



SAN FRANCISCO
MUNICIPAL TRANSPORTATION AGENCY
CITIZENS' ADVISORY COUNCIL

MINUTES

Thursday, October 4, 2018
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,
LisaMarie Betancourt, Barbara Bocci, Jarie Bolander, Queena Chen, Steve Cornell, Joan Downey,
Michael Eshleman, Christopher Man, Daniel Murphy, 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 5:48 p.m.

2. Roll Call

CAC members present at Roll Call: Neil Ballard, Jarie Bolander, Stephen Cornell, Joan Downey, Christopher Man, Daniel Murphy, Susan Vaughan, Dorris Vincent, and Daniel Weaver

CAC members absent at Roll Call: LisaMarie Betancourt

CAC members absent with notification: Mark Ballew, Barbara Bocci, Queena Chen, Michael Eshleman, 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:

No public comment.

On motion to approve the minutes of September 6, 2018:

ADOPTED: AYES – Neil Ballard, Jarie Bolander, Stephen Cornell, Joan Downey, Christopher Man, Daniel Murphy, Susan Vaughan, Dorris Vincent, and Daniel Weaver

ABSENT – Mark Ballew, LisaMarie Betancourt, Barbara Bocci, Queena Chen, Michael Eshleman, and Frank Zepeda

5. Report of the Chair (For discussion only)

Chairman Weaver reported on his meeting with Ed Reiskin, Director of Transportation, SFMTA regarding recent problems with the Automatic Train Control System.

PUBLIC COMMENT:

Edward Mason stated that he is glad to hear that there is some relief. He's noticed frustrated people choosing Transportation Network Companies (TNCs) instead of Muni.

6. Public Comment:

Edward Mason provided an update on corporate commuter shuttles operating without a California license plate or blue placard. Other problems such as idling, operating on a weight restricted street, and operating on residential streets persist. . A lot of these are SFPD enforcement problems. Somehow the SFMTA needs to get the SFPD involved.

John Goldsmith with Save Harvey Milk Plaza spoke in regards to the Castro Metro Muni station. He stated that he is opposed to the plans to demolish and replace the station with a bleacher overlook facing Castro Street. It's a cultural and historical site that embodies Harvey Milk. The station is rundown and the landscaping is less than stellar, but, his organization is working with the original architect to combat some of those problems. He stated that the SFMTA should preserve the only Muni station that has open space and mature landscaping.

REGULAR CALENDAR

7. Presentation, discussion, and possible action regarding sidewalk parking enforcement update. (Shawn McCormick, Director, Enforcement. Explanatory documents include a slide presentation.)

Shawn McCormick, Director, Parking Enforcement presented statistics. He stated that the SFMTA has dedicated officers focusing on two main issues—bike lane enforcement and parking enforcement. There have been several Parking Control Officers (PCOs) seriously injured due to assaults while enforcing sidewalk parking. Assaults on PCOs are going up. The California Vehicle Code states that there has to be a pathway that people can walk on. The Bayview is one of the most frequent places that sidewalk parking is enforced because it is the highest complaint area. The SFMTA is in the process of creating a public relations campaign regarding assaults on PCOs.

Council member Betancourt arrived at 6:08 p.m.

PUBLIC COMMENT:

Edward Mason stated that the nPlanning Department wants to build more housing but there is no consideration about the consequences of those decisions. They think everyone is just going to jump on Muni but that isn't going to happen. The City Attorney needs to bring an injunction against TNCs for operating in the bike lanes.

CAC MOTION 181004.01

The SFMTA CAC urges the SFMTA Board of Directors to undertake a public relations campaign to educate the public on the reasons why sidewalk parking is illegal.

On motion to approve:

ADOPTED: AYES – Neil Ballard, LisaMarie Betancourt, Jarie Bolander, Stephen Cornell, Joan Downey, Christopher Man, Daniel Murphy, Susan Vaughan, Dorris Vincent, and Daniel Weaver

ABSENT – Mark Ballew, Barbara Bocci, Queena Chen, Michael Eshleman, and Frank Zepeda

8. Presentation, discussion, and possible action regarding the Third Street SOMA project. (Steve Boland, Planner. Explanatory documents include a slide presentation.)

