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

MINUTES

Tuesday, February 18, 2014
Room 400, City Hall
1 Dr. Carlton B. Goodlett Place

**REGULAR MEETING AND CLOSED SESSION
1 P.M.**

SFMTA BOARD OF DIRECTORS

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

Edward D. Reiskin
DIRECTOR OF TRANSPORTATION

Roberta Boomer
SECRETARY

ORDER OF BUSINESS

1. Call to Order

Chairman Nolan called the meeting to order at 1:00 p.m.

2. Roll Call

Present: Jerry Lee
Tom Nolan
Joél Ramos
Cristina Rubke

Absent: Cheryl Brinkman – with notification
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 January 21, 2014 Regular Meeting: unanimously approved (Brinkman, Heinicke - absent).

On motion to approve the minutes of the February 4, 2014 Special Meeting: unanimously approved (Brinkman, Heinicke - absent).

5. Communications

Chairman Nolan requested that the day’s meeting be adjourned in memory of Stu Smith.

Board Secretary Boomer stated that there would be no discussion of anticipated litigation in closed session.

6. Introduction of New or Unfinished Business by Board Members

Board members expressed appreciation to staff for the Feb. 4 workshop.

7. Director's Report (For discussion only)

- Special Recognition
- 8000 lease rate
- Ongoing Activities

NO PHOTOGRAPHER

Vince Harris, Director, Capital Programs and Construction recognized Ha Nguyen, Project Manager.

Jerry Robbins, Director, Sustainable Streets recognized the WalkFirst team, Laura Stonehill, Charlie Ream, Lucas Woodward and Oliver Gajda.

John Haley, Director, Transit Services recognized Linda Wilson Allen, Transit Operator.

Ed Reiskin, Director of Transportation recognized Julia Friedlander, Deputy City Attorney.

Director Reiskin discussed the 8000 lease rates, TEP community meetings, outreach efforts and schedule and the Combined Charities Campaign.

PUBLIC COMMENT:

Richard Hybels discussed the 8000 series lease rates. Metrocab didn't get any of the medallions and yet they scored higher than other cab companies. The SFMTA has no pretense of being fair.

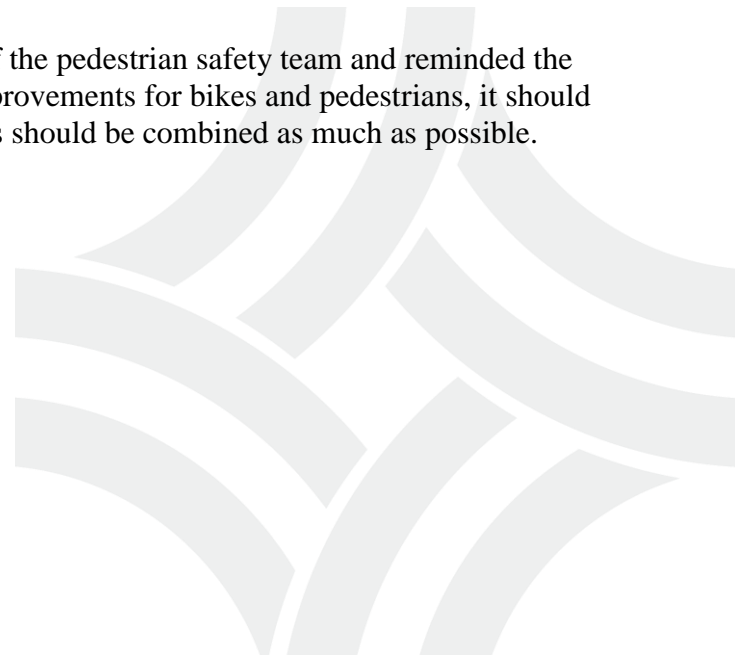
Barry Taranto expressed appreciation for Jerry Robbins. He commented on the 8000 lease fee reduction and noted that although the fee is reduced by 50%, cab drivers have to pay the same gate fee. He suggested that it would be better to cut the number of medallions until the issues with TNC's are resolved. There is no capacity at the airport for these cabs and cab drivers have to wait a long time for a fare at the airport. Cutting the fee without making sure that drivers get a reduced gate fee hurts drivers.

Greg Cochran expressed support for the 8000 leases.

Howard Strassner expressed appreciation for the work of the pedestrian safety team and reminded the Board that when the SFMTA spends money to make improvements for bikes and pedestrians, it should also look to improving Muni service. The improvements should be combined as much as possible.

8. Citizens' Advisory Council Report

No report.



9. Public Comment

Howard Strassner discussed the N-Judah improvements along the Inner Sunset. The bulb out at Carl and Cole works very well. Long bulb-outs aren't needed. Moving bus stops to the far side and stop consolidation is useful. The proposed shared stop between the 48 Line and the N Judah can be problematic. Projects that save a minute of time do add up.

