the announcement.

4. Approval of Minutes:

No public comment.

On motion to approve the minutes of April 2, 2020:

ADOPTED: AYES – Neil Ballard, Michael Chen, Aaron Leifer, John Lisovsky, Daniel Murphy, Karim Salgado, Susan Vaughan, Dorris Vincent, Daniel Weaver, and Frank Zepeda

ABSENT – Queena Chen, Stephen Cornell, and Christopher Man

5. Report of the Chair (For discussion only)

No report.

6. Public Comment:

Ken Koblenzer asked about the state of the Geary BRT project. He is concerned about the center running bus lane design.

David Pilpel expressed concern about the confusing stops on Market Street for the L, T, and N lines. There was an attempt by staff to improve signage and make announcements, but the signs don't stay up and are confusing for passengers. The shuttles should stop at all islands at all times. It would make it easier for everyone. Operation has been choppy and difficult. Operators are doing a good job but there is a lot going on out there. It would be good to know if the agency has a way to deal with people who are homeless or have behavioral health issues. There is an increasing amount of the ridership that could be described that way.

REGULAR CALENDAR

7. Presentation, discussion, and possible action regarding the SFMTA Transportation Recovery Plan. (Ian Trout, Associate Engineer, Transit Engineering Group. Explanatory documents include a slide presentation.)

Ian Trout, Associate Engineer, Transit Engineering Group, discussed the approach, values, goals, challenges, and next steps of the SFMTA Transit Recovery Plan.

PUBLIC COMMENT:

Ken Koblenzer said he is high risk, so he is living in his apartment. He's a big fan of Slow Streets. There seems to be no supervision of what is happening on the slow streets. He stated that he hears a lot of controversy. He sees a lot of people outside not wearing masks or social distancing. SFPD and DPH should be doing outreach and public education around wearing masks and social distancing. He drove SF taxis for about 14 years and still knows a lot of taxi drivers. He wondered whether the SFMTA is mandating any taxi cleaning practices.

David Pilpel stated that he appreciated the presentation. There hasn't been a lot of public discussion about the recovery plan. He strongly urged that the SFMTA set up a place on the website for the transportation recovery plan where they can put a little more information on each element of the plan and create a way for two-way engagement. There needs to be meaningful public engagement. Passengers with behavioral health issues continue to be an ongoing challenge and should be addressed in the recovery plan. There should be an amendment to the transportation code to make failure to follow a public health order a citable violation.

Shahin Saneinejad stated that virtual meetings are much easier for him to attend. He stated that there is a lot of value in the Slow Streets program and its swift start. He inquired what the status of Slow Streets is in Ingleside.

Roan Kattouw stated that the SFMTA should not be afraid to move ahead boldly and quickly with Slow Streets and the emergency transit lane proposal. He urged the CAC to support the transit lane proposal and the building out of a lot more transit lanes.

CAC MOTION 200604.01

Given the SFMTA's vital role in supporting the City's response to the pandemic, and given the major changes to mass transit schedules and routes to support the need for social distancing, the SFMTA CAC recommends that the SFMTA establish a policy of making proactive sidewalk parking enforcement, on sight and without citizen request, a top priority for PCOs, given the difficulty for pedestrians in maintaining social distancing on sidewalks where illegally parked cars are encroaching onto pedestrian space.

On motion to approve:

ADOPTED: AYES – Neil Ballard, Michael Chen, Stephen Cornell, Aaron Leifer, John Lisovsky, Daniel Murphy, Karim Salgado, Susan Vaughan, Dorris Vincent, Daniel Weaver, and Frank Zepeda
ABSENT – Christopher Man and Queena Chen

CAC MOTION 200604.02

The SFMTA CAC endorses the Slow Streets program and recommends that the SFMTA continue to implement new Slow Streets throughout the City.

Members of the public expressing support: David Pilpel

On motion to approve:

ADOPTED: AYES – Neil Ballard, Michael Chen, Stephen Cornell, Aaron Leifer, John Lisovsky, Daniel Murphy, Karim Salgado, Susan Vaughan, Dorris Vincent, Daniel Weaver, and Frank Zepeda
ABSENT – Queena Chen and Christopher Man

CAC MOTION 200604.03

The SFMTA CAC recommends that the SFMTA prioritize creating Slow Streets in high-density neighborhoods that do not have much square footage of open space per resident such as Lower Nob Hill, the Tenderloin, Ingleside, Chinatown, and South of Market.

