



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

MINUTES

Tuesday, September 15, 2020

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**REGULAR MEETING
1 P.M.**

SFMTA BOARD OF DIRECTORS

Gwyneth Borden, Chair
Amanda Eaken, Vice Chair
Cheryl Brinkman
Steve Heminger
Sharon Lai

Jeffrey Tumlin
DIRECTOR OF TRANSPORTATION

Roberta Boomer
SECRETARY

ORDER OF BUSINESS

1. Call to Order

Chair Borden called the meeting to order at 1:00 p.m.

2. Roll Call

Present: Gwyneth Borden
Cheryl Brinkman
Amanda Eaken
Steve Heminger
Sharon Lai

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

No announcement was made.

4. Approval of Minutes

No public comment.

On motion to approve the minutes of the September 1, 2020 Regular Meeting: unanimously approved.

5. Communications

Board Secretary Boomer stated that staff wishes to conduct additional stakeholder engagement for Item 11 regarding changes to Church Street, therefore the Board is being asked to hear the item but not take action.

Chair Borden discussed the virtual meeting and expressed appreciation to staff for their work to enable the meeting to be held via teleconference. Board Secretary Boomer reviewed how members of the public could watch the meeting and address the Board.

6. Introduction of New or Unfinished Business by Board Members

None.

7. Director's Report (For discussion only)

- Transportation recovery in the Tenderloin
- Transportation Recovery Plan
- Ongoing Activities

Jeff Tumlin, Director of Transportation discussed a recent fatality, transportation changes in the Tenderloin, the Transportation Recovery Plan dashboard, advancing equity and a town hall forum with front line workers.

Director Heminger requested information regarding the amount of money that is received by Clear Channel per month. He also requested a list of the programs that have been implemented during the pandemic including locations and duration.

PUBLIC COMMENT:

Herbert Weiner expressed concern about Slow Streets and whether these streets contribute to congestion and increased violence. Streets are closed which makes driving difficult. Motorists need to be respected as well. Automobiles aren't the priority of the SFMTA. If there is more congestion, he wondered if there are more accidents.

David Pilpel asked that the Director's presentation be posted. With regard to equity, not everyone in the hills, in the Tenderloin or who are in other parts of town have transportation access which isn't fair. Everybody deserves transit service. The SFMTA needs a plan to address passenger behavioral health issues. He didn't see any discussion of the 30 Stockton in the environmental review (CEQA) determination. The list of programs that Director Heminger requested should be made public. He would like a copy.

Cat Carter expressed appreciation for the SFMTA's efforts in the Tenderloin. She would like to hear when the 27 or 31 lines will return. People depend on those routes and they should be returned as soon as possible.

Richard Rothman stated there's nothing to slow traffic down. There are more cars speeding in the City. All non-state-owned streets should be under the control of the City. The speed limit on those streets should be lowered. Fulton Street should have a dedicated bus lane. He suggested using the construction signs to advertise the need to slow down. Each district should have a point person to talk to in the agency.

Eric Rozell wanted to thank the agency for all of the work that is being done. He encouraged staff to get the 27-line running and then, reinstate the 31 line.

8. Citizens' Advisory Council Report

Neil Ballard, Chair, Citizen's Advisory Council, presented the CAC's recent recommendation. He expressed disappointment about the rollback of the rail service. Roger Marengo, President, TWU Local 250-A and other transit operators discussed operator safety with the CAC.

PUBLIC COMMENT:

Herbert Weiner wondered if the SFMTA isn't on an austerity program. This will adversely impact the SFMTA. Public Transportation must be made a priority. Other projects must be the second fiddle. Some company will bail the SFMTA out and then will set the terms for public transportation.

9. Public Comment

Peter Hutchinson stated that Lime cuts corners, just like their parent company. In purchasing Jump, they are trying to bypass the terms of their current contract.

Trisha Filipano discussed the 48 bus. Clipper St. is very noisy. There are numerous cars that speed on that street. She is opposed to the 48- bus running on Clipper. It has added decibels of noise which is challenging to residents. The reverberations of the buses can be felt in her bedroom. It's become very challenging.

Aleta Dupree discussed equity. The Clipper Card needs to be advertised to help people who are most in need to save money. The SFMTA shouldn't be in the business of having scratch-off cards. She expressed concern about rail service. It shouldn't be "all or nothing". The SFMTA should be able to operate a legendary rail system. There are many examples of effective, safe and timely railway systems. It is important to take Muni to the next level.

