

**SITE:**            **Bank of America Building (So. Van Ness @ Market)  
One South Van Ness Avenue, 7<sup>th</sup> Floor  
Union Square Conference Room, #7080**

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**Minutes: October 16, 2014, 1 to 3 p.m.**

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**Members Present:**

Heidi Seretan, Randall Glock, Bruce Morgan, Roland Wong, Miro Kielbus, Les Clark, Ed Evans, Katie Mazza, Justin Hamada, Jeanne Lynch, Marty Smith, DeMian Williams, Byron Yan, Daniel Catalan, Lily Marshall Fricker

**Members Absent:**

David Longa\*, jakkee bryson\*, Kevin Lee\*, Jean Green, Vernon Smith\*

\*excused

**Guests:**

Dorthey Rames, Bruce Oka, Bob Planthold, Ed Mason, Mary Chen, Fionna Hennessy

**1. Approval of Agenda and Minutes**

Ms. Seretan made a motion and Mr. Wong seconded, to approve the agenda and minutes. **Motion Carried.**

**2. Public Comment**

None.

Presentations:

**3. New Light Rail Vehicles**

Lulu Feliciano, SFMTA Communications Dept.

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Ms. Feliciano presented on the new light rail vehicles which the SFMTA is in the process of procuring. She provided an overview of these new vehicles and then discussed a survey which is being conducted to gauge public opinion on the interior seating arrangement, color, and exterior face mask of the vehicle.

Mr. Kielbus stated that he was very disappointed to see that the SFMTA went with Siemens. This company looks down on people with disabilities. Also, for the interior digital displays, on the newest fleet of buses, the display is in red text; this is hard to read. We need to have the interior text in orange or yellow text.

Mr. Wong asked if the new vehicles will have stop announcements. Also we should use blue color inserts to designate the priority seating areas. He also stated that he prefers longitudinal seating as it provides wider aisles.

Mr. Morgan asked if the audio announcements will be as easy to hear in the second car as they are in the first.

Mr. Glock asked if there will be a gap filler for the doors. Also, where are these cars made and will we be able to see a seating diagram?

Mr. Yan liked the open layout of the longitudinal seating.

Ms. Mazza asked if passengers will still have access to the operators so they may ask them questions, etc.

Ms. Seretan asked if these cars will have a between car barrier. Also will bikes be allowed on the train, and if so will they be kept separate from them designated areas for passengers traveling with wheelchairs.

Mr. Planthold stated that the longitudinal seating layout is far safer. Also he wanted to make sure that the front steps operator independently of the other steps so that boarding passengers at key stops can be done in tandem with the boarding of other passengers. He also stated that there should be no center pole.

Mr. Kielbus asked for wi-fi to be provided.

#### **4. Transportation Network Companies**

Kate Toran, Director of Taxis and Accessible Services  
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Ms. Toran presented an overview of the impacts TNC companies are having on taxis in San Francisco. She stated that all Sf taxis must participate in Sf Paratransit. This is not the case with TNCs. She also stated that there are 100 ramp taxi medallions in SF, which comprise of virtually the entire accessible taxi fleet in the city. Operators who have ramped cab medallions are required to participate in sixteen hours of training.

Mr. Planthold stated that drivers of ramped taxis get 16 hours of additional training. Drivers of TNC do not receive any training on these matters. There are major issues with access on TNCs, yet no one is talking about this.

Mr. Kielbus stated that in other countries TNCs have the same requirmeetns as placed on taxis. We should have that here. Aslo, how many TNCs are in operatoion?

Mr. Evans asked if TNCs participate in paratransit.

Mr. Smith stated that taxi drivers have incentives to pick up passengers in wheelchairs. TNC drivers do not. Insurance for these cars is still very hard to get, if at all – we need to advocate for better regulation of TNCs.

Mr. Oka stated that he knows of no TNCs which are accessible. CPUC should not allow this new type of transportation until it is accessible.

Vote:

**5. Free Muni for Seniors and People with Disabilities**  
Discussion and vote

The SFMTA MAAC discussed the merits of free Muni for low to moderate income seniors and people with disabilities.

Ms. Seretan made a motion for the SFMTA MAAC to support free Muni for low to moderate income seniors and people with disabilities.

Mr. Smith seconded.

**Motion Carried.**

**11 Ayes.**

Ms. Seretan, Mr. Morgan, Mr. Clark, Mr. Evans, Ms. Mazza, Mr. Hamada, Ms. Lynch, Mr. Smith, Mr. Williams, Mr. Catalan, Ms. Marshall-Fricker

**3 Nays.**

Mr. Kielbus, Mr. Yan, and Mr. Wong

# 1 Abstain

Mr. Glock

## Activity:

### 6. **Etiquette and Education on Muni**

Members broke into two groups to discuss:

- Traveling on Muni with Strollers
- Traveling on Muni with large packages/backpacks

### 7. **Collect money for MAAC Jackets**

### 8. **Action Items for next meeting**

None.

### 9. **Meetings and upcoming events**

New Operator Training

Tuesday, October 28, from 8am -11am

Presidio Division

CPUC Meeting

Tuesday, November 4<sup>th</sup>, from 9am – 5pm

CPUC Auditorium, 505 Van Ness Ave.

MAAC and PCC Awards Luncheon

Saturday, November 8<sup>th</sup>, from 1pm – 4pm

### 10. **Adjourn**

*The next MAAC meeting is on November 20.*

