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**SAN FRANCISCO
MUNICIPAL TRANSPORTATION AGENCY
CITIZENS' ADVISORY COUNCIL**

MINUTES

**Thursday, April 6, 2017
Room 7080, Union Square Conference Room
1 South Van Ness Avenue, 7th Floor**

**REGULAR MEETING
5:30 P.M.**

COUNCIL MEMBERS

**Daniel Weaver (Chair), Frank Zepeda (Vice Chair), Neil Ballard, Mark Ballew,
Barbara Bocci, Steve Cornell, Joan Downey, Michael Eshleman, Cesar Magdaleno,
Daniel Murphy, Steve Taber, Susan Vaughan, and Dorris Vincent**

**COUNCIL LIAISON
Roberta Boomer**

**COUNCIL SECRETARY
Keka Robinson-Luqman**

ORDER OF BUSINESS

1. Call to Order

Chairman Weaver called the meeting to order at 5:30 p.m.

2. Roll Call

CAC members present at Roll Call: Neil Ballard, Mark Ballew, Barbara Bocci, Stephen Cornell, Joan Downey, Michael Eshleman, Susan Vaughan, Daniel Weaver, and Frank Zepeda

CAC members absent at Roll Call: Steve Taber

CAC members absent with notification: Daniel Murphy

CAC members absent without notification: Cesar Magdaleno and Dorris Vincent

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

Council Liaison Boomer made the announcement

4. Approval of Minutes:

PUBLIC COMMENT:

David Pilpel stated that the minutes weren't posted on line so they have not been available to the public. Approval of the minutes should be continued to a future meeting.

CAC staff liaison Boomer stated that the minutes were available on the website by early afternoon and have been at the front desk.

Councilmember Taber arrived at 5:33pm

On motion to approve the minutes of March 2, 2017:

ADOPTED: AYES – Neil Ballard, Mark Ballew, Barbara Bocci, Joan Downey, Michael Eshleman, Steve Taber, Daniel Weaver, and Frank Zepeda

NAYES – Steven Cornell and Sue Vaughn

ABSENT – Cesar Magdaleno, Daniel Murphy, and Dorris Vincent

5. Report of the Chair (For discussion only)

Chairman Weaver welcomed Michael Eshleman to the CAC.

PUBLIC COMMENT:

David Pilpel stated that he is pleased that Michael Eshleman has joined the CAC. He does a great job and knows public transportation. He will be an asset.

Edward Mason expressed hope that Mr. Eshleman's appointment is a precursor for a discussion of public regional bus service so someone can go from Palo Alto to San Francisco on one system. Corporate commuter buses have invaded San Francisco, putting large buses on narrow neighborhood streets. There should be serious consideration at the Metropolitan Transportation Commission to fund and pursue public regional express bus service.

6. Public Comment:

Edward Mason provided written public comment on and reviewed Noe Valley Commuter Shuttle bus violations. Noe Valley accommodates industry. In doing so, there are congested streets in Noe Valley. There are forty buses per hour competing for space at the bus stop. Installing a white zone won't solve the problem. Tech companies are hiring more people. He recommends consideration of regional public express bus system. (Mr. Mason submitted written comments for inclusion in the minutes.)

Written 150-Word Public Testimony by Edward Mason for the minutes of SFMTA Citizens' Advisory Council Regular Meeting April 6, 2017:

Noe Valley Commuter Bus Violation Statistics for March 2017 include 16 observation periods, 52 plan violations. They include impact to Muni 7; operating with no California plates 2; no sticker 13; missing at least one of four required stickers 3; staging 4; engine idle 2; double parking 1; congestion 8; operation on 3 ton restricted street 11; drop off mid-block 1; operation of vehicle greater than 35 feet on residential street 1; stall 1. On March 8, 2017 Genentech/SFO bus 420 stalled on 24th Street for about 90 minutes creating considerable congestion

David Pilpel stated that he was disappointed with the ConnectSF presentation and hopes there will be a better presentation either at a CAC committee or council meeting. This is a plan to harmonize various programs for a coherent vision for transportation in San Francisco. The CAC is an important stakeholder. Staff could have been better prepared. The CAC should recommend that when capital projects are undertaken that have a significant impact on riders, that rider or user impacts should be considered early on rather than after it's too late to make meaningful changes.

REGULAR CALENDAR

7. Presentation, discussion, and possible action regarding the Western Addition Community-Based Transportation Plan. (Danielle Harris, Associate Transportation Planner. Explanatory documents include the final plan, a fact sheet, and a slide presentation.)

Monica Munowich, Manager, Complete Streets Group and Danielle Harris presented the item.

PUBLIC COMMENT:

David Pilpel stated he wasn't sure what the relationship is between this plan and other plans that border the area such as Geary Bus Rapid Transit. Since there was no neighborhood support for parking removal, none was recommended. The SFMTA has done outreach where there has been pushback against removing parking but the SFMTA removed parking anyway. If the SFMTA is going to be sensitive to parking concerns, it should be consistent.

Edward Mason recommended evaluating the concrete used in construction project and recounted instances and locations where hairline cracks have developed shortly after the completion of a project. There is something wrong with the concrete.