Barry Taranto said there are a number of projects that have been in the pipeline that are coming into fruition. These should be reconsidered. The cab stand at Ashbury and Haight was moved without notice. There are traffic lights on Haight where once there were stop signs. He expressed appreciation for the temporary taxi stands. There needs to be more enforcement. There need to be signs a block before a closed street. It would be great to provide a list of the closed streets to taxi drivers. Taxi drivers see a lot of scooters that aren't obeying traffic laws.

David Pilpel stated that he has only two environmental review appeals pending. He may file more. Just because he files an appeal, it should not result in it being harder for anyone else to file. There are enough transit operators and vehicles to provide pre-virus Saturday service. Riders shouldn't have to choose between service on key corridors or service to other areas of the city. The SFMTA has the resources to provide service.

Herbert Weiner stated that bicyclists that ride on the sidewalk are upsetting. It is the responsibility of the SFMTA Board to take action. Cyclists shouldn't break the law. They are putting pedestrians in danger. Cyclists run red lights all the time, but nothing is being done about it.

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 traffic modifications:

- A. ESTABLISH – RED ZONE – Funston Street, west side, from 20 feet to 50 feet north of California Street.
- B. ESTABLISH – RESIDENTIAL PERMIT PARKING, AREA X ESTABLISH – 2-HOUR PARKING, 8 AM TO 6 PM, MONDAY THROUGH FRIDAY, EXCEPT VEHICLES WITH AREA X PERMITS – Rhode Island Street, both sides, between 18th Street and 19th Street.
- C. ESTABLISH – RESIDENTIAL PERMIT PARKING, AREA X ESTABLISH – 2-HOUR PARKING, 8 AM TO 6 PM, MONDAY THROUGH FRIDAY, EXCEPT VEHICLES WITH AREA X PERMITS – Vermont Street, both sides, between Mariposa Street and 18th Street. (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.)

RESOLUTION 200915-076

(10.2) Approving various permitted commuter shuttle bus zone modifications to remain in effect for the duration of Commuter Shuttle Program as follows:

- A. ESTABLISH – TOW AWAY, NO STOPPING, PERMITTED COMMUTER SHUTTLE ZONE ONLY, 4:00 PM TO 10:00 PM, MONDAY THROUGH FRIDAY, 19th Avenue, eastside from 0 feet to 115 feet south of Wawona Street.
- B. RESCIND – TOW AWAY, NO STOPPING, PERMITTED COMMUTER SHUTTLE ZONE ONLY, 4:00 PM TO 10:00 PM, MONDAY THROUGH FRIDAY, 19th Avenue, east side, from 0 feet to 75 feet south of Noriega Street.
- C. ESTABLISH – TOW AWAY, NO STOPPING, PERMITTED COMMUTER SHUTTLE ZONE ONLY, 4:00 PM TO 10:00 PM, MONDAY THROUGH FRIDAY, 19th Avenue, east side, from 0 feet to 74 feet south of Moraga Street.
- D. RESCIND – TOW AWAY, NO STOPPING, PERMITTED COMMUTER SHUTTLE ZONE ONLY, 6:00 AM TO 10:00 AM, MONDAY THROUGH FRIDAY, 19th Avenue, west side, from 0 feet to 75 feet south of Noriega Street.
- E. ESTABLISH – TOW AWAY, NO STOPPING, PERMITTED COMMUTER SHUTTLE ZONE ONLY, 6:00 AM TO 10:00 AM, MONDAY THROUGH FRIDAY, 19th Avenue, west side, from 0 feet to 71 feet north of Moraga Street.
- F. ESTABLISH – TOW AWAY, NO STOPPING, PERMITTED COMMUTER SHUTTLE ZONE ONLY, 4:00 PM TO 10:00 PM, MONDAY THROUGH FRIDAY, 19th Avenue, east side, from 0 feet to 75 feet north of Kirkham Street.
- G. ESTABLISH – TOW AWAY, NO STOPPING, PERMITTED COMMUTER SHUTTLE ZONE ONLY, 6:00 AM TO 10:00 AM, MONDAY THROUGH FRIDAY, 19th Avenue, west side, from 0 feet to 75 feet north of Kirkham Street.
- H. RESCIND – TOW AWAY, NO STOPPING, PEAK EXTENSION PERMITTED COMMUTER SHUTTLE ZONE ONLY, 6:00 AM TO 10:00 AM, MONDAY THROUGH FRIDAY, 19th Avenue, west side, from 75 feet to 151 feet north of Kirkham Street. (Explanatory documents include a staff report and resolution.)

