

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

MINUTES

Tuesday, September 4, 2012
Room 400, City Hall
1 Dr. Carlton B. Goodlett Place

REGULAR MEETING
1 P.M.

BOARD OF DIRECTORS

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

Edward Reiskin
DIRECTOR OF TRANSPORTATION

Roberta Boomer
BOARD SECRETARY

ORDER OF BUSINESS

1. Call to Order

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

2. Roll Call

Present: Cheryl Brinkman
Malcolm Heinicke
Jerry Lee
Tom Nolan
Joél Ramos - absent at roll call
Cristina Rubke

Absent: Leona Bridges – 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 August 21, 2012 Regular Meeting: unanimously approved (Bridges-absent).

5. Communications

Chairman Nolan announced that the meeting would be adjourned in memory of Maurice Montoya.

Board Secretary Boomer stated that the closed session had been removed from the agenda.

6. Introduction of New or Unfinished Business by Board Members

Director Ramos arrived.

None.

7. Director's Report (For discussion only)

- Special Recognition Award
- Cable Car Bell Ringing Competition
- SFMTA Logo
- Transportation for the America's Cup
- Twin Peaks Tunnel train speed
- J Church line shutdown and pilot program
- Ongoing Activities

Director Reiskin presented special recognition awards to Matt West-Fixed Route Accessibility Coordinator, Kate Toran, Paratransit Manager, Mark DeAnda, Public Relations Officer and Lulu Feliciano, TEP and Transit Communications Manager for the "Professor Muni" video series. Director Reiskin also presented special recognition awards to Oliverio Valle, Gripman, Cable Car Division, and Ip Ngo, Electrical Transit Mechanic, Green Division, Transit Services.

Director Reiskin discussed the Cable Car Bell Ringing Competition, the new logo, the transportation plan for the America's Cup, train speed in the Twin Peaks Tunnel, the J and N line shutdown and the J Church pilot program.

PUBLIC COMMENT:

Herbert Weiner expressed concern about transit service during Fleet Week.

Peter Witt expressed concern about the special recognition awards and about creative concepts at zero cost. He showed a suitcase full of the thousands of customer surveys he has done every year for the past 15 years.

8. Citizens' Advisory Council Report

No report.

9. Public Comment

Charles Rathbone discussed a complaint Luxor received about dangerous driving by a cab not affiliated with Luxor and the importance of cracking down on illegal cabs.

Barry Taranto discussed the lack of inclusion in the public process; Board member correspondence; and involvement in the creation of taxi policy. Board members need to come to town hall meetings. He read a letter from Chairman Nolan to the CAC members who resigned.

Emil Lawrence discussed cab sharing in Washington D.C. This would solve the problem in San Francisco with peak time cabs. His income dropped after the "Dot.com" bubble burst and never

came back. Taxi drivers don't get benefits.

Hansu Kim discussed the number of medallions in service and having standards of operation for all medallions. He also discussed the Taxi Advisory Council and the need to do something about other "on-demand" taxi services.

Ed Healy discussed the former medallion pilot program, the lack of transparency and how the SFMTA is not paying attention and is putting people into poverty if they don't get the medallions.

Mark Gruberg stated that the Board is blinded by self interested and is focused on their own financial self-interest. He discussed the impact of the medallion sales on the Driver's Fund and alternate car services.

Tara Houseman commented on the difficulty of buying a hybrid van; and traffic flow at Third and Market.

Brian Rosen discussed the medallion wait list; the need to hire investigators to deal with illegal cab service companies such as Uber and getting the phone number of people who call for a cab.

Tone Lee discussed how busy San Francisco is and how people should be able to get a cab as quickly as possible; the number of jobs that each taxi provides and how money should go to the cab drivers.

Barry Korengold commented on the lack of discussion before the vote at the last meeting; the lack of understanding of the issues with the wait list and the disrespect shown to cab drivers.

Peter Witt discussed and showed the survey data received over the past four years; how government should collect and store relevant data and a recent survey he took.

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. Henry Kleinschmidt vs. CCSF, Superior Ct. #CGC9493996 filed on 10/30/09 for \$33,796.80

RESOLUTION 12-113

(10.2) Approving the following traffic modifications:

