



SAN FRANCISCO
MUNICIPAL TRANSPORTATION AGENCY
CITIZENS' ADVISORY COUNCIL

MINUTES

Thursday, October 3, 2019
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,
Jarie Bolander, Queena Chen, Steve Cornell, Joan Downey, Aaron Leifer, Christopher Man,
Daniel Murphy, Susan Vaughan, and Dorris Vincent

COUNCIL LIAISON
Roberta Boomer

COUNCIL SECRETARY
Keka Robinson-Luqman

ORDER OF BUSINESS

1. Call to Order

Chair Weaver called the meeting to order at 5:35 p.m.

2. Roll Call

CAC members present at Roll Call: Neil Ballard, Mark Ballew, Jarie Bolander,
Stephen Cornell, Joan Downey, Aaron Leifer,
Christopher Man, Daniel Murphy, Susan Vaughan
Dorris Vincent, Daniel Weaver

CAC members absent with notification: Queena Chen and Frank Zepeda

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 September 5, 2019:

ADOPTED: AYES – Neil Ballard, Mark Ballew, Jarie Bolander, Stephen Cornell, Joan
Downey, Aaron Leifer, Christopher Man, Daniel Murphy, Susan
Vaughan, Dorris Vincent, and Daniel Weaver

ABSENT – Queena Chen and Frank Zepeda

5. Report of the Chair (For discussion only)

No report.

6. Public Comment:

Eileen Boken stated that on September 26th, the Human Rights Commission held a hearing on transit equity. Seniors are the fastest growing demographic in San Francisco. Muni did a study on low floor LRVs in 1995. Low floor LRVs would make a significant difference for seniors.

Edward Mason provided an update on the commuter shuttle bus program in Noe Valley. Buses are still idling and staging on Castro and 25th streets. City carshare has been taken over by Get Around. There was a carshare vehicle with an Uber sticker on it. Uber and Lyft can be used with city carshare.

Connie Chen spoke on behalf of the UCSF School of Pharmacy. They want to advocate for healthier transportation, specifically, access to human powered transportation modes like biking. They want to streamline the process of requesting bike rack installation.

Jon Winston stated that the 17-acre parking lot at City College of San Francisco owned by the PUC is being sold for housing. There will be 1,100 units, 50% affordable. The Ocean Geneva Corridor Design Project was never funded. Its urgent because of all the new activity in the central business district of Ocean Ave. The SFMTA needs to improve the route from the new housing to Bart.

Ken Koblenzer asked how final the plan is for the Geary Blvd. Improvement Project. He stated that he is a former cab driver but now drives for Uber. On Mission Street at both ends of the block between Third and Fourth streets, there are no left turns except taxis and buses on both ends of the block. Allowing cabs to turn left there should be reconsidered. He inquired what the SFMTA plans are for expediting traffic once cars can no longer go down Market Street.

Evy Posamentier stated that seniors are the largest growing population in San Francisco. She stated that, in regards to the planned Balboa housing and taking away the parking lot at City College, if its public land, it should be 100% public housing. Displaced students have no choice but to drive in and they will be punished for it.

REGULAR CALENDAR

7. Presentation, discussion, and possible action regarding the J-Church Near-Term Improvement Project. (Michael Rhodes, Project Manager. Explanatory documents include a slide presentation.)

Michael Rhodes, Project Manager presented an update on the J-Church Near-Term Improvement Project.

PUBLIC COMMENT:

Leora Weinglass stated that she is totally dependent on Muni. There hasn't been a day gone by that she hasn't had a Muni problem and it all pertains to being in a wheelchair. When she was young and able-bodied Muni was great. The schedule would be great if it was adhered to. She stated that she can't afford to keep replacing wheelchairs because of the damages caused by getting on and off Muni. She has doctor appointments all along Van Ness Avenue and must go blocks out of the way to get where she needs to go because the streets are all torn up.

Ken Koblenzer asked if there are minimum following distance rules so that trains and buses don't bunch up.

Edward Mason stated that arriving at the terminal late means you're going to leave the terminal late. The inbound right away is three miles an hour between 22nd and 20th streets is 10 miles an hour. Line management is the entire issue. The data indicates bunching. Line management is the key element.

Jerry Cauthen stated that trips now take five to seven minutes longer than they did twenty years ago.

Eileen Boken stated that she wanted to echo the comments made by Edward Mason and Jerry Cauthen.

Evy Posamentier stated that her friend with muscular dystrophy can't board the new LRV4 cars. The stair height and the door width is ignored every time it is brought up. Regarding ADA compliance, everything just meets the minimum. It's a shame and an ugly stain on transportation in San Francisco.

8. Presentation, discussion, and possible action regarding the SFMTA 2019 Legislative Session Wrap-Up. (Jadie Wasilco, Senior Analyst, Government Affairs. Explanatory documents include a slide presentation.)

Jadie Wasilco, Senior Analyst, Government Affairs discussed the SFMTA's 2019 State Legislative priorities including transportation funding, emerging mobility and innovation, Vision Zero, and parking policy.

Council member Aaron Leifer left at 7:32 p.m.

PUBLIC COMMENT:

Edward Mason said there needs to be more indemnification for shared mobility. The SFMTA is sanctioning dangerous behavior. They should be absolved for any long-term care. He wondered if there will be an over supply of transit that will not be used due to FASTER Bay Area. Salesforce Tower is not paying the freight on the Nexus study.

Evy Posamentier stated that Paratransit is privatized and there is no oversight. It doesn't matter if drivers haven't had a break or lunch. It causes death. Since the companies are contracted out, she asked how the SFMTA policies are being formulated and what are the land use policy goals. Public transit must be first and affordable. Congestion pricing is cruel.

Ken Koblenzer stated that in Vision Zero, it seems like everything is focused on motor vehicles. Scooter riders don't wear head protection and that's a problem. These companies should be required to have helmets attached to the scooters.

CAC MOTION 191003.01

The SFMTA CAC supports the 2020 SFMTA Legislative Program.

On motion to approve:

ADOPTED: AYES – Neil Ballard, Mark Ballew, Jarie Bolander, Joan Downey, Christopher Man, Daniel Murphy, Dorris Vincent, and Daniel Weaver

NAYES – Stephen Cornell and Susan Vaughan

ABSENT – Queena Chen, Aaron Leifer, and Frank Zepeda

9. Presentation, discussion, and possible action regarding the Title VI Program. (Sean Kennedy, Manager, Transit Planning. Explanatory documents include a slide presentation.)

Kathleen Sakelarlis, Regulatory Affairs Manager provided an overview of Title IV, highlights of the general program requirements, transit provider requirements, and service standards and policies.

No public comment.

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

Daniel Weaver asked how far along the planning process is for the Geary Blvd. project.

Sue Vaughan inquired who the members of the State Legislative Committee are and when the committee was created.

Joan Downey stated that a GoBike rack has been approved for Frederick Street at Arguello. The neighbors say it should be across the street instead. She inquired if the SFMTA can change that location.

Christopher Man asked what the ridership numbers on the 78x and 79x Chase Center shuttles were during the month of September and how many runs per line were diverted to provide these shuttles.

Sue Vaughan stated that Chase Center event tickets are also Muni passes and inquired What the funding agreement is, how the SFMTA is reimbursed for this, how does the Chase Center agreement pay for the Parking Control Officers (PCOs), and how much they are paying for those PCOs.

Sue Vaughan asked who at SFMTA is required to file form 700 and where can they be seen.

ADJOURN- The meeting was adjourned at p.m.

Submitted by:



Keka Robinson-Luqman
SFMTA CAC – Secretary

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