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MUNICIPAL TRANSPORTATION AGENCY
CITIZENS' ADVISORY COUNCIL

MINUTES

April 1, 2021

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PUBLIC COMMENT CALL-IN: (415) 915-0757 | Conference ID: 589 180 11#

REGULAR MEETING
5:30 P.M.

COUNCIL MEMBERS
Neil Ballard (Chair), Frank Zepeda (Vice Chair),
Chris Arvin, Michael Chen, Queena Chen, Steve Cornell, Aaron Leifer, John Lisovsky,
Christopher Man, Daniel Murphy, Obai Rambo, Karim Salgado, Susan Vaughan, Dorris Vincent,
and Daniel Weaver

COUNCIL LIAISON
Christine Silva

COUNCIL SECRETARY
Keka Robinson-Luqman

Due to the COVID-19 health emergency and to protect our Council Members, SFMTA staff, and members of the public, the SFMTA Meeting Room (Union Square Conference Room) is closed.

Members of the public are encouraged to participate remotely. If you want to ensure your comment on any item on the agenda is received by the Council in advance of the meeting, please send an email to CAC@sfmta.com by 5pm on Wednesday, March 31st, or call (415) 646-2388.

ORDER OF BUSINESS

1. Call to Order

Chair Ballard called the meeting to order at 5:31 p.m.

2. Roll Call

CAC members present at Roll Call: Neil Ballard, Chris Arvin, Michael Chen, Queena Chen, Aaron Leifer, Christopher Man, Daniel Murphy, Karim Salgado, Susan Vaughan, and Frank Zepeda

CAC members absent at Roll Call: Stephen Cornell, John Lisovsky, Obai Rambo, and Dorris Vincent

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

No announcement was made.

4. Approval of Minutes:

No public comment.

On motion to approve the minutes of March 4, 2021:

ADOPTED: AYES – Neil Ballard, Chris Arvin, Michael Chen, Queena Chen, Stephen Cornell, Aaron Leifer, Christopher Man, Daniel Murphy, Karim Salgado, Susan Vaughan, and Frank Zepeda

ABSENT – John Lisovsky, Obai Rambo, and Dorris Vincent

5. Report of the Chair (For discussion only)

Chair Ballard introduced the new SFMTA Board Secretary, Christine Silva.

6. Public Comment:

Edward Mason stated that Daly City BART still lacks bus stop signage for the 14R and the 57 lines. All the other bus bays there are marked for SamTrans while the Muni bus stop is a faded yellow bar on the pavement. Mr. Mason stated that during a northbound trip on the 49 line, the Operator announced that Market Street stop was coming up. The bus stopped in a clearly marked, designated area between Market and Mission. Once the bus crossed Market Street, there were no ambassadors and at least a dozen people trying to wave the bus down. Ambassadors should be strategically deployed at these types of locations when changes happen.

REGULAR CALENDAR

7. Presentation, discussion, and possible action regarding the SFMTA Racial Equity Action Plan update. (Kimberly Ackerman, Director, Human Resources and Josephine Ayankoya, Racial Equity & Inclusion Officer. Explanatory documents include a slide presentation.)

Josephine Ayankoya, Racial Equity & Inclusion Officer and Kimberly Ackerman, Director, Human Resources presented the item.

No public comment.

CAC MOTION 210401.01

The SFMTA CAC recommends that employee affinity groups be invited to provide input at SFMTA Board meetings during quarterly updates on the Agency's progress toward the goals outlined in the Racial Equity Action Plan.

On motion to approve:

ADOPTED: AYES – Neil Ballard, Chris Arvin, Michael Chen, Queena Chen, Stephen Cornell, Aaron Leifer, John Lisovsky, Christopher Man, Daniel Murphy, Obai Rambo, Karim Salgado, Susan Vaughan, Dorris Vincent, and Frank Zepeda

8. Presentation, discussion, and possible action regarding SFMTA 20-year Capital Plan. (Phillip Lasat, Transit Planner and Darryl Yip, Transit Planner. Explanatory documents include a slide presentation and handout.)

PUBLIC COMMENT:

Edward Mason stated that there is no element for fiscal responsibility. He would like to see a comparison matrix of cost per rider. It should be added on as an element to show the benefit.

CAC MOTION 210401.02

The SFMTA CAC recommends that the SFMTA make transit service reliability a top-level value in its Capital Plan Criteria and Indicators, recognizing that the charter amendment creating the agency specifies this as a key criterion for evaluating the agency's performance.