Steve Boland, Transit Planner, stated that this project is necessary as the area is a high injury corridor and also has unreliable transit due to traffic blocking transit lanes. Planned improvements for transit include larger transit stops and less-congested transit lanes. Planned improvements for walking include corner sidewalk extensions, upgraded wheelchair ramps, and high-visibility crosswalks.

PUBLIC COMMENT:

Edward Mason asked if the repurposing of the Moscone garage will have any impact on this project. The Planning Department is going to rezone the South of Market area. He inquired how this project will reduce automobile traffic. He stated that Third Street is a major thoroughfare and there's a lot of change that's going to be going on. He inquired if the project will have to be done a second and third time.

CAC MOTION 181004.02

The SFMTA CAC urges the SFMTA Board of Directors to pass legislation that restricts use of transit only lanes, including red lanes, to vehicles defined as transit vehicles by the California vehicle code.

On motion to approve:

ADOPTED: AYES – Neil Ballard, LisaMarie Betancourt, Jarie Bolander, Stephen Cornell, Joan Downey, Christopher Man, Daniel Murphy, Susan Vaughan, Dorris Vincent, and Daniel Weaver

ABSENT – Mark Ballew, Barbara Bocci, Queena Chen, Michael Eshleman, and Frank Zepeda

CAC MOTION 181004.03

The SFMTA CAC recommends that the SFMTA Board of Directors adopt the Third Street Transit and Safety Project.

On motion to approve:

ADOPTED: AYES – Neil Ballard, LisaMarie Betancourt, Jarie Bolander, Stephen Cornell, Joan Downey, Christopher Man, Daniel Murphy, Susan Vaughan, Dorris Vincent, and Daniel Weaver

ABSENT – Mark Ballew, Barbara Bocci, Queena Chen, Michael Eshleman, and Frank Zepeda

CAC MOTION 181004.04

The SFMTA CAC recommends that right turns on red be prohibited for the Third Street Transit and Safety Project corridor.

On motion to approve:

ADOPTED: AYES – Neil Ballard, LisaMarie Betancourt, Jarie Bolander, Stephen Cornell, Joan Downey, Christopher Man, Daniel Murphy, Susan Vaughan, Dorris Vincent, and Daniel Weaver

ABSENT – Mark Ballew, Barbara Bocci, Queena Chen, Michael Eshleman, and Frank Zepeda

9. Presentation, discussion, and possible action regarding the Engineering, Maintenance and Safety Committee (EMSC) report and recommendations.

Council member Dorris Vincent presented an overview of the 7th Street & 8th Street Safety Project and the Warriors T Line Station, both presented at the September EMSC meeting.

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

Daniel Weaver requested a presentation on the Harvey Milk Plaza redesign (CAC).

Joan Downey inquired why Muni service reliability has decreased so much in the last few months.

Joan Downey requested a graph that shows the distribution of headways for each line inbound and outbound for 24 hours with the X axis showing time and the Y axis showing headway at a middle stop on each line.

Neil Ballard requested a presentation regarding the current state of how harassment and hostile work environment issues are dealt with at the SFMTA. He would like to know what the plan is moving forward, who is in charge of it, and what they are going to do about it (CAC).

Joan Downey requested a presentation on service animals on SFMTA vehicles (CAC).

Sue Vaughan inquired what the policy is regarding shelters without seats at bus stops. She inquired why there are shelters with no seats.

Daniel Weaver requested a presentation on LRV transverse seating and Muni service inadequacies from John Haley, Director, Transit.

Joan Downey asked how much a change order would cost to implement transverse seating on the new Light Rail Vehicles.

Daniel Weaver asked what is the basis of the state legislation that is guiding the SFMTA in the establishment of the per stop fee for commuter shuttle buses.

ADJOURN- The meeting was adjourned at 8:33 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 meeting: Thursday, November 1st at 5:30pm
1 South Van Ness Avenue, 7th Floor, Union Square Conference Room, #7080