



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

MINUTES

Tuesday, January 29, 2019

SFMTA Training Rooms,
2640 Geary Blvd., in Classrooms C, D & E
San Francisco, CA

**SPECIAL MEETING
9 A.M.**

SFMTA BOARD OF DIRECTORS

Malcolm Heinicke, Chair
Gwyneth Borden, Vice Chair
Cheryl Brinkman
Amanda Eaken
Lee Hsu
Cristina Rubke
Art Torres

Edward D. Reiskin
DIRECTOR OF TRANSPORTATION

Roberta Boomer
SECRETARY

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ORDER OF BUSINESS

1. Call to Order

Chair Heinicke called the meeting to order at 9:00 a.m.

2. Roll Call

Present: Cheryl Brinkman
Amanda Eaken
Malcolm Heinicke
Lee Hsu – absent at Roll Call
Cristina Rubke
Art Torres – absent at Roll Call

Absent: Gwyneth Borden – with notification

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

Board Secretary Boomer announced that the ringing of and use of cell phones, pagers and similar sound-producing electronic devices are prohibited at the meeting. She 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. She also advised that cell phones that are set on “vibrate” cause microphone interference and requested that they be placed in the “off” position.

4. Communications

Chair Heinicke stated that the meeting would be adjourned in memory of Director Borden’s father, Franklin Anthony Josiah Borden.

Director Torres arrived.

5. Citizens’ Advisory Council Report

Neil Ballard, Chair, Finance and Administration Committee, CAC, presented the 2019 priorities for the CAC including safety, reliability, and competition.

Chair Heinicke requested that the monthly report on transit service be provided to the CAC.

PUBLIC COMMENT:

Peter Straus commented on the Better Market Street project. Transit Rider Union (TRU) members are strongly supportive of separating bikes from transit. TRU is concerned about whether the transit

proposals will ensure that transit gets the benefit. TRU is supportive of congestion pricing and urges the SFMTA to further the idea with the State legislature. Congestion pricing offers the best option for controlling the impact of Transportation Network Companies in the downtown core.

No public comment.

6. Presentation and discussion regarding the financial and legal responsibilities of the SFMTA. (Explanatory documents include a slide presentation. Fulfills Charter Section 8A.102 (c) (3) training requirements.)

Robin Reitzes, Deputy City Attorney, Susan Cleveland Knowles, Deputy City Attorney, Ben Rosenfield, City Controller, and Ted Egan, City Economist presented the item.

Director Torres requested information about the economic impact of the federal government shutdown on California and San Francisco.

Director Brinkman requested a mid-year update on the budget.

Director Hsu arrived.

No public comment.

7. Presentation and discussion regarding the Fiscal Year 2018 Annual Report. (Explanatory documents include a slide presentation.)

Ed Reiskin, Director of Transportation, presented the item.

No public comment.

8. Presentation and discussion regarding the SFMTA's Strategic Plan Goal 1 including an update on Vision Zero. (Explanatory documents include a slide presentation.)

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

PUBLIC COMMENT:

Matt Gallen discussed a survey of every Muni bus route. He has observed how the public uses transit, especially those with mobility challenges. Many people with mobility challenges rely on Muni. It's important to acknowledge that there are several bus stops that are inadequate for people with boarding challenges. It should be a priority that every bus stop allows a bus to pull into a curb. The curbs should be painted red. He urged the SFMTA to consider curb use and parking, and the potential revenue to the City.

Jodie Medeiros expressed appreciation to the SFMTA for its' ambitious policy over past five years. A lot has been done to save lives. San Francisco will focus on both fatalities and severe injuries, which hasn't trended down. It will not be easy to get to zero fatalities, and it will take transformative policies. Some things aren't in the SFMTA's purview, but the Transit First policy is. Achieving Vision Zero isn't possible without a robust transit system. The SFMTA should look at transit from a "door to door" perspective.

9. Presentation and discussion regarding the SFMTA's Strategic Plan Goal 2 including transit workforce, transit ridership and use of transit-only lanes. (Explanatory documents include a slide presentation.)

Julie Kirschbaum, acting Director, Transit, Ed Reiskin, Director of Transportation and Sean Kennedy, acting Deputy Director, Muni Support, presented the item.

Chair Heinicke noted the acute need for housing and suggested preferences be given to Muni drivers. He asked staff to discuss this with the transit operator union.

PUBLIC COMMENT:

Cat Carter stated that there was no LRV 4 performance data in the report. The Transit Riders Union has the impression that there are a lot of breakdowns. Riders have given feedback about the seat configuration, noise levels, digital signage, and doors. Nobody likes the seat alignment. She wondered how LRV4 performance impacts the system and improves performance. She is glad to hear about future procurement plans and the opportunity to attract and retain transit operators. Riders don't want to hear that service improvements can't happen because of union rules. She expressed a preference for the transit-only lanes to be for Muni only.

Sara Greenwald discussed red lane occupancy. A majority of non-Muni vehicles are internal combustion engines and thus contribute to pollution. The SFMTA should restrict transit only lanes to non-polluting vehicles.

10. Presentation and discussion regarding the SFMTA's Strategic Plan Goal 3 including congestion management, emerging mobility and autonomous vehicles and "Mobility as a Service". (Explanatory documents include a slide presentation.)

Tom Maguire, Director, Sustainable Streets, Darton Ito, Deputy Director, Innovation, Danielle Harris, Office of Innovation, Senior Transportation Analyst, Julia Friedlander, senior policy advisor, Sustainable Streets, Katie Angotti, Principle Policy Analyst, Autonomous Vehicle Lead, presented the item.

Chair Heinicke suggested that staff consider crating a loop system in the tunnel between the Embarcadero and West Portal. This would solve these big chokepoints. If the SFMTA can make the system work better, it will get cars off the street.

PUBLIC COMMENT:

Edward Mason commented that there was nothing said about the one-sided growth demanded by the Association of Bay Area Governments and the Metropolitan Transportation Commission. This needs to be a bullet point in what is presented. The Planning Department is having a presentation on the cost and consequences to San Francisco.

11. Presentation and discussion regarding the SFMTA's Strategic Plan Goal 4 including employee engagement survey results, and organizational development. (Explanatory documents include a slide presentation.)

Travis Fox, Chief Performance Officer, Don Ellison, Director, Human Resources and Rashid Herd, Manager, Learning and Organizational Development presented the item.

No public comment.

12. Public Comment

Sara Greenwald stated there are about 12 years left to reduce carbon emissions. She is glad to hear transit users referred to as "customers". The focus needs to be on transit users. The SFMTA needs to expand its' customer basis. Muni doesn't have the advantage that private corporations do but it must get people out of cars. Muni's carbon footprint is very small. The SFMTA should increase their revenue stream by implementing congestion pricing.

Cat Carter stated that every transit improvement is exciting, but Muni is falling short. She is glad to hear support for transit riders, but riders still feel stranded and abandoned, especially when transit projects are compromised. Transit Riders Union is working with riders to create rapid transit lanes to create a functional network which will require aggressive implementation. She has heard a lot to be optimistic about today.

Edward Mason provided information about corporate commuter buses including buses at the Valley and San Jose stop. There are buses with missing stickers so they're not paying the stop fees. New buses are operating without California license plates and some have temporary Florida license plates. Staging vehicles at the Valencia Street median is a problem.

ADJOURN - The meeting was adjourned at 4:18 p.m. in memory of Franklin Anthony Josiah Borden.

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

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Board Secretary

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