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

MINUTES

Tuesday, May 16, 2017
Room 400, City Hall
1 Dr. Carlton B. Goodlett Place

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

SFMTA BOARD OF DIRECTORS

Cheryl Brinkman, Chairman,
Malcolm Heinicke, Vice Chairman
Gwyneth Borden
Lee Hsu
Joél Ramos
Cristina Rubke
Art Torres

Edward D. Reiskin
DIRECTOR OF TRANSPORTATION

Roberta Boomer
SECRETARY

ORDER OF BUSINESS

1. Call to Order

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

2. Roll Call

Present: Malcolm Heinicke

Lee Hsu

Joél Ramos

Cristina Rubke

Art Torres

Absent: Gwyneth Borden – with notification

Cheryl Brinkman – with notification

Acting Chairman Heinicke welcomed Director Torres to the SFMTA Board of Directors.

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

Vice Chairman Heinicke 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 May 2, 2017 Regular Meeting: unanimously approved (Borden, Brinkman - absent).

5. Communications

None.

6. Introduction of New or Unfinished Business by Board Members

None.

7. Director’s Report (For discussion only)

-Update on Vision Zero

-Ongoing Activities

John Haley, Acting Director of Transportation, discussed the SFMTA's recent bond rating, radio replacement, transit service for the Bay to Breakers race; and projects associated with the Mayor's Vision Zero Executive Directive.

Tom Maguire, Director, Sustainable Streets discussed recent rule making regarding testing automated vehicle legislation and Turk Street bike lanes.

PUBLIC COMMENT:

Herbert Weiner welcomed Director Torres who is joining the Board in the midst of serious problems and declining ridership. He wants to know what is being done to protect pedestrians on the sidewalk from cyclists who are not being cited nor arrested. Cyclists have been dragged off bikes and beaten when they tried to run down a pedestrian. He protested the increase in the Fast Passes. The SFMTA has to improve service. The increase in bus fare is ill deserved.

Tariq Mehmood stated that the SFMTA has a billion dollar budget. He questioned the changes on 7th Street and all over the city. Bumps and extra ramps can't be seen at night. Lighting is very poor. With LED lights, a driver can see everything. San Francisco doesn't have a single street with LED lights.

8. Citizens' Advisory Council Report

No report.

9. Public Comment

Eileen Boken stated that during the L Taraval community outreach meetings, the community recommended various things such as crosshatching but it was rejected by a committee. Signage was approved but is in English only. She urged colored stencils to create contrast from the transit only lanes. She urged staff to review signage and the use of stencils at additional sites.

David Pilpel stated that he withdrew his environmental review appeal after receiving assurances from SFMTA staff. He expressed concern about the Metro stations downtown. The Powell and Montgomery stations are dark and dirty, and should be cleaned more frequently and have better lighting. More outreach to the homeless should be done. Signage and wayfinding needs to be improved. Signs regarding passenger conduct should be returned. Electronic display signs are often wrong or inconsistent.

Herbert Weiner stated that the SFMTA is about to break up. Services offered by Chariot, Uber and Lyft means reduced transit ridership. There is no reason why Muni can't be the best transportation system in the country. It shouldn't take more than an hour to get from one area in San Francisco to another. Five decades ago, the City had a comprehensive transportation plan but they don't have one now. The SFMTA has tried to solve the problem by making transit service worse and by making people walk ¼ mile to a bus stop. People will scream privatization. If the public transportation system is lost, all of us lose.

Tariq Mehmood discussed the taxi industry and the budget and salaries for the taxi division. Taxi drivers have lost income. The director needs to be fired or resign. The division's budget shouldn't exceed \$200,000 per year. It needs one officer and two clerks. Nobody is buying medallions any longer. People are forfeiting on their loans.

Tone Lee stated that he was at a meeting with the new owner of Flywheel and told him that he would never achieve anything with the SFMTA. Taxi business is declining. The SFMTA taxi leadership is only enjoying a good salary. He also told Flywheel to start as a Transportation Network Company and not as a taxi business. The taxi office has no reforms but just holds meetings. They don't listen to taxi drivers. New York City and Hong Kong don't have color schemes.

