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

MINUTES

Tuesday, May 5, 2015
Room 400, City Hall
1 Dr. Carlton B. Goodlett Place

**REGULAR MEETING AND CLOSED SESSION
1 P.M.**

SFMTA BOARD OF DIRECTORS

Tom Nolan, Chairman
Cheryl Brinkman, Vice Chairman
Gwyneth Borden
Malcolm Heinicke
Joél Ramos
Cristina Rubke

Edward D. Reiskin
DIRECTOR OF TRANSPORTATION

Roberta Boomer
SECRETARY

ORDER OF BUSINESS

1. Call to Order

Chairman Nolan called the meeting to order at 1:00 p.m.

2. Roll Call

Present: Cheryl Brinkman
Gwyneth Borden
Malcolm Heinicke – absent at Roll Call
Tom Nolan
Joél Ramos
Cristina Rubke

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

Chairman Nolan announced that the ringing of and use of cell phones, pagers and similar sound-producing electronic devices are prohibited at the meeting. He advised that any person responsible for the ringing or use of a cell phone, pager, or other similar sound-producing electronic devices might be removed from the meeting. He also advised that cell phones that are set on “vibrate” cause microphone interference and requested that they be placed in the “off” position.

4. Approval of Minutes

On motion to approve the minutes of the April 21, 2015 Regular Meeting: unanimously approved (Heinicke-absent).

5. Communications

Chairman Nolan stated that he would ask the Board Secretary to call Items 11 and 12 together following the CAC report.

Board Secretary Boomer stated that there would be no closed session.

6. Introduction of New or Unfinished Business by Board Members

Noting the recent unreliability of station elevators, Director Rubke requested a report on the reliability and condition of the elevators as well as the SFMTA’s ability to communicate these issues to riders.

7. Director’s Report (For discussion only)

- Special Recognition Award
- Ongoing Activities

Director Heinicke arrived.

Tom Maguire, Director, Sustainable Streets recognized Mari Hunter, Senior Planner, Strategic Planning & Policy Division, Sustainable Streets. Gerald Williams, Safety Officer, presented the Quarterly Safety Award to the Potrero Bus Maintenance Division.

No public comment.

8. Citizens' Advisory Council Report

Daniel Weaver, Chairman, Citizen's Advisory Council, presented the report.

9. Public Comment

Richard Hybels discussed color scheme renewal fees. Last year, the fee was waived. This year the fee is back and unchanged. There is a disparity in the fees between the larger and smaller color schemes. There is also an appearance of impropriety at the deference shown to large color schemes. His company is closing their doors at the end of the month.

Jim Templeton stated that the taxi matters on the agenda are window dressing. Cab drivers would gladly pay the fees if the SFMTA did its' job. The only way this can happen is because of political corruption. Mr. Templeton wondered how the Mayor can allow Uber and Lyft to work at the airport when those cars should be towed because they're committing insurance fraud. Taxis can't compete with TNC's.

Herbert Weiner stated that on May 14, Bike to Work Day, he expects cyclists to obey traffic signals. He also expects the SF Bike Coalition and anyone who rides a bicycle from the SFMTA Board or in government to obey the traffic signals. This should be a day of model behavior.

Tone Lee discussed the construction for the Central Subway Project. A lot of drunk drivers at night can get hit because of this construction. Pre-K owners own big apartment properties. Cab drivers want to see their own color scheme. There are too many color schemes and everyone is making money off of cab drivers.

Barry Taranto stated that everyone is thinking about what Mr. Templeton said. Part of the violence is between TNC and cab drivers. The SFMTA doesn't help taxi drivers out. Full service companies have dispatch services but it's hard to get them on the phone during off hours. There is turmoil in the industry and companies are closing or hurting financially. The industry deserves to get information on a regular basis.

Carl Macmurdo stated that cab drivers receive a business registration renewal form from the Controller which is very confusing to recent immigrants who don't speak English well or don't own or use a computer. The fee is \$91 for all drivers. The entire exercise of dragging all drivers through a process for \$91 is a waste of time. The Controller should allow cab drivers to pay by check or in person.

Dave Schneider addressed the issue of the panic button. San Francisco can set the standard. The problem with the old panic buttons is that they could be inadvertently triggered. There are other places to locate a panic button that can be connected directly to the police rather than to a dispatcher who may not pick up a phone. San Francisco should have the highest degree of care.

S. Seligson stated that taxicabs are losing a lot of airport business to the “black cars” that are sitting in white zones. Cars in a white zone must be actively loading or unloading or going to the post office. This should be enforced. He also suggested a sign at hotels that list the taxi fares and the cost to go to the airport.

