

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

MINUTES

Tuesday, April 2, 2013  
Room 400, City Hall  
1 Dr. Carlton B. Goodlett Place

REGULAR MEETING AND CLOSED SESSION  
1 P.M.

BOARD OF DIRECTORS

Tom Nolan, Chairman  
Cheryl Brinkman, Vice Chairman  
Leona Bridges  
Malcolm Heinicke  
Jerry Lee  
Joél Ramos  
Cristina Rubke

Edward Reiskin  
DIRECTOR OF TRANSPORTATION

Roberta Boomer  
BOARD SECRETARY

## ORDER OF BUSINESS

### 1. Call to Order

Chairman Nolan called the meeting to order at 1:01 p.m.

### 2. Roll Call

Present: Leona Bridges  
Cheryl Brinkman  
Jerry Lee  
Tom Nolan  
Joél Ramos  
Cristina Rubke

Absent: Malcolm Heinicke - with notification

### 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 March 19, 2013 Regular Meeting: unanimously approved (Heinicke absent).

### 5. Communications

Board Secretary Boomer stated that Item 10.4 had been severed at the request of staff.

### 6. Introduction of New or Unfinished Business by Board Members

Director Rubke asked staff to reach out to BART to express concern regarding non-functioning elevators at the downtown Metro stations.

Director Ramos requested that staff consider additional signage on Church Street and on Fell Street at the Panhandle.

### 7. Director's Report (For discussion only)

- Special Recognition Award
- Update on the Fell/Oak Bikeway project
- Polk Street Project
- Update on the Central Subway Project
- Update on the Accessible Parking Policy Advisory Committee
- Ongoing Activities

Director Reiskin recognized Seleta Reynolds, Manager, Policy Analysis and Innovation Section, Sustainable Streets; Juwan Austin, Transit Operator, Flynn Division, Transit Services; Elester Westbrooks, Transit Operations, Woods Division, Transit Services; Ann Bailey, taxi driver; George Wade, taxi driver; Fred Lein, taxi driver and Amr Mahmoud, taxi driver.

Director Reiskin also provided an update on the Fell/Oak Bikeway project, the Polk Street Project, the Central Subway Project and the work of the Accessible Parking Policy Advisory Committee. He also discussed "Walk to Work" day, the Church Street pilot project, a position-based testing program for service critical positions and recent violence on and around transit in the Mission.

#### PUBLIC COMMENT:

Grant Patterson discussed the Fell/Oak bikeway and the need for physical separation for cyclists. He also described what it's like to ride a bike on Oak St. and dealing with car speeds and signal timing.

Herbert Weiner discussed the Polk Street project. People were outraged because of proposals such as Sunday meters and service reductions for school breaks. Seniors, taxis, motorists and residents are all targets for SFMTA. With the deletion of bus stops and routes, public transportation is in the process of being destroyed.

Nik Kaestner discussed the importance of making streets safe, especially for children. There is a lack of follow-through and it takes forever to get a project "on the ground." People who go to Polk Street aren't driving there. He encouraged the SFMTA to maintain bike infrastructure at the same level as in European cities.

Winston Parsons discussed fully implementing separated bike lanes on Fell St. and proceeding with plan on Polk St. The mindset against the Polk St. improvements seems to imply that cycling and transit is at odds with business. The SFMTA's studies show that 85 percent of those who go to Polk St don't arrive by car.

Jessica Buchsbaum stated that she takes her children on the Oak and Fell corridor every day. She asked the SFMTA to find a way to expedite the full implementation of the Oak/Fell bikeway project and to consider the safety of families that cycle.

Dawn Trennert discussed the plans for Polk St. which would result in a drastic reduction in parking and would change the quality of life. Parking is essential for the health of the neighborhood. The current plans don't have adequate parking.

Mitchell Beary discussed the Polk Street Plan which would be incredibly damaging and would change the neighborhood. The focus for improving safety for pedestrians and cyclists should be at intersections and not in between the intersections. He expressed support for more safety but other things need to be considered as well.

Peter Lauterborn stated that the Oak/Fell Bikeway project is a crucial area of focus and expressed hope that the project moves forward.



Jed Holtzman expressed support for the Oak/Fell Bikeway project and the Polk Street project. Private construction at the paint store at Divisadero and Oak only makes things less safe and shouldn't be a reason to put off the rest of the improvements. It is terrifying to ride a bike on Oak St. because of the terrain and density. With respect to Polk St., the most dangerous areas are not intersections.

#### 8. Citizens' Advisory Council Report

No report.

#### 9. Public Comment

Mel Cheplowitz expressed concern about the SFMTA's advertising policy and that Muni vehicles voluntarily carry hate ads. None of these ads have been reviewed or approved by a court of law. No court has required a city agency to run racist and inflammatory materials. There was questionable legal advice provided to New York City and the SFMTA is falling into the same trap. Although the ad policy doesn't allow defamatory ads, the SFMTA has accepted defamatory ads. Mr. Cheplowitz also discussed the definition of "defamatory" and how the SFMTA relies on a legalistic definition rather than the common understanding of the word.