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) Approving the following parking and traffic modifications:

- A. ESTABLISH – BIKE LANE – Bosworth Street, westbound, from 225 feet east of Elk Street to Bosworth Street/O'Shaughnessy Path.
- B. ESTABLISH – SIDEWALK WIDENING – 1st Street, east side, from Mission Street to 20 feet northerly; 1st Street, west side, from Minna Street to Mission Street; Fremont Street, west side, from Mission Street to 14 feet northerly; Mission Street, north side, from 1st Street to Fremont Street; Mission Street, north side, from 275 feet to 389 feet west of 1st Street; and Mission Street, south side, from 338 feet to 389 feet west of 1st Street.
- C. ESTABLISH – NO PARKING ANYTIME – Mission Street, north side, from 283 feet to 401 feet west of 1st Street; Mission Street, south side, from 335 feet to 401 feet west of 1st Street.
- D. ESTABLISH – MIDBLOCK TRAFFIC SIGNAL – Mission Street, at Shaw Alley.
- E. ESTABLISH – RED ZONE – Teresita Boulevard, west side, from 9 feet to 31 feet north of Marietta Drive curb ramp.
- F. ESTABLISH – RESIDENTIAL PERMIT PARKING AREA N, 2-HOUR PARKING, 9 AM TO 6 PM, MONDAY THROUGH FRIDAY, EXCEPT VEHICLES WITH AREA N PERMIT – Balboa Street, both sides, between 8th Avenue and 9th Avenue.
- G. ESTABLISH – RESIDENTIAL PERMIT PARKING AREA L, 2-HOUR PARKING, 8 AM TO 6 PM, MONDAY THROUGH FRIDAY, EXCEPT VEHICLES WITH AREA L PERMIT – 4th Avenue, both sides, between Anza Street and Balboa Street.

- H. ESTABLISH – RESIDENTIAL PERMIT PARKING AREA L, 2-HOUR PARKING, 8 AM TO 6 PM, MONDAY THROUGH FRIDAY, EXCEPT VEHICLES WITH AREA L PERMITS – 6th Avenue, both sides, between Cabrillo Street and Fulton Street.
- I. ESTABLISH – RESIDENTIAL PERMIT PARKING AREA Z ELIGIBILITY – 3814 and 3820 24th Street.
- J. ESTABLISH – NO TURN ON RED – Market Street, eastbound, at 10th Street.
- K. RESCIND – TOW-AWAY NO STOPPING EXCEPT PERMITTED CAR SHARE VEHICLES – 20th Street, north side, from Connecticut Street to 40 feet westerly.
- L. ESTABLISH – TOW-AWAY NO STOPPING EXCEPT PERMITTED CAR SHARE VEHICLES – 20th Street, north side, from Missouri Street to 40 feet easterly.
- M. ESTABLISH – BLUE ZONE – 20th Street, north side, from Connecticut Street to 20 feet westerly. (Explanatory documents include a staff report and resolution. For every parking and traffic modification that received a categorical exemption, the proposed action is the Approval Action as defined by Chapter 31 of the San Francisco Administrative Code.)

Item 10.1 was severed from the Consent Calendar at the request of members of the public.

PUBLIC COMMENT:

Julia Raskin expressed support for 10.1A

Members of the public expressing support for Item 10.1A: Julia Raskin

Members of the public expressing neither support nor opposition: David Pilpel

RESOLUTION 170516-060

On motion to approve:

ADOPTED: AYES – Heinicke, Hsu, Ramos, Rubke and Torres

ABSENT – Borden and Brinkman

(10.2) Approving the following permitted commuter shuttle bus zone modification to remain in effect for the duration of Commuter Shuttle Program:

- A. ESTABLISH – TOW AWAY NO PARKING, PERMITTED COMMUTER SHUTTLE BUS ZONE, 6AM to 8PM, MONDAY THROUGH FRIDAY - Mission Street, south side, from 55 to 200 feet east of Spear Street. (Explanatory documents include a staff report, map and resolution.)

RESOLUTION 170516-061

(10.3) Approving parking and traffic modifications in conjunction with a California Department of Transportation project that will improve pedestrian and bicycle safety as follows:

- A. ESTABLISH – TOW AWAY NO STOPPING ANYTIME, ESTABLISH – SIDEWALK WIDENING - Sloat Boulevard, north side, from 35 feet east of 21st Avenue western

crosswalk to 110 feet westerly; Sloat Boulevard, south side, from 21st Avenue to 45 feet westerly; Sloat Boulevard, north side, from 40 feet east of 26th Avenue western crosswalk to 85 feet westerly; Sloat Boulevard, south side, from 26th Avenue to 45 feet westerly; Sloat Boulevard, north side, from El Mirasol Place to 60 feet easterly; El Mirasol Place, east side, from Sloat Boulevard to 35 feet northerly; 36th Avenue, west side, from Sloat Boulevard to 23 feet northerly.