Kenji Koblenzer stated that Mr. Reiskin was asked why on-time performance was below its’ goals. Mr. Reiskin didn’t include the traffic gridlock caused by thousands of TNC’s. These cars line up and double-park in bus zones. There is an epidemic of U-turns, and stopping in bike lanes. While the TNC’s may not be within the SFMTA’s jurisdiction, controlling the streets is.

Tariq Mehmood stated that SFMTA created a taxi advisory task force but there are two medallion holders on it. He requested that the composition be changed because there should be taxi drivers in those seats. Taxi drivers are treated miserably. They need to serve the public but it should be a fair competition between taxis and TNC’s. The SFMTA should set up a task force to study how to be fair. Cab drivers want a free and independent color scheme.

David Smith stated that the TNC’s are aggressive and nasty at after-hours or late night spots. Traffic is terrible and has never been as bad as it is today. The problem is bigger than what SFMTA staff can handle. Parking Control Officers should get TNC’s out of hotel zones and everywhere else. Independent color schemes aren’t a bad thing but there needs to be rules.

Mikhail Chernobilsky stated that if the SFMTA can’t waive something for everybody, they should do it for drivers who bought medallions.

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) Requesting the Controller to allot funds and to draw warrants against such funds available or will be available in payment of the following claims against the SFMTA:

- A. State Farm Ins. vs. CCSF, Superior Ct. #CGC14541225 filed on 8/18/14 for \$1,500
- B. Leland Guyton vs. CCSF, Superior Ct. #CGC10504583 filed on 3/24/10 for \$2000
- C. Dennis Esta vs. CCSF Superior Ct. #CGC14536625 filed on 1/7/14 for \$3,000.50
- D. Raleigh Hill vs. CCSF, Superior Ct. #CGC14543590 filed on 1/9/15 for \$4,500
- E. Mary Regina Barnett vs. CCSF, Superior Ct. #CGC14541656 filed on 9/16/14 for \$10,000
- F. Pedro Rubio vs. CCSF, Superior Ct. #CGC145366915 filed on 1/9/14 for \$22,500
- G. Guang Zhen Yang vs. CCSF, Unlitigated Claim #1400767 filed on 10/3/13 for \$33,500

RESOLUTION 15-064

(10.2) Approving the following traffic modifications:

- A. ESTABLISH – NO PARKING ANYTIME – San Jose Avenue, west side, from Dolores Street to 71 feet northerly.
- B. ESTABLISH – NO RIGHT TURN ON RED – Sagamore St, westbound, at Plymouth Ave.
- C. ESTABLISH – TOW-AWAY NO STOPPING ANYTIME – Sagamore Street, south side, from San Jose Avenue to 45 feet westerly; and San Jose Avenue, west side, from Sagamore Street to 22 feet southerly.
- D. ESTABLISH – NO LEFT TURN – Clayton Street, northbound, at 17th Street.
- E. ESTABLISH – LEFT LANE MUST TURN LEFT – Clayton St, southbound, at 17th St.
- F. ESTABLISH – RED ZONE – Geneva Avenue, north side, from Louisburg Street to 27 feet easterly; and Geneva Avenue, north side, from Delano Avenue to 28 feet easterly.
- G. ESTABLISH – RED ZONE – Wawona St, north side, from 43rd Avenue to 28 feet easterly.
- H. ESTABLISH – STOP SIGNS – 41st Avenue, northbound and southbound, at Moraga Street
- I. ESTABLISH – RED ZONE – Taraval Street, north side, from 21st Avenue to 36 feet easterly; and Taraval Street, south side, from 21st Avenue to 26 feet westerly.
- J. ESTABLISH – STOP SIGN – Twin Peaks Boulevard, westbound, at Clarendon Avenue.
- K. ESTABLISH – STOP SIGN – Beacon Street, westbound, at Diamond Street.
- L. ESTABLISH – STOP SIGNS – Barneveld Ave, northbound and southbound, at Rickard St.
- M. ESTABLISH – STOP SIGN – Rice Street, northbound, at DeLong Street.
- N. ESTABLISH – TOW-AWAY NO PARKING ANY TIME – Huron Ave, east side, from 2 feet to 27 feet south of Laura St; and Huron Ave, west side, from Laura St to 25 feet northerly.
- O. ESTABLISH – TOW-AWAY NO PARKING ANY TIME – Bacon Street, north side, from west curb of Bowdoin Street to 75 feet easterly.
- P. ESTABLISH – NO PARKING ANYTIME – Ocean Ave, north side, from Otsego Ave to 26 feet easterly; and Ocean Ave, south side, from Otsego Ave to 60 feet westerly.
- Q. EXTEND – BUS ZONE – Hayes St, south side, from 60 feet to 86 feet west of Lyon St.
- R. RESCIND – BUS ZONE – Hayes Street, north side, from Lyon Street to 75 feet easterly.
(Explanatory documents include a staff report and resolution. All of the proposed actions listed above are Approval Actions as defined by S.F. Administrative Code Chapter 31.)

