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**SAN FRANCISCO
MUNICIPAL TRANSPORTATION AGENCY
CITIZENS' ADVISORY COUNCIL**

MINUTES

**Thursday, December 1, 2016
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,
Barbara Bocci, Steve Cornell, Joan Downey, Cesar Magdaleno, Daniel Murphy, Alex Reese,
Steve Taber, 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 5:32 p.m.

2. Roll Call

CAC members present at Roll Call: Neil Ballard, Mark Ballew, Barbara Bocci, Stephen Cornell, Joan Downey, Steve Taber, Susan Vaughan, Daniel Weaver, and Frank Zepeda

CAC members absent: Cesar Magdaleno, Daniel Murphy, Alex Reese, and Dorris Vincent
(all with notification)

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

CAC Liaison Boomer made the announcement.

4. Approval of Minutes:

PUBLIC COMMENT:

Peter Warfield stated that he has taken interest in the SFMTA due to the proposal to remove stops from the 19 Polk line. He stated that there were no agenda related documents present at the meeting so the public could see the minutes and attachments. He was neither opposed to nor in favor of the motion to approve the minutes.

On motion to approve the minutes of November 3, 2016:

ADOPTED: AYES – Neil Ballard, Mark Ballew, Barbara Bocci, Stephen Cornell, Joan Downey, Steve Taber, Susan Vaughan, Daniel Weaver, and Frank Zepeda

ABSENT – Cesar Magdaleno, Alex Reese, Daniel Murphy, and Dorris Vincent

5. Report of the Chair (For discussion only)

Chairman Weaver stated that he would reorganize the agenda because the CAC would lose quorum at 7:30. He asked staff to call Item 7 first, after which the CAC would consider motions from the EMS and OCS Committees, and then they would return to the regular agenda.

PUBLIC COMMENT:

Peter Warfield asked Chairman Weaver to review the order of the agenda items again.

6. Public Comment:

Edward Mason discussed various shuttle buses that are violating shuttle program rules. Numerous buses idle on Market between Church and Duboce Streets in the morning.

Art Bodner stated that Alvarado School in Noe Valley has a large student population and more cars driving students. Drop off has been a mess for ten years. They petitioned for a larger white zone. The school is upset because the SFMTA representative didn't show up to meetings. The problem is one of enforcement. Parents double park on Douglas, creating congestion. The principal said she called the SFMTA to ask for more enforcement and they sent a Parking Control Officer out for one morning.

Peter Warfield stated that Lurilla Harris was a friend of his who was killed in early June by the paratransit vehicle that had brought her to an event. He is troubled to hear that there has been no official attempt to understand what happened and why. Paratransit should take people to the block and to the door. Mr. Warfield would like to see a recommendation that the SFMTA needs to make an inquiry that results in a public hearing. The 19 Polk line was proposed for eliminating the three stops closest to the main library. Publicity was abysmal.

REGULAR CALENDAR

7. Presentation, discussion and possible action regarding an update of the Commuter Shuttle Program. (Francesca Napolitano, Curb Access Manager. Explanatory Documents include a slide presentation.)

Francesca Napolitano presented the item including the mid-year review and the hub study. She reviewed the shuttle program history, benefits of the program, permit terms and conditions, difference between the pilot and existing programs, enforcement, and program impacts. Ms. Napolitano presented the results of the hub study including the various scenarios studied, the mode shift impacts for each of the scenarios, vehicle emissions, safety and impact on Muni, and timeline.

Council member Sue Vaughan requested that her following comment be included in the minutes: When corporate shuttle buses operate in red zones, it violates the State of California vehicle code.

Chairman Weaver set a two minute limit for public comment for this item.

PUBLIC COMMENT:

Lotus Fong said she drives to Silicon Valley often every week. She wondered about the possibility of taking a Muni bus to Caltrain. Ms. Fong inquired about the load on Caltrain so people could use public transit rather than a private system.

