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

MINUTES

Tuesday, November 17, 2015
Room 400, City Hall
1 Dr. Carlton B. Goodlett Place

**REGULAR MEETING
1 P.M.**

SFMTA BOARD OF DIRECTORS

Tom Nolan, Chairman
Cheryl Brinkman, Vice Chairman
Gwyneth Borden
Malcolm Heinicke
Joél Ramos
Cristina Rubke

Edward D. Reiskin
DIRECTOR OF TRANSPORTATION

Roberta Boomer
SECRETARY

ORDER OF BUSINESS

1. Call to Order

Chairman Nolan called the meeting to order at 1:00 p.m.

2. Roll Call

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

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.

4. Approval of Minutes

On motion to approve the minutes of the November 3, 2015 Regular Meeting; unanimously approved (Heinicke-absent).

5. Communications

Board Secretary Boomer stated that the closed session was cancelled.

6. Introduction of New or Unfinished Business by Board Members

Director Ramos requested that the meeting be adjourned in memory of Mary King, former AC Transit General Manager

7. Director’s Report (For discussion only)

-Ongoing Activities

Director Heinicke arrived.

Ed Reiskin, Director of Transportation discussed the Safe Driver Awards event; launch of an apprenticeship programs in partnership with various unions; and plans for Superbowl 50.

No public comment.

8. Citizens' Advisory Council Report

Daniel Weaver, Chairman, Citizen's Advisory Council reviewed the recommendations from the Nov. 5 CAC meeting including the Residential Parking Program and the Commuter Shuttle program.

9. Public Comment

John Alex Lowell encouraged the Board to engage the State regarding changes to parking permits for peoples with disabilities and automated speed enforcement. The SFMTA should enforce speed limits to prevent injuries and fatalities and work with other city agencies to coordinate changing city streets. The lack of action on the part of the City has resulted in pedestrian injuries. The SFMTA should consult with the Metropolitan Transportation Commission regarding Superbowl planning to ensure that construction projects in the area are not impacted.

Alice Bierman asked the Board not to reroute the 33 Ashbury line. People with disabilities and seniors have to get to the hospital and shouldn't have to transfer to get there.

Bob Dawkins stated that the 38 Geary line goes to the Veterans Hospital. Most patrons are in wheelchairs. He asked that patrons be allowed to sit on the bus while the driver takes a break because it's cold and windy at the bus stop.

Rosie Gozali stated discussed Frederick St. between Clayton and Cole. There are no pedestrian crossing lines nor are there stop signs at Frederick and Belvedere. In the last five years, traffic has gotten crazy, drivers are driving fast and this is a downward slope. When there is a sizeable vehicle parked at the intersection, vehicles can't see the pedestrians. She urged the Board to not wait for something to happen at this intersection before action is taken.

Herbert Weiner discussed the paratransit presentation made at the last meeting. Paratransit services may be overloaded. They're doing their best but when people are forced to walk a quarter of a mile to a bus stop, paratransit will be over taxed. The SFMTA has created more of a problem and put a burden on paratransit for only a quarter mile. This is wasteful when the SFMTA is eliminating and consolidating bus stops. This is like bombing people from 50,000 feet in the air. In this situation, the SFMTA is bombing their own passengers.

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. 7th 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) Requesting the Controller to allot funds and to draw warrants against such funds available or will be available in payment of the following claims against the SFMTA:

- A. Mohamed Benyouref vs. CCSF, Superior Ct. #CGC14541622 filed on 9/12/14 for \$24,999
- B. CSAA/Karen Valdez Delacruz vs. CCSF, Unlitigated Claim #1503030 filed on 5/18/15 for \$31,765.71
- C. Thomas Walsh vs. CCSF, Superior St. #CGC13536448 filed on 12/24/23 for \$75,000

RESOLUTION 15-156

(10.2) Approving the following traffic modifications:

