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

MINUTES

**Thursday, January 4, 2018
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, Jarie Bolander, Steve Cornell, Joan Downey, Michael Eshleman, Cesar
Magdaleno, Daniel Murphy, 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, Barbara Bocci, Jarie Bolander, Stephen Cornell, Joan Downey, Daniel Murphy, Daniel Weaver, and Frank Zepeda

CAC members absent at Roll Call: Steve Taber and Susan Vaughan

CAC members absent with notification: Mark Ballew and Dorris Vincent

CAC members absent without notification: Michael Eshleman and Cesar Magdaleno

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

CAC Secretary Robinson-Luqman made the announcement.

4. Approval of Minutes:

No public comment.

On motion to approve the minutes of December 7, 2017:

ADOPTED: AYES – Neil Ballard, Barbara Bocci, Jarie Bolander, Stephen Cornell, Joan Downey, Daniel Murphy, Daniel Weaver, and Frank Zepeda

ABSENT – Mark Ballew, Michael Eshleman, Cesar Magdaleno, Steve Taber, Susan Vaughan, and Dorris Vincent

5. Report of the Chair (For discussion only)

Chairman Weaver stated that two members of the BART Board of Directors and Director Rubke from the SFMTA Board of Directors were present.

Director Rubke thanked the Council for inviting her. She stated that as a member of the SFMTA Board of Directors, she appreciates the recommendations and thoughtful input of the Citizens' Advisory Council.

Council member Taber arrived at 5:35 p.m.

6. Public Comment:

Lynn Elman expressed opposition to the tentative approval by the Department of Public Works (PW) for a high-frequency wireless antenna on a municipal pole at 43 Haight Street. It's proposed to be 30 feet high. There was never any environmental review. Every person on the block gets wireless service but none of them want the pole. She requested that the SFMTA

contact PW to get a moratorium until an agreement between the public and PW can be reached.

Edward Mason stated that 2018 makes four years since the inception of the corporate commuter shuttle bus program. It takes neighborhood enforcement to monitor this program effectively. It becomes a fulltime job. There needs to be some reconciliation. There needs to be a reevaluation of the hub process and removal of the buses from the neighborhoods. It's a real problem.

Council member Vaughan arrived at 5:41 p.m.

REGULAR CALENDAR

7. Presentation, discussion, and possible action regarding the SFMTA's Annual Report (Ed Reiskin, Director of Transportation. Explanatory Documents include a slide presentation and report.)

Ed Reiskin, Director of Transportation, presented the item.

PUBLIC COMMENT:

Lynn Elman inquired if people who use carshares also have their own private cars that they're not using. Due to the changes of Federal law involving net neutrality, companies are going to be fighting for faster internet. Some of these antennas are going to be more powerful and tri-directional instead of dual directional.

John Goldsmith stated that he lives in the Castro and inquired when the Twin Peaks Tunnel Project will start, what will be done to help residents be less encumbered by the whole process, and whether it will stay the same visually at the street level.

Joel Bedolla stated that some people are sensitive to electricity. A lot of people in District 5 feel strongly about the antenna. He inquired if the neighborhood will be allowed to have a voice and an opportunity to voice their concerns. They don't want the high-frequency pole in their neighborhood.

8. Presentation, discussion, and possible action regarding the SFMTA Strategic Plan. (Anne Fritzler, Manager, Strategic Planning & Initiatives and Travis Fox, Chief Performance Officer. Explanatory documents include a slide presentation.)

Travis Fox and Anne Fritzler presented the item.

Council member Murphy left at 7:35 p.m.

PUBLIC COMMENT:

Edward Mason inquired if the metric for parking spaces to housing units is a useful measure or a consequential measure that could result in a bunch of Ubers circling the block even if people don't own cars. Regardless of how fast Muni goes, if it's reliable, people are willing to wait. But, if riders see three J Church trains back to back followed by a 30 minute gap in service, people are going to opt for Uber and Lyft.

9. Presentation, discussion and possible action regarding an update on the Van Ness Improvement Project. (Peter Gabancho, Project Manager. Explanatory documents include a slide presentation.)

Peter Gabancho presented the item.

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

Sue Vaughan requested a presentation on Muni Forward.

Neil Ballard requested a presentation at the Finance and Administration Committee on employee satisfaction.

Joan Downey requested a presentation on the new radio system. (EMSC Chair Zepeda stated that he would schedule this presentation at a future EMSC meeting.)

Neil Ballard inquired how many fatalities from collisions occur in crosswalks as a percentage.

Neil Ballard inquired if a glass partition with automatic doors in front of tracks to prevent suicide has been considered.

Daniel Weaver inquired who makes the decisions on who is at fault for pedestrian deaths as part of the Vision Zero process.

Sue Vaughan requested a presentation on the late Mayor Ed Lee's deal with the Transportation Network Companies involving curb space.

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Sue Vaughan inquired if Chariot is at risk of losing their permit.

PUBLIC COMMENT:

Edward Mason stated that several years ago at a Vision Zero meeting, a police officer handed out a summary of each individual death and then assessed the fault. The police department put that document out.

ADJOURN - The meeting was adjourned at 8:05 p.m.

Submitted by:

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read 'KAR Luqman', with a stylized flourish at the end.

Keka Robinson-Luqman
SFMTA CAC – Secretary

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