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CITIZENS' ADVISORY COUNCIL

ENGINEERING, MAINTENANCE AND SAFETY COMMITTEE

MINUTES

Wednesday, October 28, 2015
Noe Valley Conference Room, #7075
1 South Van Ness Avenue, 7th Floor

REGULAR MEETING
3:00 P.M.

COMMITTEE MEMBERS
Frank Zepeda, Chairman
Dorris Vincent
Roland Wong

COUNCIL LIAISON
Roberta Boomer

COUNCIL SECRETARY
Yvette Torres

ORDER OF BUSINESS

1. Call to Order

Chairman Zepeda called the meeting to order at 3:20 p.m.

2. Roll Call

EMSC members present at Roll Call: Dorris Vincent and Frank Zepeda

EMSC members absent: Roland Wong (without notification)

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

CAC Acting Secretary Celaya made the announcement.

4. Approval of Minutes:

No public comment.

On motion to approve the minutes of September 23, 2015:

ADOPTED: AYES – Dorris Vincent and Frank Zepeda

ABSENT – Roland Wong

5. Report of the Chairman (For discussion only)

None

6. Public Comment:

Norm Gilbert discussed the need for cell phone signals in the tunnels. Wi-fi is provided but cell phone signal gives access to 911 and is more important in the event of a serious incident. The SFMTA needs to install wires underground because it is a major safety concern given what occurred in Madrid and London.

REGULAR CALENDAR

7. Presentation, discussion, and possible action regarding the San Bruno Ave. Multimodal Improvement Project. (Matthew Brill, Muni Forward Capital Project Implementation and Tony Henderson, Transit Engineering)

Matthew Brill and Tony Henderson discussed the proposed sidewalk improvements along San Bruno Avenue, including bulb-outs. Test simulator software determines if a bus is able to make a right turn where there are bulb-outs. This software is more conservative than a typical driver. At Silver Avenue the bulb-out doesn't extend to the crosswalk in order to accommodate the right turn. Analysis is still underway for other corners. Turn proposals have been shown to operators at Woods and Presidio to get their feedback.

SFMTA staff conducted a survey and is working with the community to address their concerns including loss of parking and bus stops and merchant concerns about loading zones.

PUBLIC COMMENT:

Edward Mason expressed concern about bulb outs and cited the intersection of 24th and Castro Street as an example of where corporate commuter shuttles have difficulty making right turns.

8. Presentation, discussion, and possible action regarding the Glen Park Community project. (Damon Curtis, Construction Engineer and David Greenaway, Project Manager)

Damon Curtis and David Greenaway discussed the Glen Park Community project. Based on updated turning template analyses, staff has recommended changes at the southeast and northeast corners to better accommodate right turns by transit vehicles. Work at the southeast corner is expected to be complete by the end of November, after which construction will be suspended for the holiday. Work will commence at the northeast corner in January.

Northbound Diamond is currently striped for a single lane, which must be shared by all traffic. This lane configuration is temporary until the new traffic signals are activated. Upon project completion, the final striping configuration on northbound Diamond will be two lanes – one dedicated left-turn lane and one shared through/right-turn lane. The project is expected to be completed by late February 2016.

PUBLIC COMMENT:

Edward Mason commented on the white loading zones being used by Genentech's shuttle bus and expressed concern about the training of those bus operators.

9. Discussion and possible action regarding:

EMSC MOTION 150923.01

The SFMTA CAC recommends that Muni staff relook at the policy of bus zone expansions and curb bulb-outs to ensure that pedestrians are safe from unintended consequences, and that Muni's line performance is not impacted because of delays from rounding bulb-outs.

No public comment.

Following discussion, the motion was amended as follows:

EMSC MOTION 151028.01

The SFMTA CAC recommends that Muni staff evaluate the process of bus zone expansions and curb bulb-outs design to ensure that pedestrians are safe from unintended consequences and that Muni's line performance is not impacted because of delays from rounding bulb-outs.

On motion to approve as amended:

ADOPTED: AYES – Dorris Vincent and Frank Zepeda
ABSENT – Roland Wong

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

Frank Zepeda asked if pigeon landing spikes will be added to the conduit where pigeons roost at the West Portal station

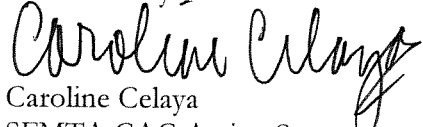
11. Schedule upcoming calendar items. (For discussion only)

Next special meeting: Wednesday, November 18, 2015 at 3:00 p.m.

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ADJOURNED - The meeting was adjourned at 4:15 p.m.

Submitted by:


Caroline Celaya
SFMTA CAC Acting Secretary

