



SFMTA
Municipal
Transportation
Agency

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

ENGINEERING, MAINTENANCE AND SAFETY COMMITTEE

MINUTES

**Wednesday, May 17, 2017
Noe Valley Conference Room, #7075
1 South Van Ness Avenue, 7th Floor**

**SPECIAL MEETING
4:00 P.M.**

**COMMITTEE MEMBERS
Frank Zepeda, Chairman
Cesar Magdaleno
Dorris Vincent**

**COUNCIL LIAISON
Roberta Boomer**

**COUNCIL SECRETARY
Keka Robinson-Luqman**

ORDER OF BUSINESS

1. Call to Order

Chairman Zepeda called the meeting to order at 4:07 p.m.

2. Roll Call.

EMSC members present at Roll Call: Cesar Magdaleno, Dorris Vincent and Frank Zepeda
CAC members present: Neil Ballard

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

Acting CAC Secretary Celaya made the announcement.

4. Approval of Minutes:

No public comment.

On motion to approve the minutes of April 26, 2017:

ADOPTED: AYES – Cesar Magdaleno, Dorris Vincent, and Frank Zepeda

5. Report of the Chairman (For discussion only)

No report.

6. Public Comment:

Edward Mason stated that he was notified on May 15 about a corporate commuter bus stall on Castro Street that disrupted traffic for four hours. This is the same location as the last stall that caused a three hour disruption. Today an ADA patron was unable to board the 48 Quintara bus at Church Street because a commuter bus was in the bus zone. There are implications for ADA riders with corporate commuter buses. An SFO airporter bus parked in two metered zones and didn't pay the meter.

David Pilpel stated that this past Sunday night there was an assault on the inbound Church Street train. The operator dealt could have made a better announcement. There are more incidents of these types happening onboard. The SFMTA needs better way to deal with them.

REGULAR CALENDAR

7. Presentation, discussion, and possible action regarding the SFMTA's response to the PG&E power outage. (Jeff Flynn, Chief Transit Officer. Explanatory documents include a map.)

Jeff Flynn provided a report on the impact of the April 21, 2017 power outage that affected the SFMTA. The power outage was first reported at the Montgomery station but train service wasn't impacted. Staff immediately began to assess the situation. The Marina and Fillmore

districts were power dead zones which impacted the 22 and 24 lines. Over 300 light signals were down and concentrated in the Van Ness and South of Market areas. Parking Control Officers (PCO's) were deployed to key intersections. Rapids lines were switch to locals and the cable car lines were motorized. Staff ambassadors directed the public. After 90 minutes the metro lines were back up and within three hours all lines were back to normal. The outage lasted for eight hours and PCO's deployed the entire time.

We have submitted a claim for reimbursement to PG&E for staff time in the amount of \$185,000. Our efforts to prevent this in the future include a capitol project to renovate the two substations to preserve MUNI services.

PUBLIC COMMENT:

David Pilpel stated that the map doesn't show the PG&E power stations. He heard the outage was at Larkin Street. The SFMTA plans are good. The investment in overhead lines and in power control line management worked well. Staff should share this info with all employees to show lessons learned. He asked if there was there an after-event report or a summary. He suggested the SFMTA improve their relationship and coordination with the Public Utilities Commission staff.

Chairman Zepeda asked for the after meeting document to be provided once it is complete.

8. Presentation, discussion, and possible action regarding pigeon mitigation and abatement. (Jonathan Rewers, Manager, Design Strategy and Delivery. No explanatory documents.)

Jonathan Rewers discussed the need for better management at all yard facilities. Since February, staff has reviewed the reports from each yard and will add pins or netting to ensure safe and clean facilities. The Kirkland yard is complete and there is a Notice to Proceed for work at Presidio. Staff is scoping the Potrero and Green Divisions. There is a Request for Proposals out for the work at the Cable Car and Beach yards.

This is a recurring problem so we need to look at permanent solution. Netting or pins don't work long term and staff is investigating permanent solutions. If we can't find a reasonable solution, we will put a preventative maintenance program in place with a permanent contract. Staff expects that by the end of summer all yards will be in better shape.

PUBLIC COMMENT:

Edward Mason asked if the West Portal Station is on the list for pigeon abatement and if it isn't, it needs to be added.

David Pilpel stated that there is a problem at the West Portal Station and at various metro station mezzanine and the platform levels. Station lighting and safety maintenance are issues too. He asked that the SFMTA not get rid of the historical artifacts at the Track 16 site.

9. Presentation, discussion, and possible action regarding the disposition of vintage transit equipment. (Lee Summerlott, Deputy Director, Rail Maintenance. No explanatory documents.)

Lee Summerlott discussed the status of vintage vehicles at the Marin yard. There are difficulties with the lack of available space. He discussed disposing of ten to twelve vehicles. There are 35 total. Some haven't been moved in over 20 years and could crumble. There is a proposal to donate Cable Car 28 to a rail museum in Connecticut. This requires SFMTA Board approval. We are purchasing two double-end cars from Connecticut that we will overhaul for the E line. Staff suggests keeping at least one car of every style.

Chairman Zepeda asked staff to provide photos of the remaining cars.

PUBLIC COMMENT:

David Pilpel stated that he is not sure all of the cars have been there as long as staff thinks. There is space for vintage cars at Muni Metro East but a covered facility is needed. He suggested the SFMTA maintain one car of each fleet type. Double ended cars could be an ADA issue. A policy framework should be drafted with goals such as keeping one of each type.

Edward Mason inquired if the SFMTA can obtain funds from the tech industry for the rehabilitation work. He suggested staff place historic vehicles at tourist locations. They would have to be secured areas because vandalism could be an issue.

Chairman Zepeda asked staff to return at a future meeting to discuss the other cable cars.

EMSC Motion 170517.01

The SFMTA CAC supports the donation of Car 28 to the Connecticut Rail Museum.

On motion to approve:

ADOPTED: AYES – Cesar Magdaleno, Dorris Vincent, and Frank Zepeda

10. Committee member requests for information. (For discussion only)

Dorris Vincent revised her previous request related to the move of the Bayshore stop. She asked why staff hasn't put a bus shelter at the new bus stop on Bayshore.

Dorris Vincent asked staff explain the process for color curb striping.

ADJOURN - The meeting was adjourned at 5:33 p.m.

Submitted by:

Caroline Celaya

Caroline Celaya
Acting SFMTA CAC – Secretary

Next regular meeting: Wednesday, June 28, 2017 at 4:00 p.m.
One South Van Ness Avenue, 7th Floor, Noe Valley Conference Room, #7075