John Fitch discussed the rate increase for Muni service. Over half the bus drivers are African Americans and it's known that they are leading the parade with respect to obesity. He wondered much of the fare increase is going to help reduce obesity. He will send his proposal to stop fare evasion by 75%.

Ernestine Weiss stated that there is insufficient street lighting which increases pedestrian accidents. The lighting on Van Ness and Market is antiquated and promotes economic results. People don't go out at night because they're afraid of being hit or accosted. She urged the SFMTA to contact the PUC and tell them to light up Market Street. The SFMTA needs to train F Line drivers to tell people to move to the rear of the buses. There's plenty of room in the back but people don't move.

Barry Taranto stated that FlyWheel sucks because it's terrible for taxi drivers. Drivers need an industry-wide app. He couldn't log into FlyWheel on Sunday and they weren't responsive. Now they're charging a 10% fee for each fare and FlyWheel customers aren't good tippers. If a cab driver makes a mistake, they're shut out for five hours. The SFMTA should create standards for how apps can work with cab drivers and make it easier for cab drivers to use.

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. 7th 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) Requesting the Controller to allot funds and to draw warrants against such funds available or will be available in payment of the following claims against the SFMTA:

- A. Camila Rodrigues De Oliveira vs. CCSF, Superior Ct. #CGC13530516 filed on 4/10/13 for \$17,000
- B. Stephanie River vs. CCSF, Unlitigated Claim #1303015 filed on 6/24/13 for \$28,000

RESOLUTION 14-025

(10.2) Approving the following traffic modifications:

- A. ESTABLISH – NO PARKING ANYTIME – Phelan Avenue, west side, from 510 feet to 560 feet north of Cloud Circle.
- B. ESTABLISH – TOW-AWAY NO STOPPING, 3 PM TO 7 PM, MONDAY THROUGH FRIDAY – 2nd Street, east side, between Brannan Street and Bryant Street.
- C. ESTABLISH – STOP SIGN – College Avenue, at Justin Drive (South)
- D. ESTABLISH – TOW-AWAY NO STOPPING ANYTIME – Pioche Street, north side of center median, from 25 feet east of Madison Street to 125 feet easterly; and Pioche Street, south side of center median, from Madison Street to 125 feet easterly.
- E. ESTABLISH – BLUE ZONE – 21 Buckingham Way, south side, from 0 feet to 20 feet east of truncated dome area of handicapped ramp.
- F. REVOKE – BLUE ZONE – “50” Edward Street, north side, from 5 feet to 25 feet east of playground driveway.
- G. ESTABLISH - PART-TIME ACCESSIBLE PASSENGER LOADING ZONE, SUNRISE TO SUNSET, DAILY – “50” Edward Street, north side, from 23 feet to 41 feet east of playground driveway.
- H. ESTABLISH – BLUE ZONE – “801” Moscow Street, east side, from 0 feet to 18 feet north of the south crosswalk.
- I. EXTEND – NO PARKING AT ANYTIME – “20” Icehouse Alley, east side, from 0 feet to 17 feet south of north property line. (Explanatory documents include a staff report and resolution. The proposed actions are the Approval Action as defined by S.F. Administrative Code Chapter 31.)

RESOLUTION 14-026

(10.3) Approving the following parking and traffic modifications on Grove Street between Van Ness Avenue and Polk Street to support the corner sidewalk widening at the Grove and Polk intersection:

- A. ESTABLISH – RED ZONE - Grove Street, south side, from Polk Street to 25 feet westerly.
- B. REVOKE – BUS ZONE - Grove Street, south side, from Polk Street to 117 feet westerly.
- C. ESTABLISH – SFMTA PERMIT PARKING ONLY, (6 AM TO 7 PM, MONDAY THROUGH FRIDAY) - Grove Street, south side, from 25 feet to 117 feet west of Polk Street.
- D. REVOKE – RIGHT TURN LANE - Eastbound Grove Street at Polk Street. (Explanatory documents include a staff report and resolution. The proposed actions are the Approval Action as defined by S.F. Administrative Code Chapter 31.)

Item 10.3 was pulled from the agenda at the request of a member of the public.

PUBLIC COMMENT on Item 10.3:

Barry Taranto pointed out that this is about eliminating the right turn lane from Grove onto Polk. This is a serious move. At times Grove Street is blocked. It's important to have a right turn lane, especially

during peak hours. Not having it will create problems at that intersection. He urged that it be looked at again or provide information about how the SFMTA will deal with congestion.