Councilmember Vaughn offered the following recommendation:

The SFMTA CAC recommends that the SFMTA delete language in the report that assigns cause for San Francisco's housing issues and also delete language that assigns a cause for redevelopment of the Western Addition.

On motion to approve:

ADOPTED: AYES – Stephen Cornell, Steve Taber, and Susan Vaughan
NAYES – Neil Ballard, Mark Ballew, Barbara Bocci, Joan Downey, Michael Eshleman, Daniel Weaver, and Frank Zepeda
ABSENT – Cesar Magdaleno, Daniel Murphy, and Dorris Vincent

The motion failed adoption.

Chairman Weaver referred the motion to the EMSC committee.

8. Presentation, discussion, and possible action regarding the future of federally funded SFMTA projects. (Monique Webster, Senior Manager, Capital Finance. Explanatory documents include two handouts.)

Ms. Webster reviewed the capital improvement project and funding options. She also discussed the "Skinny Budget" released by President Trump and how the elimination of capital investment funds would affect future projects. A lot can happen between now and the Presidents' detailed budget. If federal funding disappeared, the SFMTA would have serious issues.

PUBLIC COMMENT:

David Pilpel stated that since Mr. Reiskin first spoke about the federal budget, a lot has changed. To the extent that federal funding doesn't happen as planned, it will result in a lot

of reprogramming. The CAC should be involved in that discussion. The CAC should continue to flag capital funding, what's in the current plan, future needs, and other revenue measures, which are all critical to fiscal health of the agency.

9. Presentation, discussion and possible action regarding the Next Generation Customer Information System. (Jason Lee, Project Manager and William Tyner, Mayor's Innovation Fellow. Explanatory documents include a slide presentation.)

Jason Lee presented the item. The NextBus contract expires in July but staff will be extending the contract for a few years. The goal of the system overall is to increase public confidence in Muni. Mr. Lee reviewed the goals and objectives of the next system, including possible elements and features of a new system including signage, predictions, alerts, mobile platform, interconnectivity with other systems, suggestions for alternative routes and public outreach strategy.

Councilmember Ballew requested the scope of service for the contract be given to the CAC when it was ready.

PUBLIC COMMENT:

David Pilpel stated that existing systems that don't integrate well. In the subway, announcements are out of date and don't get cleared. Signage in station agent booths and at regional hubs are disparate and the information on the web isn't coordinated. The SFMTA should implement near term fixes. There's nothing happening with the signs on the platform although they've been there for years. There have been a lot of promises made to riders but there's no follow through. Stakeholder discussions will be important. There are opportunities with the existing systems.

Edward Mason discussed interagency transfers and whether they would be cooperatively accepted. Trying to transfer late in the evening from one system to another can screw up the system. This need to be addressed. He expressed frustration as a rider and wondered how the SFMTA can adapt, particularly in the late evening. The J line has been in the toilet with bunches and gaps for the last three weeks.

Councilmember Ballard offered the following motion:

The SFMTA CAC recommends that advertising functions be excluded from information displays to ensure clarity of transit information.

Chairman Weaver referred the motion to the Finance and Administration Committee.

10. Presentation, discussion and possible action regarding the Operations and Customer Service Committee (OCSC) report and recommendations.

Mark Ballew reported on recent OCSC topics and recommendation.

OCSC Motion 170309.01

The SFMTA CAC recommends that the SFMTA stationless bicycle permit program include regulations for bike safety codes, ensures that the bicycles don't block the public right of way, and include a plan for enforcement.

No public comment.

CAC MOTION 170406.01

The SFMTA CAC recommends that the SFMTA stationless bicycle permit program include regulations for bike safety codes, ensures that the bicycles don't block the public right of way, and include a plan for enforcement.

On motion to approve:

ADOPTED: AYES – Neil Ballard, Mark Ballew, Barbara Bocci, Stephen Cornell, Joan Downey, Michael Eshleman, Steve Taber, Susan Vaughan, Daniel Weaver, and Frank Zepeda

ABSENT – Cesar Magdaleno, Daniel Murphy, and Dorris Vincent,

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

Frank Zepeda reported on recent discussions at the EMSC including on the subway vision, core capacity and SFConnect studies. The EMSC had no recommendations for the CAC.

No public comment.

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

Councilmember Cornell requested a presentation regarding the first principle of the Transit First Policy.

Councilmember Downey requested a presentation by the new Director of Enforcement about enforcement of commuter shuttles in Muni bus stops, parking control officer policies and sidewalk violations. (Staff Liaison Boomer stated that the presentation would be scheduled once a new Director of Enforcement had been appointed.)

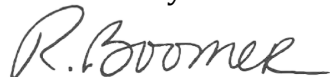
Councilmember Bocci requested an update on the Masonic Avenue project.

PUBLIC COMMENT:

Edward Mason suggested an overlay of Plan Bay Area and how that will impact planning projects in San Francisco. The "Plan Bay Area 2040" will be presented in May in San Francisco. The CAC should get a presentation

ADJOURN - The meeting was adjourned at 7:46 p.m.

Submitted by:



Roberta Boomer
SFMTA CAC - Liaison

Next regular meeting: Thursday, May 4th at 5:30pm
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