Edward Mason said that ten years ago buses operated illegally in bus zones. There was no enforcement. White curb zones have increased, reducing residential parking. There was no environmental or economic impact study done by companies. Millbrae BART was eliminated. BAC must coordinate stop zone departure times that impede Muni and traffic. Employers must combine services. Mr. Mason stated that he has submitted 1.1 violations a day. The neighborhood future is grim. Large employers are adding 14,000 new employees and adding 88 buses. A public regional express system is needed.

John Giordano stated that since the program is self-sustaining, the SFMTA could increase fees. City should be able to control where buses stop. It is illegal to stop in red Muni zones. The report focuses on reduction in ridership and presented data based on a flawed model. Program is working for 1%, but not for the rest. Once impact on environment is seen, young people will see that getting to a hub won't be so bad.

Pat Lovelock hears rumble of buses every morning. Arterial streets are heavily trafficked, high pollution, and high injury corridors. Companies don't care about the rules and do what works for them. The citation fees don't change behaviors. Moving violation tickets will change people's behavior. The SFMTA needs to stand up for the city, the environment, and the residents.

Peter Warfield expressed agreement with previous speakers. There is a huge outlay of attention and energy to subsidize private corporations that are already getting tax breaks from Mayor Lee. Gigantic buses are largely empty. Buses block views and make it so Muni riders have to step into the street to see if there's a bus coming. This poses a problem for able bodied and disabled friends. Let them go to Caltrain.

CAC Motion 161201.01

The SFMTA CAC recommends that additional Parking Control Officers be trained regarding the commuter shuttle program and then deployed to areas where there is a concentration of stops and complaints.

On motion to approve:

ADOPTED: AYES – Neil Ballard, Mark Ballew, Barbara Bocci, Stephen Cornell, Joan Downey, Steve Taber, Susan Vaughan, Daniel Weaver, and Frank Zepeda

ABSENT – Cesar Magdaleno, Alex Reese, Daniel Murphy, and Dorris Vincent

CAC Motion 161201.02

The CAC recommends that commuter shuttle buses not be allowed on small residential streets, such as Waller St. as they are not an arterial streets (even though they are designated

as such on the Caltrans map). The large buses are disruptive to these mainly residential streets.

On motion to approve:

ADOPTED: AYES – Neil Ballard, Mark Ballew, Barbara Bocci, Stephen Cornell, Joan Downey, Steve Taber, Susan Vaughan, Daniel Weaver, and Frank Zepeda

ABSENT – Cesar Magdaleno, Alex Reese, Daniel Murphy, and Dorris Vincent

8. Presentation, discussion and possible action regarding the 2016 Muni Customer Satisfaction Survey. (Candace Sue, Director of Communications. Explanatory Documents include a slide presentation and survey.)

Candace Sue presented the survey, methodology, and results.

PUBLIC COMMENT:

Art Bodner noticed on the survey that at the bottom of the list, take bike was under the option of not taking the trip at all. The SFMTA puts a lot of time, energy, and money towards bike projects while the survey makes it clear that only a small percentage of people would use bikes as a form of transportation.

9. Presentation, discussion and possible action regarding amending the CAC's Rules of Order. (Daniel Weaver, Chairman, Citizens' Advisory Council. Explanatory documents include the draft CAC Rules of Order.)

This item was continued to the January 5th meeting.

10. Presentation, discussion and possible action regarding CAC agenda items for 2017. (No explanatory documents.)

Chairman Weaver asked the council to email topics.

Stephen Cornell left at 7:28 p.m.

No public comment.

11. Presentation, discussion and possible action regarding the Engineering, Maintenance and Safety Committee (EMSC) report and recommendations. (No explanatory documents.)

Frank Zepeda, Chairman, EMSC presented the report.

PUBLIC COMMENT:

Peter Warfield expressed appreciation to the committee for their thought and discussion. This would maintain library stops initially proposed for elimination. According to boarding statistics, the library stops are most used by far. For clarification, after in-bound, add northbound. For the first motion, he requested that the Council clarify what “pursuing sponsorships” means. He is opposed to commercial advertisements.

