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SAN FRANCISCO MUNICIPAL TRANSPORTATION AGENCY MULTIMODAL ACCESSIBILITY ADVISORY COMMITTEE

MINUTES OF REGULAR MEETING

Thursday, April 18, 2024

Held via Video Conference

Dial Toll Free: (699) 900-6833
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REGULAR MEETING
1:00 PM – 3:00 PM



ORDER OF BUSINESS

1) Call to Order

Meeting called to order at 1:02 pm

2) Attendance

See roll call.

3) Announcements from Members and City Staff

Ms. Brown announced that she is on the MTC Regional Mapping and Wayfinding Project Advisory Committee.

Mr. Rosen pointed out that the 9/9R stop serving the Arc at 11th & Howard Streets is one block away. Given that the Arc is the largest disability organization in the city, he said that providing a stop at 11th & Howard should be a priority.

Mr. Fischer suggested circulating a petition around the Arc in support of putting a bus stop near the Arc.



Mr. Catalan noted that he has ridden SFMTA's battery electric buses. The New Flyer coach running on the 27 is reliable while the Protera vehicle has significant issues.

Mr. Williams reported that the BART legacy car retirement event is on April 20, 2024.

4) Acceptance of the Agenda

Mr. Glock motioned, and Mr. Fischer seconded the approval of the agenda. **Motion carried.**

5) Acceptance of Minutes from Previous Meeting

Mr. Catalan motioned, and Mr. Medina seconded the approval of the March 21, 2024, meeting minutes. **Motion carried.**

6) Public Comment

None.



7) Business of the Afternoon:

A) Valencia Improvement Project

Project Manager Paul Stanis provided an update on the Valencia Street bike lane pilot project based on the first three months of data gathered. The project boundaries are 15th St and 23rd St.

Mr. Stanis noted that the project came about because conditions on Valencia were chaotic for cyclists. Initially, it was determined that a curbside bike lane was infeasible because business owners wanted to retain parking and parklets, so the center bike lane was installed.

Data shows that the center bike lane met the objective of improving traffic safety and reducing conflicts between pedestrians and bicyclists. Another finding was that there was an increase in collisions due to illegal left- and U-turns. Some cyclists reported feeling unsafe in the center lane, and business owners in the project area reported that replacing general parking spaces with loading zones made access difficult for their customers.

Considering the data at this point, the SFMTA Board recently recommended continuing the pilot program for the full year (August 2023 – August 2024), and that SFMTA



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explore the side running bike lane option to address merchants' frustration.

The next phase of the project includes more outreach to businesses regarding potential designs, including one with "floating parklets" where the bike lane would be between the parklets and the curb. Data is currently being collected for the 6-month evaluation. The project team will report back to the SFMTA Board in July.

Ms. Seretan stated that she feels safer cycling to work in the center bike lane and appreciates the design. There are fewer people riding on the sidewalk now.

Mr. Wong requested more information about how the floating parklets would work. Mr. Stanis reiterated that the parklets would be between the traffic lane and the bike lane. Users of the parklets would cross the bike lane to access the sidewalk.

Mr. Stanis concluded by reporting that the project team is working with DPW on designs and talking to New York City to see how their floating parklets are working.



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B) MAAC Membership Outreach

Ms. Seretan updated the committee on outreach efforts and presented a spreadsheet tracking outreach to disability organizations.

Ms. Seretan noted that some MAAC members have poor attendance and should be contacted to determine whether they want to remain on the committee. Ms. Rathke will send a letter to these members to assess their interest. If these members want to withdraw from the committee, their seats will be available to potential new members.

To encourage and facilitate new membership, Ms. Seretan suggested easing the Bylaws requirement that prospective members attend four meetings before they are eligible to run for a seat. The committee agreed to reduce the requirement to three meetings and will vote on the proposal at the May 16, 2024, meeting.

8) Other Business

None.

9) Adjourn

The meeting adjourned at 2:10 pm. Mr. Rosen made the motion to adjourn, and Mr. Fischer seconded. Motion carried.