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

MINUTES

**Thursday, November 2, 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, Jarie Bolander,
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, Jarie Bolander, Stephen Cornell, Joan Downey, Michael Eshleman, Cesar Magdaleno, Daniel Murphy, Steve Taber, Susan Vaughan, and Daniel Weaver

CAC members absent at Roll Call: Dorris Vincent

CAC members absent with notification: Barbara Bocci and Frank Zepeda

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

CAC Secretary Robinson-Luqman made the announcement.

4. Approval of Minutes:

On motion to approve the minutes of October 5, 2017:

ADOPTED: AYES – Neil Ballard, Mark Ballew, Jarie Bolander, Stephen Cornell, Joan Downey, Michael Eshleman, Cesar Magdaleno, Daniel Murphy, Steve Taber, Susan Vaughan, Daniel Weaver

ABSENT – Barbara Bocci, Dorris Vincent, and Frank Zepeda

5. Report of the Chair (For discussion only)

No report.

6. Public Comment:

Barbara Machtinger from the San Francisco Zen Center expressed concern with the loss of parking due to an increase in construction. She said members of the community have a lot of guests and they normally send them to park in the Performing Arts Parking Garage. She stated that the garage is not open on weekends unless there is a performance, which puts a crimp in having visitors because parking is scarce. She requested that the garage be open during reasonable hours on the weekend. Due to ongoing construction, there are fewer and fewer lots available. The SFMTA needs to be open to supporting neighborhood needs.

Edward Mason addressed the intersection blocking issue at 24th and Church streets. Muni patrons on the 48 Quintara line are finally able to board at the curb instead of in the street due to the addition of white boarding zones for commuter shuttles. Now, commuter shuttles

are blocking the intersection by not pulling all the way up to the front of the white zone. Mr. Mason emailed Muni and they responded that they notified the bus drivers to fill position number one as they were stopping far back and parking in the crosswalk. J Church line service is inadequate. There is hate and discontent among Muni patrons regarding the J Church line bunches and gaps. He has witnessed three trains at a time and then half an hour with no service.

REGULAR CALENDAR

7. Presentation, discussion, and possible action regarding Muni Subway Expansion Project. (Liz Brisson, Major Corridors Planning Manager.)

This item was removed from the agenda at the request of staff.

8. Presentation, discussion, and possible action regarding the new SFMTA website. (Kristin Smith, Marketing and Digital Communications Manager. No explanatory documents.)

Kristin Smith and Dovid Copeland presented an interactive preview of the new SFMTA website, which is scheduled to launch in early December. The website is the agency's largest communications channel. There are more than a million visitors every month. 65% of those visitors are via mobile phone. Making navigating the site much easier for mobile users was one of the main reasons for this substantial redesign.

Member Vincent arrived at 5:45 p.m.

PUBLIC COMMENT:

Edward Mason stated that "routes and stops" on the new website should be reworded to say "schedules." It's a matter of semantics.

9. Presentation, discussion, and possible action regarding Transportation Demand Management. (John Knox White, Planning Programs Manager. Explanatory documents include a slide presentation.)

John Knox White presented the item.

PUBLIC COMMENT:

Edward Mason inquired how to convince someone buying a house on Vicksburg would utilize transit. The SFMTA should minimize the impact of Google buses. The City rejected the hubs, and consideration of using the bus bays at the Millbrae BART station. He inquired how to make the connection for people that the decisions they make have an environmental impact. He suggested something similar to Valley Transportation Authority (VTA), which uses "Keeping the Valley Green" to make the connection.

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

Daniel Weaver asked if there is any reason why the Performing Arts parking garage is not open to the public on the weekends.

Dorris Vincent asked what the Bayview Moves Pilot Program is and where the meetings were held, as she has no idea what it is and has heard nothing about it.

Sue Vaughan asked who is responsible for an injury if someone is trying to get on the bus and the bus is not pulled all the way into the curb because it is blocked.

Sue Vaughan requested a presentation regarding efforts to regulate pedicabs.

Sue Vaughan requested the Fiscal Year 2018 monthly estimates of the number of stops for Bauer's commuter buses.

Sue Vaughan asked if a city attorney is able to attend a CAC meeting and do a presentation on Proposition 26. She stated that if the SFMTA can charge medallion fees to the cabs, she doesn't understand why they can't do the same for Transportation Network Companies.

Joan Downey inquired about a program called Gig where you can pick up a car from one location and drop it at another one. She asked if there is anything like that in the works in San Francisco and if so, what fees would be involved with it.

Daniel Weaver would like a presentation on the bike share program.

Steve Taber inquired if somebody in the SFMTA is thinking about how public and private initiatives can be looked at in a comprehensive manner.

Sue Vaughan inquired why the SFMTA does not charge medallion style fees for TNCs.

Daniel Weaver inquired what the switching problems are in the tunnel, what is causing them, and what the solutions are.

PUBLIC COMMENT:

Edward Mason stated that Sarah Jones and Kate Toran presented at a recent Policy and Governance Committee meeting regarding activity within the SFMTA to look at autonomous vehicles and a whole spectrum of what is out there as far as transportation. He suggested that the Council have them do the same presentation at a future CAC meeting.

ADJOURN – The meeting was adjourned at 7:28 p.m.

Submitted by:

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read 'KAR Luqman', with a stylized flourish at the end.

Keka Robinson-Luqman
SFMTA CAC – Secretary

Next regular meeting: Thursday, December 7, 2017 at 5:30pm
1 South Van Ness Avenue, 7th Floor, Union Square Conference Room, #7080