- B. ESTABLISH – TOW AWAY NO STOPPING ANYTIME - Sloat Boulevard, south side, from Skyline Boulevard to Lakeshore Plaza. (Explanatory documents include a staff report and resolution. (Explanatory documents include a staff report, resolution and environmental documents.)

Item 10.3 was severed from the Consent Calendar at the request of members of the public.

PUBLIC COMMENT:

Members of the public expressing support: Cathy DeLuca, Julia Raskin, Barbara Chionsini, Bill Chionsini, and Joan Kubota

Members of the public expressing opposition: Eileen Boken

Members of the public expressing neither support nor opposition: David Pilpel

The Board of Directors asked staff to meet with stakeholders to clarify the scope of the project.

RESOLUTION 170516-062

On motion to approve:

ADOPTED: AYES – Heinicke, Hsu, Ramos, Rubke and Torres

ABSENT – Borden and Brinkman

(10.4) Approving Amendment No. 3 to the Employment Agreement between the City and Edward D. Reiskin, to provide for benefits equivalent to specified benefits provided for members of the Executive Management bargaining unit under Municipal Executive Association Memorandum of Understanding for FY2014-2019, effective July 1, 2017. (Explanatory documents include a staff report, amendment and resolution.)

RESOLUTION 170516-063

On motion to approve the Consent Calendar (Item 10.1 and 10.3 severed):

ADOPTED: AYES – Heinicke, Hsu, Ramos, Rubke and Torres

ABSENT – Borden and Brinkman

REGULAR CALENDAR

11. Urging the State Legislature to enact legislation that would require the Metropolitan Transportation Commission to bring a bridge toll increase to Bay Area voters in 2018; supporting the Metropolitan Transportation Commission's draft guiding principles for a Regional Measure 3; urging MTC to consider including two additional principles; and approving the proposed list of San Francisco projects and associated RM3 funding amounts. (Explanatory documents include a staff report, fact sheet, principles, projects, recommendations and financial plan.)

Monique Webster, Senior Manager, Capital Finance, presented the item.

PUBLIC COMMENT:

Members of the public expressing opposition: David Pilpel and Herbert Weiner

RESOLUTION 170516-064

On motion to approve:

ADOPTED: AYES – Heinicke, Hsu, Ramos, and Rubke

ABSENT – Borden, Brinkman and Torres

12. Approving and requesting that the Board of Supervisors approve reallocating \$26.2 million of the first issuance of the 2014 Transportation and Road Improvement General Obligation Bond Series 2015A proceeds allocated for projects including Muni Forward Rapid Network and Major Transit Corridor Improvements and approve that such amounts be redirected to Muni Facility Upgrades; and requesting that the Board of Supervisors appropriate \$92.8 million for the second issuance and sale of the GO Bond, Series 2017A, to capital projects including Accessibility Improvements for BART Canopies, Caltrain Upgrades for Caltrain Electrification, Major Transit Corridor Improvements for Better Market Street, Muni Facility Upgrades, Muni Forward Rapid Network, and Pedestrian Safety Improvements and, if the CBOSS project cannot spend down the \$7.8 million within the requirements of the Internal Revenue Code of 1986, the funds will be reallocated to Muni Facility Improvements, Caltrain Electrification, or any other project included within the approved GO bond program; and making findings under the California Environmental Quality Act. (Explanatory documents include a staff report, resolution and financial plan. Some of the projects listed above have already had an Approval Action as defined by Chapter 31 of the San Francisco Administrative Code. For those projects that have not had an Approval Action, the SFMTA Board's approval of funding would constitute the Approval Action.)

Monique Webster, Senior Manager, Capital Finance, presented the item.

PUBLIC COMMENT:

Members of the public expressing neither support nor opposition: David Pilpel and Tom Gilberti

RESOLUTION 170516-065

On motion to approve:

ADOPTED: AYES – Heinicke, Hsu, Ramos, Rubke and Torres

ABSENT – Borden and Brinkman

ADJOURN - The meeting was adjourned at 2:08 p.m.

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
Board Secretary

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.

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.