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SAN FRANCISCO MUNICIPAL TRANSPORTATION AGENCY MULTIMODAL ACCESSIBILITY ADVISORY COMMITTEE

NOTICE OF REGULAR MEETING

Thursday, February 18, 2021

Held via Video Conference

REGULAR MEETING
1:00 PM – 3:00 PM



ORDER OF BUSINESS

1) Call to Order

Meeting called to order at 1pm

2) Attendance

See Roll Call

3) Announcements from Members and City Staff

Mr. West informed the members that the SFMTA is offering free Muni service to and from vaccine sites.

Mr. Kielbus stated that he is concerned that people are not wearing CDC approved masks on Muni. He has seen this issue not only with members of the public, but also Muni staff. Could the SFMTA put information on its website, and distribute it to its front line staff, informing them of which types of masks are CDC approved?

4) Acceptance of the Agenda

Mr. Morgan motioned, and Mr. Fischer seconded the approval of the agenda. **Motion carried.**



Mr. Fischer noticed that the agenda does not have an item for approving last month's meeting minutes. Mr. Wong motioned, and Mr. Morgan seconded both the approval of the minutes and adding an item to next month's agenda for approving the minutes. **Motion Carried.**

5) Public Comment

Mr. Planthold, speaking on behalf of the Alliance for Retired Americans, stated that tomorrow, February 19th, the Mayor's Office on Disability will have a transportation panel. Members should try to attend this panel discussion.

He went on to state that the Better Market Street Plan is not allowing taxis to use the transit only lanes on Market. This will cause serious issues – please express any concerns to the SFCTA at their next meeting.

Pi Ra, from Senior Disability Action (SDA), stated that every year, SDA conducts a survey. They use this survey to put



inform the advocacy work they will do in the upcoming year. This year's survey is underway; please take it.

Mr. Walsh, from Scoot, stated that they have new accessible scooters they are piloting, which are available to rent. Please reach out to him if you are interested in piloting these scooters.

Ms. Seretan announced that Seamless Bay Area is having a transit happy hour on February 23. They will host a Transit Trivia Night. Feel free to attend.

6) Business of the Afternoon:

A) SFMTA Budget

Update on impacts of pandemic on SFMTA's budget

Mr. Thomas and Ms. Harden provided the membership with an update on the SFMTA budget.



Some highlights are that there is slower ridership across the board and an increase in the deficit. The Feds have assisted with a one time stimulus, which has helped the agency, and will close the FY22 deficit, but past FY22 there will still be shortfalls that need to be addressed.

Mr. Kielbus agreed that it has been a tough year. He asked why all the money is coming from the Feds. shouldn't the state also pitch in?

Mr. Fischer asked for a copy of the presentation to be sent to the committee members.

Mr. Planthold asked for clarity on the Community Facilities District; this sounds similar to a plan tried in the 1990's.

Pi Ra asked what SFMTA is looking at to close the deficit, revisiting prop. K and increasing the percentage? Maybe tech firms can help subsidize programs?

B) Vision Zero Action Strategy Update

Ms. Reeves presented on an update to the Vision Zero Action Strategy.

She showed the committee some questions and asked for their response.



Pi Ra stated that for the respondents to the SDA survey last year, reducing speeding was not a big issue.

Ms. Seretan stated that speed cameras might make cause her to get in an accident as she would not want to get a ticket.

Mr. Planthold responded to Ms. Seretan that this was an early concern with red light cameras but has proven to not be the case.

Pi Ra commented that there could be racial justice issues with traffic enforcement.

Mr. Morgan asked if self-driving cars would help reduce speeds.

Mr. Evans asked about enforcement of cyclists riding on the sidewalk.

Members asked to revisit these questions at their March meeting.

7) Other Business

None

Meeting adjourned at 3pm.