

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

MINUTES

Tuesday, March 5, 2013  
Room 400, City Hall  
1 Dr. Carlton B. Goodlett Place

REGULAR MEETING AND CLOSED SESSION  
1 P.M.

BOARD OF DIRECTORS

Tom Nolan, Chairman  
Cheryl Brinkman, Vice Chairman  
Leona Bridges  
Malcolm Heinicke  
Jerry Lee  
Joél Ramos  
Cristina Rubke

Edward Reiskin  
DIRECTOR OF TRANSPORTATION

Roberta Boomer  
BOARD SECRETARY

## ORDER OF BUSINESS

### 1. Call to Order

Chairman Nolan called the meeting to order at 1:03 p.m.

### 2. Roll Call

Present: Cheryl Brinkman  
Malcolm Heinicke – absent at Roll Call  
Tom Nolan  
Joél Ramos  
Cristina Rubke

Absent: Leona Bridges – with notification  
Jerry Lee – with notification

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

Chairman Nolan announced that the ringing of and use of cell phones, pagers and similar sound-producing electronic devices are prohibited at the meeting. He 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. He also advised that cell phones that are set on “vibrate” cause microphone interference and requested that they be placed in the “off” position.

Director Heinicke arrived.

### 4. Approval of Minutes

On motion to approve the minutes of the February 19, 2013 Regular Meeting: unanimously approved (Bridges and Lee absent).

### 5. Communications

The assistant Board Secretary announced that the closed session was cancelled.

### 6. Introduction of New or Unfinished Business by Board Members

None.

### 7. Director’s Report (For discussion only)

- Special Recognition Award
- Ongoing Activities

Director Reiskin presented awards to Ron Aquino, Painter, Sustainable Streets, and James Rivera, Salvador Carrion, Richard Moreno, Gardeners, Transit Service. The Kirkland Maintenance crew was presented the SFMTA Quarterly Maintenance Safety Award.

Director Reiskin discussed the arrival of a new bus prototype, an update on the City's Capital Plan and the approval by the Board of Supervisors of the lease for the Pagoda site for Central Subway.

#### PUBLIC COMMENT:

David Pilpel inquired about the level of participation in the "Free Muni for Youth" program and the impact of the federal sequester on the SFMTA.

#### 8. Citizens' Advisory Council Report

No report.

#### 9. Public Comment

Charles Rathbone expressed concern over illegal cabs and his frustration that the City has turned a blind eye. The consequence is a shortage of drivers which is aggravated by illegal drivers. These illegal operators are undermining taxis. He urged strong enforcement.

Gordon Rowe expressed concern about safety at the Balboa Park station. Over 1,000 people are dropped off into traffic. He heard there were plans to move a stop sign eventually but it's a low priority. The agency is spending on other items when it won't cost much to place a stop sign. He urged the SFMTA to reexamine their priorities.

David Pilpel inquired about the plan for new transit shelters and high volume stops that don't have Nextbus. He expressed opposition to the Spring Break schedule. The schedule is confusing and was not brought to the CAC or customers.

Herbert Weiner expressed opposition to the Spring break schedule and stated that it should be presented to the public before being implemented. He stated that subordinates should evaluate Muni managers because internal administration reforms are needed.

Mary McGuire stated that drivers issued 1099's were told they don't have to pay taxes. If a driver asks for a 1099, they are told they are not needed. Illegal cab drivers are not required to be finger printed or drug tested. An integrated app has been promised but hasn't been done yet.

Barry Korengold asked staff to make changes on Powell Street. The no left turn from Powell to Sutter should be for certain hours only. Taxis can't pick up from the opposite corner. He urged that an exception be made for cab drivers. The illegal cabs with pink mustaches or ride shares don't comply with codes and enforcement is needed.

Tariq Mehmood discussed the dire situation for cab drivers. Illegal cabs are a huge problem. Cab drivers will be coming to the March 19 meeting by the hundreds.

Trevor Johnson stated that over 1,000 unlicensed vehicles are operating. They prey on the underinsured and heavily promote during busy times. As ride shares, there are no license requirements but they are not ridesharing. These companies are claiming that they are exempt and that monies collected are donations but they are actively soliciting as if they are taxis. This is the decimation of the of taxi industry. Please use available space to notify the public.

Morgan Fitzgivens stated that by not completing the Fell and Oak Street project the Agency has placed the public at a safety risk. This shows the dysfunction of the SMFTA as we approach the 40<sup>th</sup> anniversary of the "Transit First" policy. We need this implemented now.

Chairman Nolan asked staff to look into the left turn issue at Powell Street. Director Heinicke asked about a taxi exemption at that location.