- A. ESTABLISH – TOW-AWAY, NO STOPPING ANYTIME – 7th Street, west side, from Mission Street to 28 feet southerly; Mission Street, north side, from 7th Street to 32 feet easterly; and Mission Street, south side, from 7th Street to 30 feet westerly.
- B. ESTABLISH – TOW-AWAY, NO STOPPING ANYTIME – 8th Street, west side, from Mission Street to 31 feet northerly; and Mission Street, north side, from 8th Street to 18 feet easterly.
- C. ESTABLISH – STOP SIGN – Belcher Street, southbound, at 14th Street.
- D. ESTABLISH – STOP SIGN – De Montfort Avenue, eastbound, at Miramar Avenue.
- E. ESTABLISH – STOP SIGN – Miramar Avenue, southbound, at Lakeview Avenue.
- F. ESTABLISH – 15 MILES PER HOUR SCHOOL SPEED LIMIT WHEN CHILDREN ARE PRESENT – 19th Street, between Dolores Street and Guerrero Street.
- G. ESTABLISH – RED ZONE – Folsom Street, east side, from Jarboe Avenue to 28 feet southerly; Folsom Street, west side, from Jarboe Avenue to 26 feet northerly; and Folsom Street, west side, from Jarboe Avenue to 27 feet southerly.
- H. ESTABLISH – TOW-AWAY, NO STOPPING ANYTIME – Stevenson Street, south side, from 6th Street to 148 feet westerly.
- I. ESTABLISH – NO LEFT TURN – Folsom Street, westbound, at Fremont Street.
- J. RESCIND – NO RIGHT TURN – ESTABLISH – NO RIGHT TURN EXCEPT BUSES AND TAXIS – Fremont Street, southbound, at Folsom Street.
- K. ESTABLISH – TOW-AWAY NO STOPPING ANYTIME – Mississippi Street, west side, from 22nd Street to 17 feet northerly.
- L. ESTABLISH – TOW-AWAY NO STOPPING ANYTIME – Mississippi Street, east side, from property line to 17 feet north of 22nd Street.
- M. ESTABLISH – RED ZONE – Cortland Avenue, south side, from 4 feet to 26 feet west of Wool Street.
- N. ESTABLISH – RED ZONE – Battery Street, east side, from Greenwich Street to 31 feet northerly; and Battery Street, west side, from Greenwich Street to 30 feet northerly.
- O. ESTABLISH – RED ZONE – Battery Street, west side, from Union Street to 25 feet northerly.
- P. ESTABLISH – BLUE ZONE – Union Street, south side, from Battery Street to 18 feet westerly.
- Q. ESTABLISH – STOP SIGN – Battery Street, southbound, at Green Street.
- R. ESTABLISH – STOP SIGNS – Bay Street, eastbound and westbound, at Buchanan Street.

- S. ESTABLISH – RED ZONE – Bay Street, south side at stem of T intersection with Buchanan Street; Bay Street, south side, from Buchanan Street to 30 feet westerly; Bay Street, north side, from Buchanan Street to 30 feet easterly; Buchanan Street, west side, from Bay Street to 15 feet northerly. (Explanatory documents include a staff report and resolution. All of the proposed actions listed above are Approval Actions as defined by S.F. Administrative Code Chapter 31.)

RESOLUTION 15-157

(10.3) Approving traffic and parking modifications on King Street as follows:

- A. RESCIND – CLASS II BIKE LANE - King Street, westbound, from 2nd Street to 370 feet westerly
- B. RESCIND – CLASS III BIKE ROUTE - King Street, westbound, from 3rd Street to 475 feet easterly
- C. ESTABLISH – NO RIGHT TURN ON RED EXCEPT BICYCLES - Townsend Street, eastbound, at King Street/The Embarcadero. (Explanatory documents include a staff report and resolution. All of the proposed actions listed above are Approval Actions as defined by S.F. Administrative Code Chapter 31.)

RESOLUTION 15-158

(10.4) Establishing a meeting schedule for 2016 for meetings of the SFMTA Board of Directors/Parking Authority Commission and the Policy and Governance Committee. (Explanatory documents include a staff report and resolution.)

RESOLUTION 15-159

(10.5) Amending Transportation Code Division II, Article 1100, Sections 1103, 1108, 1113, 1114 and 1118 to remove the ban on taxi wrap advertising, eliminate the requirement that drivers display metal badges and color scheme identification cards, require drivers to display their A-Card on the outside of their clothing, require drivers to give passengers their A-Card number rather than their badge number upon request, update the schedule of taxi-related fines to reflect that change, remove outdated language regarding paper waybills and correct inaccurate Code references. (Explanatory documents include a staff report, resolution and amendment.)

