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ENGINEERING, MAINTENANCE, AND SAFETY COMMITTEE

MINUTES

Wednesday, August 26, 2020

**WATCH:** (link can be found online at <https://www.sfmta.com/calendar/engineering-maintenance-safety-committee-emsc-regular-meeting-august-26-2020>)

**PUBLIC COMMENT CALL-IN:** (415) 646-2800 | Conference ID: 681238

REGULAR MEETING  
1 P.M.

COMMITTEE MEMBERS

Frank Zepeda, Chair  
Michael Chen  
Stephen Cornell  
Christopher Man  
Dorris Vincent

COUNCIL LIAISON  
Roberta Boomer

COUNCIL SECRETARY  
Keka Robinson-Luqman

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## ORDER OF BUSINESS

### 1. Call to Order

Chair Zepeda called the meeting to order at 1:02 p.m.

### 2. Roll Call

EMSC members present at Roll Call: Stephen Cornell, Christopher Man, and Frank Zepeda

EMSC members absent at Roll Call: Michael Chen

EMSC members absent: Dorris Vincent (with notification)

CAC members present: Aaron Leifer

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

No announcement was made.

### 4. Approval of Minutes:

#### PUBLIC COMMENT:

David Pilpel stated that the August 26<sup>th</sup> meeting minutes had no adjournment time.

Bob Planthold stated that according to the Sunshine Ordinance, minutes should be posted within ten days of a meeting.

On motion to approve the minutes of January 22, 2020:

ADOPTED: AYES – Stephen Cornell, Christopher Man,  
and Frank Zepeda

ABSENT – Michael Chen and Dorris Vincent

### 5. Report of the Chair (For discussion only)

Chair Zepeda welcomed everyone back. He expressed hope that the pending vaccine for COVID-19 works out.

### 6. Public Comment:

Richard Rothman stated that at least 10 years ago there were several serious accidents on Fulton street. He asked why it took over 10 years for the SFMTA to fix the street and they still did it incorrectly. He also inquired why the SFMTA didn't include pedestrian safety improvements when the 5R Fulton improvements were implemented. Finally, he asked why the SFMTA has veto power over whether a stop sign is installed.

## REGULAR CALENDAR

7. Presentation, discussion, and possible action regarding the J-Church Transfer Project. (Sean Kennedy, Manager, Transit Planning. Explanatory documents include a slide presentation.)

Jessica Garcia, Rail Service Planner, presented the item. She discussed rail service and schedule changes and the J Church Transfer Improvement Project.

### PUBLIC COMMENT:

Bob Planthold stated that there's no transfer from the inbound J Church to the outbound N Judah to get to UCSF. It requires that a passenger get off at Church and Market streets, take the 22 one stop, get off again, and transfer. The SFMTA staff didn't do any research into the transfer time. The survey they took was by text. He inquired how many seniors and people with disabilities use text. There's a couple of ways the J Church could still run in the subway. The way it is now, makes it cumbersome for the disabled.

Edward Mason inquired if only Siemens cars will be used in the subway or will they be mixed with Bredas. He thinks the plan is completely unnecessary. Working from home is successful and workers will only be going back to collaborate. The plan needs a complete rethink. 511 predictions are erratic and make it difficult to plan a trip.

David Pilpel stated that there is a CEQA appeal pending at the Board of Supervisors regarding the project. The transfers at Church and Market streets and at West Portal are dangerous for everyone. It restricts access for commuter shuttle buses and for emergency vehicles. It will slow down response time and make it impossible to get through if there are two trains present.

Tom Barton stated that he is concerned about social distancing. He stated that NextBus is inadequate and inquired if Muni is considering other options.

8. Presentation, discussion, and possible action regarding the combined network of Slow Streets and protected bike lanes. (Shannon Hake, Manager, Slow Streets. Explanatory documents include a slide presentation.)

Matt Lasky, Manager, Bike Program, discussed details of Slow Streets, the existing Slow Streets Network, program benefits, and next steps.

### PUBLIC COMMENT:

Tom Barton asked if the SFMTA considered using Slow Streets on Clement Street between Arguello and Tenth to make it possible for restaurants to have outside seating in the street.

Richard Rothman stated that the protected bike lanes are dangerous for people who use wheelchair ramps. Members of the disability community could get hit by a speeding bike. He inquired why the SFMTA doesn't make every street in the City a Slow Street by suing the State in order to be able to set their own speed limit of 25 MPH on every street.

David Pilpel stated that the CEQA appeal regarding Slow Streets was not submitted by him.

Edward Mason inquired what the cost is of the Slow Streets and protected bike lane projects. He asked how much they cost and if there are any metrics that list cost per mile or cost per bicycle utilization. In these tight fiscal times, there needs to be consideration for how much these projects cost. Even though they may be desirable, they need to be prioritized into the big picture.

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

Michael Chen requested a presentation on strategies for slowing excessive speeds that the SFMTA can employ given state law constraints.

PUBLIC COMMENT:

Edward Mason recommended a presentation on the overhead catenary splice issue.

David Pilpel suggested having a presentation on subway maintenance and what staff views as both maintenance challenges and accomplishments as it relates to the rail system and the subway.

ADJOURN- The meeting was adjourned at 2:44 p.m.

Submitted by:

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read 'KAR Luqman', written over a horizontal line.

Keka Robinson-Luqman  
SFMTA CAC – Secretary

Next regular meeting: Wednesday, October 28<sup>th</sup> at 1 p.m. | Online via Microsoft Teams

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