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CITIZENS' ADVISORY COUNCIL

MINUTES

Thursday, August 6, 2015
Room 7080, Union Square Conference Room
1 South Van Ness Avenue, 7th Floor

REGULAR MEETING
5:30 P.M.

COUNCIL MEMBERS

Daniel Weaver (Chair), Daniel Murphy (Vice Chair), Mark Ballew, Stephen Cornell,
Joan Downey, Steve Ferrario, Katie Haverkamp, Steve Taber,
Alex Reese, Susan Vaughan, Dorris Vincent, Roland Wong, and Frank Zepeda

COUNCIL LIAISON
Roberta Boomer

ORDER OF BUSINESS

1. Call to Order

Chairman Weaver called the meeting to order at 5:32 p.m.

2. Roll Call

CAC members present at Roll Call: Stephen Cornell, Joan Downey, Steve Ferrario, Katie Haverkamp, Daniel Murphy, Alex Reese, Steve Taber, Susan Vaughan, Dorris Vincent, Daniel Weaver, and Roland Wong

CAC members absent at Roll Call: Frank Zepeda

CAC members absent: Mark Ballew (Absent with notification)

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

CAC Liaison Boomer made the announcement.

Councilmember Zepeda arrived at 5:34 pm

4. Approval of Minutes:

No public comment.

On motion to approve the minutes of July 9, 2015:

ADOPTED: AYES – Stephen Cornell, Joan Downey, Steve Ferrario, Katie Haverkamp, Daniel Murphy, Alex Reese, Steve Taber, Susan Vaughan, Daniel Weaver, Roland Wong, and Frank Zepeda

ABSENT – Mark Ballew

5. Report of the Chair (For discussion only)

Chairman Weaver stated that CAC Secretary Torres will be retiring. This is her last CAC meeting. CAC members expressed their appreciation to Ms. Torres.

Chairman Weaver introduced Tom Nolan, Chairman, of the SFMTA Board of Directors. Chairman Nolan expressed appreciation for the work of the Council and the range of work the CAC gets into. As a member of the SFMTA Board, his guiding principles are that he looks out for the City as whole and is mindful of the needs of individual communities. Chairman Nolan stated that the SFMTA is on the verge of a lot of good things; that the TEP is beginning to pay off; there are new buses and hires.

No public comment.

6. Public Comment:

Edward Mason discussed the Transportation Demand Management Program and commented that buses continue to violate the vehicle code and Commuter Shuttle Bus plan. Mr. Mason stated that violations were observed, such as operating on weight restricted streets, double parking and parking in Muni bus zones. (Mr. Mason provided a statement for inclusion in the minutes.)

REGULAR CALENDAR

7. Presentation, discussion and possible action regarding the election of the CAC Chairman and Vice Chairman.

No public comment.

On motion to elect Dan Weaver as Chairman:

ADOPTED: AYES – Stephen Cornell, Joan Downey, Steve Ferrario, Katie Haverkamp, Daniel Murphy, Alex Reese, Steve Taber, Susan Vaughan, Dorris Vincent, Daniel Weaver, Roland Wong, and Frank Zepeda
ABSENT – Mark Ballew

On motion to elect Daniel Murphy as Vice Chairman:

ADOPTED: AYES – Stephen Cornell, Joan Downey, Steve Ferrario, Katie Haverkamp, Daniel Murphy, Alex Reese, Steve Taber, Susan Vaughan, Dorris Vincent, Daniel Weaver, Roland Wong, and Frank Zepeda
ABSENT – Mark Ballew

8. Presentation, discussion and possible action regarding changes to the “Safer Market Street” and the “Lombard Street Safety Project”. (Mari Hunter, Project Manager)

Mari Hunter introduced staff for the Safer Market St. project. The City’s VisionZero policy, adopted by the SFMTA Board in February is a goal to eliminate pedestrian fatalities due to traffic accidents by 2024. Ms. Hunter stated that approaching that goal will be through education, enforcement, engineering and policy. Market Street is a high injury corridor. Ms. Hunter discussed restrictions along Market Street; center running transit only lanes; creating additional loading zones for safe loading and unloading of passengers. These changes will be in effect starting on August 11.

Ms. Hunter presented the Lombard Street Corridor project, which is another VisionZero project. Caltrans will repave the streets along Lombard Street between Van Ness and Richardson, which is a high injury corridor for pedestrians and motorists. This repaving is scheduled for summer of 2018. Prior to that, Ms. Hunter discussed the pedestrian safety improvements that will be made. Conceptual engineering should be finished by fall, 2015. Public Works will start construction in winter 2017.

PUBLIC COMMENT:

Edward Mason asked about estimated costs and the source of funds to support the project.

Joan Downey asked for cost information. Ms. Hunter provided an estimate of \$7.5M.

Motion 150806.01

The SFMTA CAC urges the SFMTA to hire additional PCO's so there can be additional ongoing enforcement necessary to support the "Safer Market Street" plan, particularly to enforce the time limits at yellow zones.

On motion to approve:

ADOPTED: AYES – Stephen Cornell, Joan Downey, Steve Ferrario, Katie Haverkamp, Daniel Murphy, Alex Reese, Steve Taber, Susan Vaughan, Daniel Weaver, Roland Wong, and Frank Zepeda
ABSENT – Mark Ballew

Motion 150806.02

The CAC urges the SFMTA to remove the "six wheel restriction" limitation in the yellow zones along Market Street.