Arthur Lembke expressed appreciation for honoring paratransit workers. The taxi industry gave over \$22 million to the SFMTA and the agency stands to make over \$30 million in the next 10 years with the sale of medallions. This won't happen unless the SFMTA stops the illegal apps that don't follow the law, don't pay the city, have no insurance and don't follow the rules. Taxi drivers won't be able to make a living.

Herbert Weiner discussed the curtailment of service for spring break and suggested that the Director and his deputies should have gone on furlough since there was a reduced demand for service. He stated that it's odd that taxi drivers are recognized for remarkable service but are denied their medallions. Shadow taxicab companies endanger the public.

Tariq Mehmood discussed problems taxi drivers faced during the last meeting. The arrangements downstairs weren't ready until 1:45 p.m.; there was a lack of speaker cards which were also mismanaged and he was misled by the Board Secretary. Three hundred people who came to tell the Board what was bothering them were denied their right to speak. The biggest threat to taxi drivers is electronic waybills. They should be taken out.

Mark Gruberg discussed the inefficiency of local government and the policy for the taxi app. The industry is getting crushed by other illegal forms of transportation. There needs to be a simple way to tell people how to get a taxi.

Tim Donnelly discussed the white zone on Van Ness and Union that lacks signage. Prop. B didn't say that parking would be removed, only that potholes would be filled. He suggested a compromise for Polk St., which would be to make it one way for a longer period of time. The Polk St. parking lots are underutilized.

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. 7<sup>th</sup> 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) Approving the following traffic modifications:

- A. ESTABLISH – NO TURN ON RED – Oak Street at Divisadero Street.
- B. ESTABLISH – NO PARKING ANYTIME – Phelps Street, west side, at Newcomb Avenue, between the northern and southern crosswalks.
- C. ESTABLISH – NO PARKING ANYTIME – Sansome Street, west side, from Broadway to 26 feet southerly.
- D. ESTABLISH – RED ZONE – Mission Street, east side, from Brazil Avenue to 28 feet northerly; and Mission Street, west side, from Norton Street to 33 feet northerly.
- E. ESTABLISH – TOW-AWAY NO STOPPING ANY TIME – Plymouth Avenue, west side, from San Ramon Way to 50 feet southerly; Southwood Drive, east side, from San Ramon Way to 50 feet southerly; and Southwood Drive, north side, from Plymouth Avenue to 27 feet easterly.
- F. ESTABLISH – RED ZONE – Roosevelt Way, north side, from Park Hill Avenue to 25 feet easterly.
- G. ESTABLISH – STOP SIGNS – Stopping Stillman Street at 3<sup>rd</sup> Street.
- H. ESTABLISH – STOP SIGNS – Stopping 18<sup>th</sup> Street at Florida Street; and Stopping 18<sup>th</sup> Street at Alabama Street.
- I. ESTABLISH – PERPENDICULAR PARKING – Minnesota Street, east side, between 18<sup>th</sup> Street and Mariposa Street.
- J. ESTABLISH – PERPENDICULAR PARKING – Florida Street, 500 block, east side, from 18<sup>th</sup> Street to Mariposa Street.
- K. ESTABLISH – NO RIGHT TURN ON RED – Southbound Elk Street, at Bosworth Street.
- L. ESTABLISH – MARKED CROSSWALK – Irving Street and Sunset Boulevard, east crosswalk.
- M. REMOVE – MARKED CROSSWALK – 36<sup>th</sup> Avenue and Irving Street, west crosswalk.
- N. ESTABLISH – NO LEFT TURN – Geary Boulevard, westbound, at 7<sup>th</sup> Avenue.
- O. REVOKE – RIGHT TURN ONLY – Broderick St., northbound and southbound, at Haight St.
- P. ESTABLISH – STOP SIGNS – Haight Street at Broderick Street.
- Q. RESCIND – RIGHT TURN ONLY – Waller Street, eastbound, at Divisadero and Castro Streets.
- R. RESCIND – RIGHT TURN ONLY – Hyde Street, northbound, at Beach Street.