Members of the public expressing support: Roan Kattouw

On motion to approve:

ADOPTED: AYES – Neil Ballard, Michael Chen, Aaron Leifer, John Lisovsky, Daniel Murphy, Karim Salgado, Susan Vaughan, Dorris Vincent, Daniel Weaver, and Frank Zepeda
NAYES – Stephen Cornell
ABSENT – Queena Chen and Christopher Man

CAC MOTION 200604.04

The SFMTA CAC recommends that the SFMTA share how streets are considered for eligibility for Slow Streets, including factors like bicycle infrastructure and fire department access. The CAC also recommends that the SFMTA overlays these factors onto a city map so that the public understands why a street is a good or poor choice to be a slow street. The CAC recommends that this information is shared to the public on the SFMTA Slow Streets webpage.

Members of the public expressing support: Ken Koblenzer and David Pilpel

On motion to approve:

ADOPTED: AYES – Neil Ballard, Michael Chen, Stephen Cornell, Aaron Leifer, John Lisovsky, Daniel Murphy, Karim Salgado, Susan Vaughan, Dorris Vincent, and Frank Zepeda

NAYES – Daniel Weaver

ABSENT – Queena Chen and Christopher Man

CAC MOTION 200604.05

The SFMTA CAC recommends that the SFMTA swiftly install temporary transit lane treatments to keep core transit service running quickly and efficiently.

Members of the public expressing support: David Pilpel

On motion to approve:

ADOPTED: AYES – Neil Ballard, Michael Chen, Stephen Cornell, Aaron Leifer, John Lisovsky, Daniel Murphy, Karim Salgado, Susan Vaughan, Dorris Vincent, Daniel Weaver, and Frank Zepeda

ABSENT – Queena Chen and Christopher Man

CAC MOTION 200604.06

The CAC recommends that any temporary increases in transit priority lanes and bike lanes should be prioritized with economic recovery and human flourishing as the determining factors.

Members of the public expressing support: David Pilpel

On motion to approve:

ADOPTED: AYES – Neil Ballard, Michael Chen, Stephen Cornell, Aaron Leifer, John Lisovsky, Daniel Murphy, Karim Salgado, Susan Vaughan, Dorris Vincent, Daniel Weaver, and Frank Zepeda

ABSENT – Queena Chen and Christopher Man

CAC MOTION 200604.07

The SFMTA CAC urges the SFMTA to enhance efforts to increase public participation, especially from underserved communities in selecting locations for Slow Streets and inform the public about adoption of Slow Streets.

Members of the public expressing support: David Pilpel

On motion to approve:

ADOPTED: AYES – Neil Ballard, Aaron Leifer, Daniel Murphy, Karim Salgado, Susan Vaughan, Dorris Vincent, Daniel Weaver, and Frank Zepeda
 NAYES – Michael Chen, Stephen Cornell, and John Lisovsky,
 ABSENT – Queena Chen and Christopher Man

CAC MOTION 200604.08

The SFMTA CAC urges the SFMTA to enhance public participation in creating temporary transit-only lanes to better inform the public about the adoption of such lanes.

Members of the public expressing support: David Pilpel

On motion to approve:

ADOPTED: AYES – Neil Ballard, Stephen Cornell, Aaron Leifer, Daniel Murphy, Susan Vaughan, Dorris Vincent, Daniel Weaver, and Frank Zepeda
 NAYES – Michael Chen, Karim Salgado, and John Lisovsky
 ABSENT – Queena Chen and Christopher Man

8. Council Member Information and Agenda Item Requests. (For discussion only)

Sue Vaughan inquired if FEMA will reimburse for street closures.

Aaron Leifer asked what the SFMTA is doing to address riders with behavioral disorders who may not be observing mask wearing and social distancing, or otherwise pose a health risk to drivers and other riders.

ADJOURN- The meeting was adjourned at 9:25p.m.

Submitted by:



Keka Robinson-Luqman
 SFMTA CAC – Secretary

Next meeting: Thursday, July 9th at 5:30pm | Online via Skype

Upcoming CAC Meeting Topics

Meeting Date	Scheduled Items
July 9, 2020	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • SFMTA sanitation policies • Service Change
August 6, 2020	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Cellular service in the tunnel • SFMTA Strategic Plan
September 3, 2020	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • SFMTA Paint Shop • Geary Bus Rapid Transit Project

* Scheduled items are subject to change*