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

MINUTES

**Thursday, January 5, 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, Cesar Magdaleno, Daniel Murphy, Alex Reese,
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 5:33 p.m.

2. Roll Call

CAC members present at Roll Call: Neil Ballard, Mark Ballew, Barbara Bocci, Stephen Cornell, Joan Downey, Steve Taber, Susan Vaughan, and Daniel Weaver

CAC members absent at Roll Call: Daniel Murphy, Dorris Vincent, and Frank Zepeda
CAC members absent: Alex Reese and Cesar Magdaleno (both with notification)

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

CAC Secretary Robinson-Luqman made the announcement.

4. Approval of Minutes:

Member Murphy arrived at 5:34 p.m.

On motion to approve the minutes of December 1, 2016:

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

Member Zepeda arrived at 5:35 p.m.

On motion to rescind the vote on the minutes of December 1, 2016:

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

On motion to approve the December 1, 2016 minutes with Sue Vaughan's comment "When corporate shuttle buses operate in red zones, it violates the State of California vehicle code" added:

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

ABSENT – Alex Reese, Cesar Magdaleno, and Dorris Vincent

5. Report of the Chair (For discussion only)

Chairman Weaver reported that he would call general public comment after item seven.

No public comment.

6. Public Comment:

Ozzie Rohm stated that the fumes from idling buses is incredible and has a great ecological impact. The level of idling and toxic fumes being generated should not be allowed by any vehicle. If the SFMTA is not going to replace these shuttles with public transportation, they should downsize the vehicles, as they are long and, for most of the day, are not full. She urged the SFMTA to push for smaller vehicles.

Anastasia Yovanopoulos stated that she experiences pollution from commuter shuttle buses on 24th Street. She sent a complaint about the pile up of traffic in the evening because it took her 15 minutes to get three blocks on the 48 line. The commuter shuttle buses are blocking the bus stops so that Muni riders are inconvenienced. She stated that she was told by SFMTA staff that the SFMTA is exploring additional ways to manage shuttles along 24th Street and that they are committed to working with neighbors and merchants. The SFMTA should get smaller shuttle buses.

Edward Mason provided an update on commuter shuttle violations. During 13 observation periods he witnessed over 40 violations. The SFMTA says this is a sound environmental program but the idling makes that untrue. Having 30 to 35 buses an hour is a significant impact on the environment. The commuter shuttle bus program needs to be reevaluated. (Mr. Mason submitted written comments for inclusion in the minutes.)

Written 150-Word Public Testimony by Edward Mason for Minutes of SFMTA Citizens' Advisory Council Regular Meeting January 5, 2017: Agenda Item 6, Public Comment:

MTA CAC Jan. 5, 2017. Written comments. E. Mason. Noe Valley commuter bus violation statistics for December 2016 include 13 observation periods and 44 violations. They include idling (9), block Muni (7), Passenger discharge midblock (3), operating with no California license or blue program placard (21), staging (3), congestion (2), and operating with a green pilot placard (1). Engine idling along Market Street between Church and Duboce requires enforcement.

REGULAR CALENDAR

7. Presentation, discussion and possible action regarding the SFMTA's Annual Report (Ed Reiskin, Director of Transportation. Explanatory documents include a slide presentation and report.)

Ed Reiskin presented the item.

Dorris Vincent arrived at 6:17p.m.

PUBLIC COMMENT:

Edward Mason stated that, according to his calculations, 650 SFMTA employees were injured during 2016, which is more than 10% of the work force. He inquired about the cost of worker's compensation. Mr. Mason stated that the SFMTA's economic benefit is up to \$28 million a year which only comes out to \$28 a person. The SFMTA reports big numbers, but when they are reduced, they really are small numbers. He would like to see more absolute numbers in future reports.

8. Presentation, discussion and possible action regarding a quarterly report on Vision Zero. (Mari Hunter, Senior Transportation Planner. No explanatory documents.)

Mari Hunter presented the item. She provided an action strategy update, reported on priority projects, and upcoming milestones of Vision Zero. Chava Kronenberg presented the Palou Streetscape project.

PUBLIC COMMENT:

Edward Mason stated that he looks forward to seeing the SMART program for children. He inquired how to effectively communicate to adult pedestrians the dangers of being distracted. He stated that he is horrified by what he sees, like pedestrians jogging through intersections without looking both ways and stopping. People have earphones on and think they have a protective bubble. It is a major problem. He inquired how to change that mindset. It is in the hands of the SFMTA to figure out a way to change adult behavior to be more responsible.

9. Presentation, discussion and possible action regarding amending the CAC's Rules of Order. (Daniel Weaver, Chairman, Citizens' Advisory Council. Explanatory documents include the draft CAC Rules of Order.)

(This item was continued from the December 1st CAC meeting.)

No public comment.

On motion to approve the CAC's Rules of Order as amended:

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

10. Presentation, discussion and possible action regarding the Operations and Customer Service Committee (OCSC) report and recommendations. (Juliet Wilson, Transportation Planner. Explanatory documents include a slide presentation.)

OCSC Motion 161011.01

WHEREAS, The City has a transit first policy that prioritizes alternative modes of transportation other than driving, and WHEREAS, It is not in line with the City's Transit First policy, and WHEREAS, It encourages driving which contributes to congestion and greenhouse gases that cause climate change and sea level rise, and WHEREAS, The city should set an example for people to use public transportation, cycling, and walking to get to their destinations, now therefore be it RESOLVED, That the SFMTA CAC recommends that the SFMTA Board not proceed with the Dolores Street Median Parking Pilot Program.

(This item was continued from the December 1st CAC meeting.)

Juliet Wilson presented the item. The pilot authorizes parking alongside the Dolores street center medians between 14th and 18th streets and will run for a duration of 16 months. The pilot will begin in February or March of 2017, pending SFMTA Board approval at the January 17th meeting.

No public comment.

CAC Motion 170105.01

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On motion to approve:

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

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

Daniel Murphy stated that businesses are putting up private signs regulating who can park in white zones in front of their businesses. Who does the enforcement of removing private signs or advising the owners that these signs are unlawful?

Joan Downey stated that the Next Muni information has been down for two days. She wanted to know why and when it will be back up and running.

Dorris Vincent asked why the shelter on San Bruno Avenue at Oakdale was removed.

Sue Vaughan requested the number of citations issued to shuttle buses between August 1st and December 31st 2016, the amount of citation revenue collected during that time period, and a breakdown of what the citations were for.

Sue Vaughan asked how many of the 2016 bus collisions were between Muni vehicles and shuttle buses.

Sue Vaughan requested the absolute number of security incidents per month in 2016, the absolute number of Muni employees injured in 2016, and the absolute number of collisions in 2016.

Sue Vaughan asked about the plan for reducing water at the SFMTA.

Sue Vaughan asked if the CAC is able to receive a monthly report on the greenhouse gas emissions of Muni vehicles.

Dorris Vincent asked to see the final proposal for the Palou streetscape project. She also asked what the SFMTA decided to do about the bulb out at Newhall and Palou streets.

Sue Vaughan requested the specific transportation code that will be amended to accommodate the Dolores Street Median Parking project.

ADJOURN-the meeting was adjourned at 8:25pm



Keka Robinson-Luqman
SFMTA CAC – Secretary

Next regular meeting: Thursday, February 2nd at 5:30pm
1 South Van Ness Avenue, 7th Floor, Union Square Conference Room, #7080