EMSC Motion 161116.01

The SFMTA CAC urges the SFMTA to adopt a naming policy concerning SFMTA assets as presented to the EMSC. The SFMTA shall not consider naming an asset after an individual until they have been deceased a minimum of five years. The SFMTA shall not pursue sponsorships for naming any SFMTA asset.

Motion amended to include to change “pursue” to “consider.”

CAC Motion 161201.03

The SFMTA CAC urges the SFMTA to adopt a naming policy concerning SFMTA assets as presented to the EMSC. SFMTA stations or stops shall always be named after a geographical location. The SFMTA shall not consider naming other assets after an individual until they have been deceased a minimum of five years. The SFMTA shall not consider sponsorships for naming any SFMTA asset.

On motion to approve:

ADOPTED: AYES – Neil Ballard, Mark Ballew, Barbara Bocci, Stephen Cornell, Joan Downey, Steve Taber, Susan Vaughan, Daniel Weaver, and Frank Zepeda

ABSENT – Cesar Magdaleno, Alex Reese, Dorris Vincent, and Daniel Murphy

EMSC Motion 161116.02

The SFMTA CAC urges the SFMTA to maintain the current 19 Polk line in-bound direction and install a dedicated transit signal at 7th and Mission to create a queue jump for the 19 Polk line at the intersection.

CAC Motion 161201.04

On motion to approve:

ADOPTED: AYES – Neil Ballard, Mark Ballew, Barbara Bocci, Stephen Cornell, Joan Downey, Steve Taber, Susan Vaughan, Daniel Weaver, and Frank

Zepeda
ABSENT – Cesar Magdaleno, Alex Reese, Dorris Vincent, and Daniel Murphy

EMSC Motion 161116.03

The SFMTA CAC recommends that the SFMTA Board of Directors approve the Locally Preferred Alternative (for the phase one portion) for the Geary Bus Rapid Transit Project.

Amend motion to delete (for the phase one portion)

CAC Motion 161201.05

The SFMTA CAC recommends that the SFMTA Board of Directors approve the Locally Preferred Alternative for the Geary Bus Rapid Transit Project.

On motion to approve:

ADOPTED: AYES – Neil Ballard, Mark Ballew, Barbara Bocci, Stephen Cornell, Joan Downey, Steve Taber, Daniel Weaver, and Frank Zepeda

NAYES – Susan Vaughan

ABSENT – Cesar Magdaleno, Alex Reese, Dorris Vincent, and Daniel Murphy

12. Presentation, discussion and possible action regarding the Operations and Customer Service Committee (OCSC) report and recommendations. (No explanatory documents.)

No public comment.

OCSC Motion 161011.01

WHEREAS, The City has a transit first policy that prioritizes alternative modes of transportation other than driving, and WHEREAS, It is not in line with the City's Transit First policy, and WHEREAS, It encourages driving which contributes to congestion and greenhouse gases that cause climate change and sea level rise, and WHEREAS, The city should set an example for people to use public transportation, cycling, and walking to get to their destinations, now therefore be it RESOLVED, That the SFMTA CAC recommends that the SFMTA Board not proceed with the Dolores Street Median Parking Pilot Program.

This item was referred back to the OCSC.

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

Stephen Cornell would like to know how the Commuter Shuttle Hub Study ensures the primary objective of the Transit First Policy.

Neil Ballard would like to know if Muni has looked into running its own regional service.

Councilmember Bocci left the meeting at 7:30 p.m. At this point, the quorum was lost and, therefore, the meeting was adjourned.

ADJOURN - The meeting was adjourned at 7:30 p.m.

Submitted by:

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read 'KAR Luqman', with a horizontal line drawn through the middle of the signature.

Keka Robinson-Luqman
SFMTA CAC – Secretary

Next regular meeting: Thursday, January 5, 2017 at 5:30pm
1 South Van Ness Avenue, 7th Floor, Union Square Conference Room, #7080