- S. ESTABLISH – TWO-WAY TRAFFIC – Hyde Street between Beach Street and Jefferson Street.
- T. ESTABLISH – NO LEFT TURN – Hyde Street, northbound, at Beach Street.
- U. ESTABLISH – TOW-AWAY NO PARKING ANYTIME – Hyde Street, east side, from Jefferson Street to 23 feet southerly.
- V. ESTABLISH – TOW-AWAY NO STOPPING ANYTIME – Hyde Street, west side, from Jefferson Street to 20 feet southerly; and Hyde Street, east side, from Beach Street to 161 feet northerly.
- W. ESTABLISH – BLUE ZONE – Beach Street, north side, from 6 to 28 feet west of Leavenworth Street Jones Street, east side, from 5 feet to 25 feet north of Beach Street; and Leavenworth Street, west side, from 5 to 25 feet south of Jefferson Street.
- X. ESTABLISH – VEHICLES OVER THREE TONS PROHIBITED – Hyde Street, northbound, between Beach Street and Jefferson Street. (Explanatory documents include a staff report and resolution.)

RESOLUTION 13-036

(10.2) Authorizing the Director to accept and expend up to \$1,175,104 in FY 2013 Lifeline Surface Transportation Program funding and adopting a Resolution of Support for the Eddy and Ellis Traffic Calming Improvement Project. (Explanatory documents include a staff report and resolution.)

RESOLUTION 13-037

(10.3) Authorizing the Director to execute Contract No. 1267, Subway CCTV Surveillance System Project, with Central Sierra Electric Company to install a new CCTV system in the subway stations, tunnels, and portals, in an amount not to exceed \$3,899,252 and for a term of 320 calendar days. (Explanatory documents include a staff report, resolution and financial plan.)

RESOLUTION 13-038

(10.4) Extending the \$1 Abandoned Vehicle Abatement fee for a ten-year period to May 31, 2023, contingent upon approval by the Board of Supervisors. (Explanatory documents include a staff report and resolution.)

Item 10.4 was severed from the Consent Calendar at the request of staff.

No public comment.

RESOLUTION 13-039

On motion to approve Item 10.4:

ADOPTED: AYES – Bridges, Brinkman, Lee, Nolan, Ramos and Rubke.

ABSENT – Heinicke

(10.5) Authorizing the Director to issue a Request for Proposals for Contract No. CPT 660: Complete Rehabilitation of 16 Ex-SEPTA PCC Historic Streetcars. (Explanatory documents include a staff report, resolution and RFP.)

RESOLUTION 13-040

(10.6) Approving a revised debt policy that describes and clarifies the SFMTA's post issuance and compliance policies for its bond financings. (Explanatory documents include a staff report, resolution and policy.)

RESOLUTION 13-041

On motion to approve the Consent Calendar (Item 10.4 severed):

ADOPTED: AYES – Bridges, Brinkman, Lee, Nolan, Ramos and Rubke.

ABSENT – Heinicke

REGULAR CALENDAR

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

On motion to invoke the attorney-client privilege: unanimously approved (Heinicke absent).

RECESS REGULAR MEETING AND CONVENE CLOSED SESSION

CLOSED SESSION

1. Call to Order

Chairman Nolan called the closed session to order at 2:47 p.m.

2. Roll Call

Present: Leona Bridges  
Cheryl Brinkman  
Jerry Lee  
Tom Nolan  
Joél Ramos  
Cristina Rubke

Absent: Malcolm Heinicke - with notification

Also present: Ed Reiskin, Director of Transportation  
Roberta Boomer, Board Secretary  
Julia Friedlander, Deputy City Attorney  
Mariam Morley, Deputy City Attorney  
Sonali Bose, Director, Finance and Information Technology

3. Pursuant to Government Code Section 54956.9 and the Administrative Code Section 67.8 (a) (3), the Municipal Transportation Agency Board of Directors will meet in Closed Session to discuss and take action on attorney-client matters in the following case:

CONFERENCE WITH LEGAL COUNSEL

Existing Litigation:

- A. Hilary Burgos vs. CCSF, Superior Ct. #CGC11513272 filed on 9/11/11 for \$150,000 (998 offer)

RESOLUTION 13-042

On motion to approve:

ADOPTED: AYES – Bridges, Brinkman, Lee, Nolan, Ramos and Rubke.

ABSENT – Heinicke

4. Pursuant to Government Code Sections 54956.9 (b), and Administrative Code Section 67.10 (b) (2), the Municipal Transportation Agency Board of Directors will meet in closed session to discuss attorney-client matters in the following case(s):

CONFERENCE WITH LEGAL COUNSEL

Anticipated Litigation:

As defendant or  As plaintiff

ADJOURN CLOSED SESSION AND RECONVENE OPEN SESSION - The closed session was adjourned at 3:00 p.m.

12. Announcement of Closed Session.

Chairman Nolan announced that the SFMTA Board of Directors met in closed session to discuss Burgos vs. CCSF with the City Attorney. The Board of Directors voted unanimously to settle the case. The Board also discussed anticipated litigation but took no action.



13. Motion to disclose or not disclose the information discussed in closed session.

On motion to not disclose the information discussed: unanimously approved (Heinicke-absent).

ADJOURN - The meeting was adjourned at 3:02 p.m.

A tape 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

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