Item 10.2.D was removed from the agenda at the request of members of the public.

PUBLIC COMMENT on 10.2D:

Members of the public expressing opposition: Brian Gannon

Members of the public expressing support: Robert Kuzma

Tom Folks, Senior Engineer, Sustainable Streets, reviewed the traffic modification.

RESOLUTION 15-065

On motion to approve Item 10.2D:

ADOPTED: AYES – Borden, Brinkman, Heinicke, Nolan, Ramos and Rubke

(10.3) Authorizing the Director to execute and file a claim for allocation of operating assistance from Transportation Development Act, State Transit Assistance, AB1107 One-Half Cent Sales Tax, and Regional Measure 2 funds for Fiscal Year 2016 to support the operating budget. (Explanatory documents include a staff report and resolution.)

RESOLUTION 15-066

(10.4) Authorizing the Director of Transportation to accept and expend \$4,656,260 in Transit Performance Initiative Incentive Grant Program funds from the Metropolitan Transportation Commission, to be used for its LRV Overhaul Program project. (Explanatory documents include a staff report and resolution.)

RESOLUTION 15-067

On motion to approve the Consent Calendar (Item 10.2 D severed):

ADOPTED: AYES – Borden, Brinkman, Heinicke, Nolan, Ramos and Rubke

REGULAR CALENDAR

11. Amending Transportation Code Division II, Article 1100, Section 1124, to increase the Airport Fee for taxicab trips originating at San Francisco International Airport from \$2.00 to \$4.00. (Explanatory documents include a staff report, resolution and amendment. The proposed action listed above is an Approval Action as defined by S.F. Administrative Code Chapter 31.)

Items 11 and 12 were called together.

Kate Toran, Director, Taxi and Accessible Services presented the report.

PUBLIC COMMENT:

Members of the public expressing support for Item 11: Ken Koblenzer, Mohammad Dastmalchi, Ashwani Aeri, Tone Lee, Tara Spalzy, and Tariq Mehmood.

Members of the public expressing support for Item 12: Mohammad Dastmalchi, Herbert Weiner, Ashwani Aeri, Carl Macmurdo, Tone Lee, Mikhail Chernobiles, Barry Korengold, Tara Spalty, and David Smith.

Members of the public expressing opposition to Item 11: Barry Taranto and David Smith.

Members of the public expressing opposition to Item 12: Nathan Dwiri, Rick Arena, Hossien Fazeli, Stuart Rosen, Jose Carcache, Peter Greenberg, and Richard Hybels.

Director Heinicke asked staff to look at increasing the SFO fee to \$5 and whether it's feasible to split the cost between pick-ups and drop-offs.

RESOLUTION 15-068

On motion to approve:

ADOPTED: AYES – Borden, Brinkman, Heinicke, Nolan, Ramos and Rubke

12. Authorizing the Director to waive Fiscal Year 2015-16 Medallion renewal fees for Post Proposition K Medallions and to waive Fiscal Year 2015-16 A-Card renewal fees for all active taxicab drivers. (Explanatory documents include a staff report and resolution. The proposed action listed above is an Approval Action as defined by S.F. Administrative Code Chapter 31.)

On motion to amend Item 12 to waive the Fiscal Year 2015-16 Medallion renewal fees for individual Pre-K medallion holders.

On motion to approve:

ADOPTED: AYES – Borden, Brinkman, Heinicke, Nolan, Ramos and Rubke

RESOLUTION 15-069

On motion to approve as amended:

ADOPTED: AYES – Borden, Brinkman, Heinicke, Nolan, Ramos and Rubke

13. Requesting that the Board of Supervisors appropriate \$49.8 million from the first issuance and sale of the 2014 Transportation and Road Improvement General Obligation Bond, Series 2015A for various Muni Forward Rapid Network projects, Pedestrian safety improvements; additional planning, design and outreach efforts for the Better Market Street Project; and to satisfy a portion the City's contribution to Caltrain for upgrades for the Communications Based Overlay Signal System Positive Train Control and adopting the Transportation Effectiveness Project Mitigation Monitoring and Reporting Program. (Explanatory documents include a staff report, and resolution.)

No public comment.

RESOLUTION 15-070

On motion to approve:

ADOPTED: AYES – Borden, Brinkman, Heinicke, Nolan, Ramos and Rubke

14. Discussion and vote pursuant to Administrative Code Section 67.10(d) as to whether to conduct a closed session.

The closed session was cancelled.

ADJOURN - The meeting was adjourned at 2:55 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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