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. 7<sup>th</sup> 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) Approving the following traffic modifications:

- A. ESTABLISH – NO TURN ON RED – Oak Street at Broderick Street.
- B. ESTABLISH – TOW-AWAY NO STOPPING, 7 AM TO 6 PM EXCEPT SUNDAY – Faxon Avenue, west side, from Ocean Avenue to 95 feet northerly.
- C. ESTABLISH – STOP SIGNS – Stopping eastbound and westbound Bay St. at Baker St.
- D. ESTABLISH – RED ZONE – Fulton Street, north side, from 15<sup>th</sup> Avenue to 31.5 feet easterly.
- E. ESTABLISH – STOP SIGNS – Stopping 17<sup>th</sup> Street at Missouri Street.
- F. ESTABLISH – TOW-AWAY NO PARKING 12:01 AM – 6 AM EVERYDAY – Quesada Avenue, north side, from 3<sup>rd</sup> Street to 130 feet easterly; and Quesada Avenue, south side, from 3<sup>rd</sup> Street to 113 feet easterly.
- G. RESCIND – TOW-AWAY, NO STOPPING, 7 AM TO 6 PM, MONDAY TO FRIDAY; ESTABLISH – TOW-AWAY, NO STOPPING, 6 AM TO 10 AM AND 3 PM TO 7 PM,

MONDAY THROUGH FRIDAY and ESTABLISH – METERED PARKING, MONDAY THROUGH SUNDAY, AREA 1 OPERATION TIMES (\$3.50 / HOUR) – Bush Street, north side, between Kearny and Sansome Streets.

- H. ESTABLISH – NO PARKING ANYTIME – Bush St, north side, between Kearny and Belden Sts.
- I. ESTABLISH – ONE-WAY WESTBOUND – Augusta St., from Silver Ave. to Waterville St.
- J. RESCIND – STOP SIGN – Augusta Street, eastbound, at Silver Avenue.
- K. ESTABLISH – STOP SIGN – Waterville, southbound, at Silver Avenue.
- L. ESTABLISH – NO PARKING ANYTIME – Augusta Street, south side, from Waterville St. to Silver Avenue; and Waterville Street, east side, from Silver Avenue to Augusta Street.
- M. ESTABLISH – CROSSWALK – Augusta and Waterville intersection, eastside crossing.
- N. ESTABLISH – NO PARKING ANYTIME – Claremont Boulevard, west side, from 13 feet to 24 feet north of Granville Way and from Granville Way to 16 feet southerly. (Explanatory documents include a staff report and resolution.)

#### RESOLUTION 13-026

(10.2) Authorizing the Director to execute and file applications for funding under the FTA Formula Programs and/or Surface Transportation Program in the amount of \$187,764,661 for the Light Rail Vehicle Rehabilitation Project; Free Muni For Youth Program; 40-ft NABI bus replacement; replace Paratransit Vans; 40' Neoplan bus replacement; 60' Neoplan bus replacement; 60' New Flyer Trolley bus replacement; Muni rail replacement; ITS Radio System replacement; Cable Car renovation program; and ADA Paratransit Operating Support. (Explanatory documents include a staff report and resolution.)

#### RESOLUTION 13-027

(10.3) Authorizing the Director to accept a gift of \$233,000 from RCS-Brotherhood Way to fund the design, construction engineering and inspection and maintenance of a new traffic signal at 700 Brotherhood Way. (Explanatory documents include a staff report, resolution and financial plan.)

Item 10.3 was severed at the request of a member of the public.

#### PUBLIC COMMENT on Item 10.3:

David Pilpel expressed opposition and inquired about an EIR or city planning review.

Bond Yee, Director Sustainable Streets stated that the project had been approved by the City Planning Commission.

#### RESOLUTION 13-028

On motion to approve 10.3:

ADOPTED: AYES – Brinkman, Heinicke, Nolan, Ramos and Rubke

ABSENT – Bridges and Lee

On motion to approve the Consent Calendar (10.3 severed):

ADOPTED: AYES – Brinkman, Heinicke, Nolan, Ramos and Rubke

ABSENT – Bridges and Lee

#### REGULAR CALENDAR

11. Presentation and discussion of the Waterfront Transportation Assessment. (Explanatory documents include a slide presentation.)

Peter Albert, Manager, SFMTA Urban Planning Initiatives, Sustainable Streets, and Jennifer Matz, Director, Waterfront Projects, Mayor's Office of Workforce Development presented the report.

#### PUBLIC COMMENT:

Sue Vaughan expressed opposition to the location of the Warriors arena. Each of the proposed plans is located at ground zero for sea level rise. BCDC risk assessments state that they must be based on expected rise. They will be underwater by the end of this century.

Neal Patel expressed interest in partnering with the City on waterfront projects.

12. Discussion and vote pursuant to Administrative Code Section 67.10(d) as to whether to conduct a closed session.

No closed session was held.

ADJOURN - The meeting was adjourned at 2:47 p.m.

A tape of the meeting is on file in the office of the Secretary to the San Francisco Municipal Transportation Agency Board of Directors.

  
Caroline Celaya  
Assistant Board Secretary