RESOLUTION 15-160

On motion to approve the Consent Calendar:

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

REGULAR CALENDAR

11. Amending Transportation Code, Division II, to authorize a permit program to allow commuter shuttle service providers to use designated Muni zones and white curb loading zones for passenger loading and unloading; and adopting the Commuter Shuttle Program Policy. (Explanatory documents include a staff

report, resolution, amendment and slide presentation. All of the proposed actions listed above are Approval Actions as defined by S.F. Administrative Code Chapter 31.)

Board Secretary Boomer stated that staff was requesting additional modifications to the Transportation Code Section 914 (d)(9) as follows:

(A)(v) A description of the means by which Applicant has considered the San Francisco Board of Supervisors' March 2015 Labor Harmony Resolution, including steps taken to avoid potential disruptions by addressing the principles and concerns set forth in such Resolution, and any agreements or documents evidencing such steps, as well as information regarding shuttle driver schedules (including any split-shifts), work hours, working conditions, and wages.

(D) The Permittee shall provide notice to SFMTA of any labor dispute in which it is involved that has the potential to cause a disruption of service.

Secretary Boomer also stated that an amendment to the Resolution was requested as follows:

RESOLVED, That the San Francisco Municipal Transportation Agency Board of Directors finds that substantial evidence in the record, as set forth in the California Environmental Quality Act findings in Attachment A to this resolution, supports the determination that the proposed Commuter Shuttle Program and Transportation Code amendments are exempt from environmental review pursuant to Title 14 of the California Code of Regulations section 15301 and 15308 as a Class 1 and Class 8 categorical exemption from CEQA, and incorporates said findings by this reference as though fully set forth herein; and, be it further

Supervisor Scott Weiner expressed support for the Commuter Shuttle program.

Hank Willson, Project Manager, Commuter Shuttle Program, presented the item.

PUBLIC COMMENT:

Members of the public expressing support: Kristine Rogers, Cathy DeLuca, Doug Bloch, Mark Gleason, Rome Aloise, Tim Paulson, Dennis Purcell, Wendy Silvani, Derek Slater, James Driscoll, Alex Ponce de Leon, Bob Mason, Luke Swartz, Magdalena Schmidt, Lavanya Mahendran, Michael Spaulding, Adrian Covert, Emily Alpert, Michael Smithwick, Corey Cameron, Matt Thrailkill, and Jihad Rabah

Members of the public expressing opposition: Michael Kirschner, Marla Knight, Patrick Monette Shaw, Rosie Gozalie, Iris Biblowitz, Susan Brock, Shamilla Jensen, Amy Weiss, Herbert Weiner, Eric Williams, Cynthia Crews, Theresa Flandrich, Fran Taylor, Jed Holtzman, Tony Robles, Tes Welborn, Mira Ingram, Edward Mason, Tricia Stauber, Barry Flax, Spike Kahn, Kristin Tieche, Tim Donolly, Justin Ryan, and Larry Roberts.

(Patrick Monette Shaw submitted written testimony for Item 11 that can be found on Page 9.)

Members of the public expressing neither support nor opposition: Chema Hernandez Gil

Chairman Nolan asked staff to provide periodic reports to the Board regarding the permanent program.

On motion to adopt the proposed amendments to the Transportation Code with the modifications read into the record at the November 17, 2015 meeting of the SFMTA Board of Directors:

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

On motion to amend the resolution in support of the determination that the proposed program and Transportation Code amendments are exempt from environmental review:

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

RESOLUTION 15-161

On motion to approve as amended:

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

12. Approving various traffic and parking modifications associated with the Wiggle Neighborhood Green Corridor Project as follows:

