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ENGINEERING, MAINTENANCE AND SAFETY COMMITTEE

MINUTES

Monday, November 17, 2014
Room 6053, Candlestick Conference Room
1 South Van Ness Avenue, 6th Floor

REGULAR MEETING
3:00 P.M.

COMMITTEE MEMBERS
Frank Zepeda, Chairman
Dorris Vincent
Roland Wong

COUNCIL LIAISON
Roberta Boomer

COUNCIL SECRETARY
Yvette Torres

ORDER OF BUSINESS

1. Call to Order

Chairman Zepeda called the meeting to order at 3:03 p.m.

2. Roll Call

EMSC members present at Roll Call: Frank Zepeda, Dorris Vincent, and Roland Wong

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

The Acting CAC Secretary made the announcement.

4. Approval of Minutes:

On motion to approve the minutes of the October 22, 2014 meeting: Adopted

AYES: Frank Zepeda, Dorris Vincent and Roland Wong

5. Report of the Chairman (For discussion only)

The Chairman stated this was the last meeting of the year which had been good and productive. He is looking forward to a good 2015 and wished everyone a Happy Thanksgiving.

Dorris Vincent invited everyone to tour the new UCSF Medical Center Hospital.

6. Public Comment

None

REGULAR CALENDAR

7. Presentation, discussion, and possible action regarding service in the Bay View Hunters Point neighborhood. (Julie Kirschbaum, Manager, Service Planning)

Julie Kirschbaum stated that improvements have been made and plans are in the Transportation Effectiveness Project/Muni Forward for transit lines in the Bayview Hunters Point area. The County Transportation Agency also created a Bayview Neighborhood Transportation Plan. The hiring of new operators is key to delivering reliable service and new hires will be added each month, improving reliability.

Replacing and rehabilitating our fleet is also key and there are plans to replace every bus over the next five years. Recent improvements include the 29 line which now has a Muni-only left turn lane at 19th Avenue and the 44 O'Shaughnessy will have increased school time service to reduce crowding.

T Line changes include frequency increase proposals for the Bayview and Candlestick Hunters Point area and planned route changes. Staff will engage the community in the Spring and will present recommendations in the Fall of 2015.

Dorris Vincent stated that during baseball games the T line trains have to wait for cars when the cars should wait for the trains to pass. She urged staff to work with the PCO's to prioritize trains.

Julie Kirschbaum stated that modifications have been made to game day service.

Public Comment:

Randall Glock stated that the SFMTA needs to get trains moving along the Embarcadero. Light signals take a long time and trains have to stop too often.

8. Presentation, discussion, and possible action regarding flag stops.

Julie Kirschbaum stated that a high proportion of the SFMTA's 3500 bus stops are flag stops. A flag stop is when the parking lane is next to the bus stop. The SFMTA has built bulbs-outs at some flag stops. Converting the stops is a community issue due to the loss of street parking.

She suggested that the SFMTA could set a goal of converting ten flag stops per year to bus zones. Staff would have to identify recommendations.

Roland Wong stated that he would provide a list of flag stops at major transfer points that he would like to see converted, including the stop at Rivera and 46th Avenue.

Chairman Zepeda invited staff to return in early 2015 to present the Muni Accessibility Advisory Committee recommendations.

No public comment.

9. Presentation, discussion, and possible action regarding Balboa Park project. (Lisa Chow, Project Manager)

Lisa Chow presented an overview of the Green Light Rail Construction Project which includes replacing worn track and switches, modifying the overhead system and track switch control system, and repairing storm water drainage. The contractor is working on the construction of a key stop with an accessible path of travel, curb ramps, and a boarding island along San Jose Avenue.

Most construction is expected to take place in late 2015 and 2016 because of the need to procure parts. BART is working on rebuilding and constructing a high level platform. The entire project is scheduled to be completed by January 2017 with a total budget of \$46m.

Daniel Padilla, Project Manager, Balboa Park Station Area and the Plaza Improvement Project, presented the project scope and budget. The goal is to implement safety, accessibility and transit improvements to enhance customer experience. The scope includes widening sidewalk on the Geneva

Avenue, landscaping the median island, installing Red Transit Only Lanes, and upgrading curb ramps. The project is expected to be completed by June 2016 with a projected budget of \$6.9m.

Public Comment:

Randall Glock expressed concern about one car trains and a smaller platform for one car instead of two. He believes it should be a two car platform because wheelchair users will be passed up when there isn't enough space for them to board.

Bruce Oka stated that he has heard that the Balboa Park CAC has plans for the area.

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

Dorris Vincent asked if it were possible to have two car trains on the T line to make it more reliable.

Chairman Zepeda asked staff to provide the exact length of the platform planned at the Balboa Park Station.

11. Schedule upcoming calendar items. (For discussion only)

Next regular meeting: Wednesday, January 28, 2015 at 3:00 p.m.

1 South Van Ness Avenue, 6th Floor, Candlestick Conference Room #6052

ADJOURN – The meeting was adjourned at 4:47 p.m.


Submitted by: –




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Acting CAC Secretary

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