On motion to approve:

ADOPTED: AYES – Neil Ballard, Chris Arvin, Michael Chen, Stephen Cornell, Aaron Leifer, John Lisovsky, Christopher Man, Daniel Murphy, Obai Rambo, Karim Salgado, Susan Vaughan, Dorris Vincent, and Frank Zepeda
ABSENT – Queena Chen

CAC MOTION 210401.03

The SFMTA CAC urges the SFMTA to adopt transparent policies in compliance with local, state, and federal law during the during the adoption of the 20-year Capital Plan

Members of the public expressing support: Edward Mason and Chaz Hurwitz

On motion to approve:

ADOPTED: AYES – Neil Ballard, Chris Arvin, Michael Chen, Stephen Cornell, Aaron Leifer, Christopher Man, Daniel Murphy, Obai Rambo, Karim Salgado, Susan Vaughan, and

NAYES – John Lisovsky, Dorris Vincent, and Frank Zepeda

ABSENT – Queena Chen

9. Presentation, discussion, and possible action regarding Shared Spaces. (Monica Munowitch, Shared Spaces Deputy Program Manager. Explanatory documents include a slide presentation and executive summary.)

Monica Munowitch, Shared Spaces Deputy Program Manager, presented the item.

PUBLIC COMMENT:

Chaz Hurwitz stated that it is troubling that residents in commercial corridors are never brought up as stakeholders. There needs to be public input. He stated that he lives above and adjacent to a very large parklet that is a restaurant now. Disturbances of noise, trash, and staggering drunk people is a reality for families living in places like Valencia Street. During the pandemic, he was 100% in favor of it. Following the pandemic, he would like some return to normalcy. Residents deserve a say in what their neighborhood becomes.

Martha Bridegam stated that food service and nightlife businesses do need some of this space, but they are not the only ones who need it. Letting someone have a place to sleep without the constant fear of towing or feeling that they are doing something wrong can be a kind of shared space as well. As an employee of a small law office, it would have been great to have space to meet with a client to sign documents during the past year, but they couldn't do that unless one of the neighborhood restaurants happened to be open. Shared Spaces shouldn't just be focused on businesses that serve food and drinks. There are other reasons to share space.

Edward Mason stated that businesses benefit through the tax code. The Board of Supervisors passed the Restaurant and Bar Recovery Act. Senator Weiner supports liquor sales until 4am. Now there is alcohol consumption in public spaces. There's an environmental impact because lighting is being kept on all night to protect the parklets from vandalism. This is a capitalistic system but now the government is intervening and converting public space for private uses.

CAC MOTION 210401.04

The SFMTA CAC supports SFMTA staff proposals on shared spaces, provided such proposals continue to prohibit shared spaces alongside transit stops.

On motion to approve:

ADOPTED: AYES – Neil Ballard, Chris Arvin, Michael Chen, Aaron Leifer, John Lisovsky, Daniel Murphy, Dorris Vincent, and Frank Zepeda

NAYES – Queena Chen, Stephen Cornell, Christopher Man, Obai Rambo, Karim Salgado, and Susan Vaughan

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

AOCSC Motion 210318.01

The SFMTA CAC recommends that the SFMTA:

- Encourage compliance by design, for example, to implement a text message and physical reminder system which reminds vehicle owners of their unpaid citations or expired registration before being towed.
- Explore increasing the 72-hour parking limit.
- Expand low-income parking citation and towing discounts and fee waivers to include people making 30% of the area median income.

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On motion to approve:

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AOCSC Motion 210318.02

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CAC MOTION 210401.06

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Members of the public expressing support: Martha Bridegam and Wesley Saver

On motion to approve:

ADOPTED: AYES – Neil Ballard, Chris Arvin, Michael Chen, Queena Chen, Stephen Cornell, Aaron Leifer, John Lisovsky, Christopher Man, Daniel Murphy, Obai Rambo, Karim Salgado, Susan Vaughan, Dorris Vincent, and Frank Zepeda

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

Neil Ballard asked what the status is of sign maintenance for Muni bus stops at the Daly City BART station.

Sue Vaughan asked how ambassadors are deployed to make sure people go to the correct temporary bus stops.

Sue Vaughan asked if the SFMTA is looking into re-engineering the bicycle lane network to accommodate the rise of heavy e-bikes and e-cargo bikes to handle the additional speeds, weights and bulk of these sport utility bicycles.

ADJOURN - The meeting was adjourned at 9:59 p.m.

Submitted by:



Keka Robinson-Luqman
SFMTA CAC – Secretary

Next regular meeting: Thursday, May 6th at 5:30pm | Online via Microsoft Teams