On motion to approve:

ADOPTED: AYES – Stephen Cornell, Joan Downey, Katie Haverkamp, Daniel Murphy, Steve Taber, Susan Vaughan, Dorris Vincent, Daniel Weaver, Roland Wong, and Frank Zepeda
NAYES – Steve Ferrario and Alex Reese
ABSENT – Mark Ballew

Motion 150806.03

The CAC urges that an economic impact report be generated for both the "Safer Market Street" and the "Lombard Street Safety Project".

On motion to approve:

FAILED ADOPTION: AYES – Stephen Cornell, Steve Ferrario, Alex Reese, Daniel Weaver, and Frank Zepeda
NAYES – Joan Downey, Katie Haverkamp, Daniel Murphy, Steve Taber, Susan Vaughan, Dorris Vincent, and Roland Wong
ABSENT – Mark Ballew

Daniel Weaver asked the Finance and Administration Committee to schedule a hearing to discuss what conditions trigger an economic impact study for capital projects that do not involve federal funds.

9. Presentation, discussion and possible action regarding the Geary Blvd. Bus Rapid Transit Project. (Britt Tanner, Project Manager and Colin Dental-Post, Transportation Planner, SFCTA)

Colin Dental-Post provided an overview of the project and benefits including a reduction in travel time, increased reliability, improved pedestrian safety, and streetscape improvements. Geary Blvd. has

a disproportionate number of pedestrian fatalities. Mr. Dentel-Post reviewed the alternatives for the project. The preferred configuration is a combination of no bus lanes, center and side bus lanes from 48th Ave. to the Transbay Transit Center.

Councilmember Cornell left at 7:47 p.m.

Britt Tanner discussed near-term improvements such as transit-only lanes, traffic signal prioritization and queue-jump signals; Muni Forward service improvements. These near term improves will be completed by 2019. Phase One of the Geary BRT Project focuses east of Stanyan. Phase Two focuses west of Stanyan. The biggest thing is the transit-only lane, which was painted red last summer from Market to Gough Streets. One of the quicker improvements will be to traffic signals. The SFMTA added traffic signal priority from 33rd Avenue to Market Street.

No public comment.

10. Presentation, discussion and possible action regarding the Engineering, Maintenance and Safety Committee (EMSC) report and recommendations.

EMSC MOTION 150722.01

The SFMTA CAC recommends that the overhaul of the Milan car fleet be done with the thought of retaining the car's historic characteristics by minimizing the use of modern technology except in places to ensuring operating safety.

Councilmember Wong left at 8:30 p.m.

Frank Zepeda discussed the presentation by Lee Summerlott, manager for Rail Maintenance. Mr. Zepeda stated that staff is still evaluating the cars.

Chairman Weaver suggested changing the word 'ensuring' to "ensure" in the last sentence of the motion.

No public comment.

Motion 150806.03

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On motion to approve:

ADOPTED: AYES – Joan Downey, Steve Ferrario, Katie Haverkamp, Daniel Murphy, Alex Reese, Steve Taber, Susan Vaughan, Dorris Vincent, Daniel Weaver, Roland Wong, and Frank Zepeda

ABSENT – Mark Ballew, Stephen Cornell, and Roland Wong

11. Council Members' requests for information. (For discussion only)

Sue Vaughn requested a map showing the bus lines and stops for the Geary Blvd. Bus Rapid Transit Project.

Steve Ferrario would like a detailed breakdown of all costs to date, including consultant fees, when they were paid, how much was paid for the Geary Blvd. Bus Rapid Transit project.

Katie Haverkamp would like to know if the SFPD cites motorists when they do not stop for passengers when alighting/boarding light rail vehicles along Taraval. Ms. Haverkamp stated that she has seen a passenger get hit when exiting the train at 17th Ave. because that stop is in the middle of the street and there is no boarding island.

Katie Haverkamp would like a follow-up response on the pigeon droppings at West Portal. Ms. Haverkamp stated that the droppings are caking up.

Sue Vaughan would like a copy of letters received from Uber and Lyft regarding the agreement for the Safer Market Street plan.

Sue Vaughan would like an electronic version of the draft EIR for the Geary Blvd. BRT plan.

Steve Taber requested a discussion regarding the 20 year capital plan and the weighting/rating application. (Chairman Weaver referred the request to the OCSC).

Steve Taber requested a discussion regarding a comprehensive long-range plan for urban rapid transit within San Francisco, including (i) expansion of the Muni Metro system, (ii) integration of BART service and possible BART expansion into the system, and (iii) improvements and enhancements of the existing BART and Muni Metro systems to complement the overall system. (Chairman Weaver referred the request to the EMSC).

12. Schedule upcoming calendar items. (For discussion only)

Next regular meeting: Thursday, September 3, 2015 at 5:30 p.m.

1 South Van Ness Avenue, 7th Floor, Union Square Conference Room, # 7080

The meeting was adjourned at 8:40 p.m.

Submitted by:



Yvette Torres
SFMTA CAC – Secretary

Statement provided by Mr. Edward Mason:

The Transportation Demand Management Project is a partnership between MTA and the corporate bus providers.

The partner buses continue to violate the vehicle code and the pilot plan after 12 months into the plan.

Twelve pilot plan violations were observed on six days between July 14 and 24.

Ten violations were for operating on 3 ton restricted streets

One violation – staging in a Muni bus zone

One violation – double parking

A pilot placard has been issued to a bus with Florida license plates