- A. ESTABLISH – BIKE LANES – Ortega Street, eastbound, between Lower Great Highway and 20th Ave.; and Ortega St., westbound, between Lower Great Highway and 20th Ave.
- B. ESTABLISH – TOW-AWAY, NO STOPPING ANYTIME – Ortega Street, south side, from 38th Avenue to 15 feet easterly; Ortega Street, south side, from 39th Avenue to 40 feet westerly; Ortega Street, south side, from 40th Avenue to 15 feet easterly; and Ortega Street, south side, from 40th Avenue to 40 feet westerly.
- C. ESTABLISH – NO PARKING ANYTIME and ESTABLISH – SIDEWALK WIDENING – 37th Avenue, west side, from Ortega Street to 15 feet southerly; Ortega Street, south side, from 37th Avenue to 20 feet westerly; and Ortega Street, north side, from 37th Avenue to 20 feet westerly.
- D. ESTABLISH – PASSENGER LOADING ZONE, 8:30 AM TO 9:30 AM AND 3:00 PM TO 4:00 PM, SCHOOL DAYS – 37th Ave., east side, from Ortega St. to 100 feet southerly.
- E. ESTABLISH – RED ZONE – Park Street, north side, from Holly Park Circle to 30-feet westerly.
- F. ESTABLISH – RESIDENTIAL PERMIT PARKING AREA S, 2-HOUR PARKING, 8 AM TO 9 PM, MONDAY THROUGH FRIDAY – 23rd Street, 3850 Block, both sides, between Vicksburg and Sanchez Streets.
- G. ESTABLISH – RED ZONE – Plymouth Avenue, west side, from Farallones Street to 25 feet northerly; and Plymouth Avenue, east side, from Farallones Street to 25 feet southerly.
- H. ESTABLISH – RESIDENTIAL PERMIT PARKING AREA S + I BUFFER ZONE 2-HOUR PARKING, 8 AM TO 9 PM, MONDAY THROUGH FRIDAY – Cumberland Street, 0-99 block, both sides, between Guerrero and Dolores Streets; and Guerrero Street, 700 block, both sides between 19th and 20th Streets.
- I. ESTABLISH – RESIDENTIAL PERMIT PARKING AREA G – ELIGIBILITY ONLY – 1731 Buchanan Street residences only.
- J. RESCIND – TOW-AWAY NO STOPPING, 3 PM – 6 PM, MONDAY THROUGH FRIDAY – Harrison Street, north side, between 2nd Street and Essex Street.
- K. RESCIND – TOW-AWAY NO STOPPING, 11 AM TO 2 PM, MONDAY THROUGH FRIDAY and ESTABLISH – TOW-AWAY NO STOPPING, 11 AM TO 2 PM, MONDAY THROUGH FRIDAY, EXCEPT VEHICLES WITH PERMIT ISSUED BY DPW – Commercial Street, south side, between Leidesdorff and Montgomery Streets.
- L. ESTABLISH – SPEED HUMP – Ortega Street between 24th Avenue and 25th Avenue;

Ortega Street between 25th Avenue and 26th Avenue; Ortega Street between 26th Avenue and 27th Avenue; and Ortega Street between 27th Avenue and 28th Avenue.

M. ESTABLISH – PEDESTRIAN ISLAND – Ortega Street at 25th Avenue; Ortega Street at 26th Avenue; and Ortega Street at 27th Avenue.

N. ESTABLISH – NO PARKING ANYTIME – Ortega Street, south side, from 10 feet west of 25th Avenue to 32 feet easterly; Ortega Street, south side, from 10 feet west of 26th Avenue to 32 feet easterly; and Ortega Street, south side, from 10 feet west of 27th Avenue to 32 feet easterly. (Explanatory documents include a staff report and resolution.)

Item 10.2 K was severed at the request of a member of the public.

PUBLIC COMMENT on Item 10.K:

People expressing opposition: David Silverglide

People expressing support: Matthew Wexler

RESOLUTION 12-114

On motion to approve Item 10.2 K:

ADOPTED: AYES –Brinkman, Heinicke, Lee, Nolan, Ramos and Rubke

ABSENT – Bridges

Director Lee requested that Item 10.2 M N and L be severed to discuss the proposed treatments.

On motion to approve Item 10.2 L, M, and N:

ADOPTED: AYES –Brinkman, Heinicke, Lee, Nolan, Ramos and Rubke

ABSENT - Bridges

On motion to approve the Consent Calendar (Item 10.2 K, L, M, and N and severed):

ADOPTED: AYES –Brinkman, Heinicke, Lee, Nolan, Ramos and Rubke

ABSENT - Bridges

REGULAR CALENDAR

11. Authorizing the Director to issue 150-200 temporary full-time medallions for a limited period of time, to be leased directly to certain color schemes based upon objective dispatch

criteria. (Explanatory documents include a staff report and resolution.)

Director Reiskin presented the item.

PUBLIC COMMENT:

People expressing support: Tim Csontos, Jon Ballesteros, Jim Gillespie, Philip Ward, John Lazar, Kevin Carroll, Hansu Kim, Dee Dee Workman, Lynn VanWinkle, Charles Rathbone, Peter Jacobs,

People expressing opposition: Brent Johnson, Barry Taranto, Martin Kazinski, Emil Lawrence, Keith Raskin, Mark Gruberg, Iza Pardinas, Tara Housman, Peter Witt, Carl Russo, Carl Macmurdo, Ed Healy, Benjamin Valis, Brad Newsham, Tokunbo Solarin, Tariq Mehmood, Raed Varak, David Hathaway, Barry Korengold,

People expressing neither support nor opposition: Brian Rosen and Tone Lee

RESOLUTION 12-115

On motion to approve:

ADOPTED: AYES – Brinkman, Heinicke, Lee, Nolan, Ramos and Rubke

ABSENT - Bridges

12. Authorizing the Director to execute a contract with New Flyer Industries Inc. for the purchase of 45 40-foot low floor diesel-hybrid buses, and related tools, training and spare parts, through the Cooperative Purchasing Venture with the State of Minnesota, for an amount not to exceed \$36,889,364 and for a term not to exceed six years. (Explanatory documents include a staff report, resolution and contract.)

No public comment.

RESOLUTION 12-116

On motion to approve:

ADOPTED: AYES –Brinkman, Heinicke, Lee, Nolan, Ramos and Rubke

ABSENT - Bridges

13. Authorizing the Director to execute Contract No. CPT 631: Rehabilitation of Neoplan Buses, with Complete Coach Works in an amount not to exceed \$19,105,885.60, and for a term not to

exceed six years. (Explanatory documents include a staff report, resolution and contract.)

No public comment.

RESOLUTION 12-117

On motion to approve:

ADOPTED: AYES –Brinkman, Heinicke, Lee, Nolan, Ramos and Rubke

ABSENT - Bridges

14. Discussion and vote pursuant to Administrative Code Section 67.10(d) as to whether to conduct a closed session.

The closed session was cancelled.

ADJOURN - The meeting was adjourned at 4:32 p.m. in memory of Maurice Montoya.

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

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