RESOLUTION 200915-077

(10.3) Authorizing the Director to accept and expend up to \$608,000 in Fiscal Year 2021 Transportation Development Act Article 3 funds for Vision Zero Bicycle and Pedestrian Improvements. (Explanatory documents include a staff report, and resolution.)

RESOLUTION 200915-078

(10.4) Supporting the implementation of the “Riding Together: Bay Area Healthy Transit Plan” on the SFMTA transit system and throughout the Bay Area to keep transit riders and workers healthy during the COVID-19 pandemic. (Explanatory documents include a report and plan.)

RESOLUTION 200915-079

PUBLIC COMMENT:

Members of the public expressing support: Aleta Dupree (Item 10.2, 10.3 and 10.4), and Nancy Cech (Item 10.1 B)

Members of the public expressing opposition: Anonymous (Item 10.1B)

On motion to approve the Consent Calendar:

ADOPTED: AYES – Borden, Brinkman, Eaken, Heminger, and Lai

REGULAR CALENDAR

11. Finding that temporarily closing one block of Church Street provides for the safety and protection of transit riders who use the street during the temporary closure due to the large amount of transit riders needing to cross to and from the center track lanes to the J Church trains and the Muni Metro entrances on the west side of the Market/Church intersection, and, further, that the proposed temporary street closure will also substantially improve safety for pedestrians, cyclists, and other people who will also use this portion of Church Street during this period as well; and approving the temporary parking and traffic modifications, as a part of the Rail Transfer Projects and Bus Terminal and Route Improvements as follows:

- A. ESTABLISH –MUNI, PARATRANSIT, TAXIS, BICYCLES, AND COMMERCIAL VEHICLES ONLY– Church Street, northbound and southbound, from Market Street to 15th St.
- B. ESTABLISH – TOW AWAY NO STOPPING ANY TIME– Church Street, west side, from Market Street to 199 feet southerly
- C. ESTABLISH – 30 MINUTE COMMERCIAL LOADING AT ALL TIMES– Church Street, east side, from 15th Street to 188 feet northerly; Church Street, west side, from 15th Street to 163 feet northerly
- D. ESTABLISH – RIGHT TURN ONLY EXCEPT MUNI, PARATRANSIT, TAXIS, BICYCLES, AND COMMERCIAL VEHICLES– Northbound Church Street at 15th Street; Southbound Church Street at Market Street