RESOLUTION 14-027

On motion to approve Item 10.3:

ADOPTED: AYES –Lee Nolan, Ramos and Rubke

ABSENT – Brinkman and Heinicke

(10.4) Approving a pilot project to implement various parking and pedestrian changes in the Persia Triangle and authorizing the following traffic modifications:

- A. ESTABLISH – NO PARKING ANYTIME and RESCIND – BLUE ZONE - Ocean Avenue, north side, from Mission Street, 15 feet to 35 feet westerly.
- B. ESTABLISH – BLUE ZONE and RESCIND – PARKING METER - Ocean Avenue, north side, from Mission Street, 35 feet to 55 feet westerly. (Explanatory documents include a staff report and resolution. The proposed actions are the Approval Action as defined by S.F. Administrative Code Chapter 31.)

RESOLUTION 14-028

(10.5) Authorizing the Director to accept and expend \$7,070,567 in FY2014 Proposition 1B California Transit Security Grant Program funds for the Radio Communications Systems and CAD Replacement Project and the Bluelight Emergency Telephone Replacement Project. (Explanatory documents include a staff report and resolution.)

RESOLUTION 14-029

(10.6) Authorizing the Director to execute the Amended and Restated Agreement #A06/07-34 for the Van Ness Bus Rapid Transit Project with the San Francisco County Transportation Authority in an amount not to exceed \$534,531. (Explanatory documents include a staff report, resolution and agreement.)

RESOLUTION 14-030

(10.7) Authorizing the Director to execute a Lease with North Beach Retail Associates for premises at 2449 Taylor Street and 2450 Taylor Street, for use as a ticket sales room; restroom and break room for Muni operators and other authorized personnel. (Explanatory documents include a staff report, resolution and lease.)

RESOLUTION 14-031

On motion to approve the Consent Calendar (Item 10.3 severed):

ADOPTED: AYES –Lee Nolan, Ramos and Rubke

ABSENT – Brinkman and Heinicke

REGULAR CALENDAR

11. Presentation and discussion of the FY2015 and FY2016 Operating Budget including possible changes to various fares, fees, fines, rates and charges; possible new revenue sources and new expenditures and revenue and expenditure reductions; and discussion of the FY2015 and FY2016 Capital Budget including possible capital programs and projects. (Explanatory documents include a staff report, resolution, exhibits and appendices.)

Sonali Bose, Director, Finance and Information Technology presented the item.

PUBLIC COMMENT:

Howard Strassner expressed concern that there is no plan to increase service in the budget. San Francisco expects to have more people living in the City and using Muni. He suggested that the Board get extra funding by enforcing meters in the evenings and use that money to continue to provide free Muni for needy children. Many cities charge a premium for people who pay their fare with cash. San Francisco should implement it and give a discount to those who use the Clipper card. Money from a vehicle license fee should go to transit.

Ernestine Weiss endorsed free fares for seniors and people with disabilities. It's long overdue. People deserve to be charged more for riding the F Line.

Denis Johns stated that the budget doesn't look like it's reflective of in-depth discussions with the public. Board meetings are an inadequate forum for public input. He objects to a 33.3% increase in the fare for seniors while for working adults, it's only a 12% increase. San Francisco's environment and quality of life have been badly impacted over the years. He also objects to the application fee for the renewal of red zones.

Jane Martin expressed appreciation for the Free Muni to Youth program. The program benefits a huge number of people at a low cost. She expressed hope that it can be extended and that it can include 18 year olds. She is glad that the budget situation looks better and with the proposed new funding sources, she hopes the SFMTA can advance the needs of those who are transit dependent and low income residents.

Tina Sataraka expressed appreciation for free Muni service for low income youth. It used to be a struggle to get to school. He asked that the program be extended to include 18 year old students.

Teresa Almaguer stated that it's great that youths can get a pass and not have to worry about how they're going to get to school. The middle class population is declining in San Francisco. She urged the SFMTA to keep those families in mind when it considers fees, rates, etc. She also asked that free Muni

service be extended to 18 year olds.

Angelina Yu expressed appreciation for the “Free Muni for Youth” pilot. The success of the program speaks for itself. Ms. Yu wants to include 18 year old students so they can get to school. She is happy to see innovative programs such as “Free Muni for Seniors” and expressed hope for increased investments in pedestrian safety.

Nicole Schneider discussed the crisis in pedestrian safety. Eleven people died in the last two and a half months on city streets. Thirteen million per year for the next five years is less than what is spent in the hospital. To realize the benefits of Vision Zero and to protect residents, the SFMTA needs to fund and implement the Pedestrian Strategy. Staff did an amazing job with developing the Strategy but the funding is nowhere close. She asked that it be considered in the budget and that project delivery be improved. She also expressed support for “Free Muni for Youth.”

Jaron Browne stated that after one year of the “Free Muni for Youth” program, young people’s experience on the bus is dramatically different. She likes the idea of expanding it to seniors and people with disabilities and wants to help fight for revenue so the SFMTA can make progressive decisions. The priority is extending the program to include 18 year olds.