- A. ESTABLISH – CLASS II BIKEWAY – Scott Street, southbound, Fell Street to 50 feet north of Fell Street; Scott Street, southbound, Fell Street to 20 feet south of Fell Street
- B. ESTABLISH – NO PARKING ANYTIME ESTABLISH and ESTABLISH - SIDEWALK WIDENING (BULB-OUTS) - Fell Street, north side, from Scott Street to 22 feet easterly; Fell Street, south side, from Scott Street to 22 feet easterly; Scott Street, west side, from Fell Street to 12 feet southerly; Oak Street, south side, from Scott Street to 22 feet easterly; Page Street, south side, from Pierce Street to 46 feet westerly; Pierce Street, west side, from Page Street to 22 feet southerly; Haight Street, south side, from Pierce Street to 25 feet westerly; Pierce Street, west side, from Haight Street to 25 feet southerly; Pierce Street, east side, from Waller Street to 25 feet northerly; Waller Street, north side, from Pierce Street to 22 feet easterly; Waller Street, south side, from Steiner Street to 34 feet westerly; Steiner Street, west side, from Waller Street to 22 feet southerly
- C. ESTABLISH – RED ZONE - Steiner Street, west side, from Hermann Street crosswalk to 20 feet northerly; Scott Street, west side, from Fell Street to 60 feet northerly
- D. ESTABLISH – RIGHT TURN ONLY EXCEPT BICYCLES - Scott St., southbound, at Fell St.
- E. ESTABLISH – NO LEFT TURN - Fell Street, westbound, at Scott Street
- F. ESTABLISH – NO LEFT TURN BETWEEN 6AM AND 9AM AND BETWEEN 4PM AND 7PM MONDAY THROUGH FRIDAY EXCEPT MUNI - Divisadero Street, southbound, at McAllister Street; Divisadero Street, northbound, at McAllister Street; Divisadero Street, southbound, at Hayes Street; Divisadero Street, northbound, at Hayes Street
- G. ESTABLISH – TOW AWAY NO STOPPING 4 PM TO 6 PM MONDAY THROUGH FRIDAY - Divisadero Street, east side, from Oak Street to Fell Street (Explanatory documents include a staff report, map and resolution. All of the proposed actions listed above are Approval Actions as defined by S.F. Administrative Code Chapter 31.)

Miriam Sorell, Project Manager, Wiggle Neighborhood Green Corridor Project, presented the item.

Vallie Brown, Office of Supervisor London Breed, expressed support for the project.

PUBLIC COMMENT:

Members of the public expressing support: Miles Stepto, Lawrence Li, Morgan Fitzgibbons and Michael Smithwick.

RESOLUTION 15-162

On motion to approve:

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

13. Urging the Board of Supervisors to approve the Coordination Agreement for the Bay Area Bike Share Program between the City of San Francisco, the bike sharing operator, Bay Area Motivate, the Metropolitan Transportation Commission, and the other participating cities. (Explanatory documents include a staff report, agreements, slide presentation and resolution. The proposed actions are the Approval Actions as defined by the S. F. Administrative Code Chapter 31.)

Tom Maguire, Director, Sustainable Streets, presented the item.

PUBLIC COMMENT:

Members of the public expressing support: Chema Hernandez Gil

RESOLUTION 15-163

On motion to approve:

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

14. Presentation, discussion and possible action regarding the Residential Permit Parking Program Evaluation and Reform project. (Explanatory documents include a staff report and slide presentation.)

Ted Graff, Director, Parking and Kathie Studwell, Manager, Residential Parking Permits presented the item.

No public comment.

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

The closed session was cancelled.

ADJOURN - The meeting was adjourned at 4:50 p.m. in memory of Mary King.

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

Roberta Boomer
Board Secretary

Written 150-Word Public Testimony by Patrick Monette-Shaw for Minutes of SFMTA Board of Director's Meeting November 17, 2015 Meeting: **Agenda Item 11, Planning Department Commuter Shuttle EIR**

SFMTA's October 3 Commuter Shuttle Evaluation Report reported 2,978 daily shuttle stop-events, noting 2.7% of the stop-events blocked Muni buses, apparently daily. The Secondary Analysis I submitted for today's public hearing calculates that's 80 buses blocked daily, annualizing to 21,629 blocked Muni buses, assuming 269 work days annually.

SFMTA reports 2% of the 2,978 daily stop-events blocked crosswalks and views of pedestrians; that's 60 daily, annualizing to 16,022 blocked crosswalks and blocked views of pedestrians.

SFMTA reports 35% of the 2,978 daily stop-events blocked travel lanes and bike lanes; that translates to 1,042 daily, annualizing **to a staggering 280,379 blocked travel lanes and bike lanes**, a very alarming number impacting traffic flow throughout San Francisco, and pedestrian and bicyclist safety.

All this data will *increase* 41% if the Planning Department's October 22 EIR exemption projection of increased shuttle activity proves accurate. Please vote **against** making the commuter shuttle program permanent!