- E. ESTABLISH – NO RIGHT TURN EXCEPT MUNI, PARATRANSIT, TAXIS, BICYCLES, AND COMMERCIAL VEHICLES– Eastbound Market Street at Church Street; Westbound 15th Street at Church Street
- F. ESTABLISH – NO LEFT TURN EXCEPT MUNI, PARATRANSIT, TAXIS, BICYCLES, AND COMMERCIAL VEHICLES– Eastbound 15th Street at Church Street (local access and emergency access to be maintained)
- G. ESTABLISH – NO LEFT TURN– Westbound Market Street at Church Street; Southbound Church Street at 15th Street
- H. ESTABLISH – GREEN ZONE, 9AM TO 6PM, MONDAY THROUGH SATURDAY– 15th Street, north side, from Church Street to 20 feet westerly; 15th Street, south side, from 10 feet to 30 feet east of Church Street
- I. ESTABLISH– GREEN METERS, 15-MINUTE TIME LIMIT, 9AM TO 6PM, MONDAY THROUGH SATURDAY– Market St., south side, from 131 feet to 149 feet west of Church St.
- J. ESTABLISH – TOW AWAY NO STOPPING ANY TIME– Church Street, west side, from 225 feet to 265 feet north of 14th Street
- K. ESTABLISH – COMMERCIAL LOADING 8 AM to 11 AM, MONDAY TO SATURDAY– Church Street, west side, from 289 feet to 319 feet north of 14th Street
- L. RESCIND – BUS ZONE – Ulloa Street, south side, from West Portal Avenue to 75’ easterly
- M. ESTABLISH – NO STOPPING FIRE LANE–Ulloa Street, south side, from West Portal Avenue to 20’ easterly
- N. ESTABLISH – WHITE ZONE 7 AM – 7 PM, MONDAY THROUGH SATURDAY– Ulloa Street, south side, from 20’ to 75’ east of West Portal Avenue
- O. ESTABLISH – TRANSIT ZONE– Ulloa Street, south side, from West Portal Avenue to Wawona Street; Ulloa Street, north side, from Lenox Way to Wawona Street; Vicente Street, north side, from 21’ to 40’ west of West Portal Avenue; Ulloa Street, north side, from 10’ to 55’ west of Wawona Street
- P. ESTABLISH – WHITE ZONE– Lenox Way, from 20 to 45’ north of Ulloa Avenue
- Q. ESTABLISH – GREEN ZONE– Lenox Way, from 45’ to 90’ north of Ulloa Avenue
- R. ESTABLISH – NO LEFT TURN– Lenox Way, southbound at Ulloa Avenue
- S. ESTABLISH -- BUS ZONE– Parkridge Drive, west side, 40 feet to 100 feet north of Burnett Avenue; 11th Street, east side, 57 feet to 224 feet south of Market Street.
- T. ESTABLISH -- RIGHT TURN ONLY EXCEPT MUNI– 11th Street, northbound, at Market St.
- U. ESTABLISH—RED ZONES– Diamond Street, east side, from Clipper Street to 10 feet northerly; Diamond Street, west side, from Clipper Street to 5 feet northerly; Clipper Street, north side, from Diamond Street to 20 feet westerly; Clipper Street, south side, from Diamond Street to 10 feet westerly; 24th Street, south side, from Diamond Street to 17 feet easterly. (Explanatory documents include a staff report and resolution.)

Sean Kennedy, Manager, Transit Planning, presented the item.

Chair Borden stated that the Board would not act on this item so that staff can do additional outreach.

PUBLIC COMMENT:

Barry Taranto stated that he noticed that Church St. was closed before there was a public hearing about it. There is no signage for this closure and the Taxi division wasn’t informed. It was confusing. The

agenda should have been separated into two items because the actions are two separate items. Taxis should be exempt from the “No Left Turn” restriction.

Hayden Miller stated that it seems like the project is getting watered down. This is a problem with many projects. The SFMTA is trying to accommodate everyone but transit riders. It seems like the project is being ripped to shreds.

Justin Zucker stated that he has significant concerns about the Church Street closure when the subway won't open until 2021. It seems that this project is being rushed through. There has been a lack of adequate analysis, especially the impact on traffic, pedestrians and local businesses. There is time to conduct the necessary outreach prior to approval. Businesses are hanging on by a thread. He is glad to hear that there will be time for additional input.

Rachel stated that since Church Street was closed, their business has lost 25-30% of their business. Customers aren't coming in. The street needs to be opened again.

Thiy discussed the small businesses on the 200 block of Church Street. Small business owners are mostly entrepreneurs who are not politically savvy. They had little understanding of what was going to happen. Sales are down as a result of the street closure. There have been few people riding the J line bus. He questioned why the block was closed.

David Pilpel stated that the agenda item description doesn't match the brief description in the staff report and doesn't fully capture the agenda item. He questioned why this was being proposed at this time since rail service won't restart soon. It would be useful for staff to talk with him. Actions by the City Traffic Engineer aren't exempt.

12. Authorizing the Director to execute Contract No. SFMTA-2020-20, Advanced Train Control System Equipment, Software and Professional Services Task Order Agreement, with Thales Transport & Security, for the Advanced Train Control System, in an amount not to exceed \$30,000,000 and an initial term of seven years with an option to extend the term. (Explanatory documents include a staff report, resolution and contract.)

David Rojas, Technical Program Manager, Automatic Train Control System, presented the item.

PUBLIC COMMENT:

Members of the public expressing support: Aleta Dupree and Hayden Miller

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

RESOLUTION 200915-080

On motion to approve:

ADOPTED: AYES – Borden, Brinkman, Eaken, Heminger, and Lai

ADJOURN - The meeting was adjourned at 3:21 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.

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