Donaji Lona expressed appreciation for “Free Muni for Youth.” When communities come together and give priority to the most important things, it can be a success. Youth doesn’t have to be afraid to go to school and it’s a big benefit for working families. She asked that the program include 18 year old youths, adults and people with disabilities. There is a big need to improve transportation where communities need it most, especially in the Mission and Bayview neighborhoods.

Herbert Weiner protested the proposed increase to the Muni cash fare. Muni should pay riders. The SFMTA Board and Director Reiskin should make up the difference between \$2 and \$2.25. He asked if there was going to be a net total addition to the bus fleet. The TEP is a zero sum game. It will be more of the same and will be to the detriment of the public.

Barry Taranto stated that it’s important to eliminate meter enforcement on Sundays and to do better with enforcing meter hours in the evening. He sees thousands of illegal parking violations in the evenings. Staff is unable to react quickly. With respect to raising the A card fee, he stated that taxi drivers aren’t getting any information about what’s being done to help cab drivers. Commuter buses are blocking cab stands.

12. 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 (Brinkman, Heinicke – absent).

RECESS REGULAR MEETING AND CONVENE CLOSED SESSION

CLOSED SESSION

1. Call to Order

Chairman Nolan called the closed session to order at 2:26 p.m.

2. Roll Call

Present: Jerry Lee
Tom Nolan
Joél Ramos
Cristina Rubke

Absent: Cheryl Brinkman – with notification
Malcolm Heinicke – with notification

Also present: Ed Reiskin, Director of Transportation
Roberta Boomer, Board Secretary
Julia Friedlander, Deputy City Attorney
John Haley, Director, Transit Services
Don Ellison, Director, Human Resources
Sonali Bose, Director, Finance and Information Technology
Candace Sue, Director, Communications
Rob Maerz, Deputy City Attorney

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:

Cecilia Andino vs. CCSF, Superior Ct. #CGC11515131 filed on 10/17/11 for \$134,999

RESOLUTION 14-032

On motion to approve:

ADOPTED: AYES –Lee Nolan, Ramos and Rubke

ABSENT – Brinkman and 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:

X As defendant or X As plaintiff

There was no discussion of anticipated litigation.

5. Pursuant to Government Code Section 54957.6(a) and Administrative Code Section 67.8, the Municipal Transportation Agency Board of Directors shall meet in closed session for:

CONFERENCE WITH LABOR NEGOTIATOR

CCSF Representative: Don Ellison

Employee Organizations:

- TWU Local 250-A (9163)
- TWU Local 250-A (9132)
- TWU Local 200
- SEIU Local 1021
- Electricians Local 6
- Automotive Mechanics Local 1414
- Municipal Executives Association

To discuss:

- X Wages
- X Hours
- X Benefits
- X Working Conditions
- X Other

ADJOURN CLOSED SESSION AND RECONVENE OPEN SESSION - The closed session was adjourned at 3:14 p.m.

13. Announcement of Closed Session.

Chairman Nolan announced that the SFMTA Board of Directors met in closed session to discuss Cecilia Andino vs. CCSF with the City Attorney. The Board of Directors voted unanimously to settle the case (Brinkman, Heinicke – absent). The Board also discussed labor negotiations but took no action. There was no discussion of anticipated litigation.

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

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

ADJOURN - The meeting was adjourned at 3:15 p.m. in memory of Stu Smith.

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

The Ethics Commission of the City and County of San Francisco has asked us to remind individuals and entities that influence or attempt to influence local legislative or administrative action may be required by the San Francisco Lobbyist Ordinance [S.F. Campaign and Governmental Conduct Code section 2.100 et seq.] to register and report lobbying activity. For more information about the Lobbyist Ordinance, please contact the Ethics Commission at 415.581.2300; fax: 415.581.2317; 25 Van Ness Avenue, Suite 220, SF, CA 94102-6027 or the web site: sfgov.org/ethics.

California Environmental Quality Act (CEQA) Appeal Rights under S.F. Admin. Code Chapter 31: For identified Approval Actions, the Planning Department or the SFMTA has issued a CEQA exemption determination or negative declaration, which may be viewed online at the Planning Department's website. Following approval of the item by the SFMTA Board, the CEQA determination is subject to appeal within the time frame specified in S.F. Administrative Code Section 31.16 which is typically within 30 calendar days. For information on filing a CEQA appeal, contact the Clerk of the Board of Supervisors at City Hall, 1 Dr. Carlton B. Goodlett Place, Room 244, San Francisco, CA 94102, or call (415) 554-5184. Under CEQA, in a later court challenge, a litigant may be limited to raising only those issues previously raised at a hearing on the project or submitted in writing to the City prior to or at such hearing, or as part of the appeal hearing process on the CEQA decision.

