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

MINUTES

Tuesday, May 3, 2016
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

Vice Chairman Brinkman called the meeting to order at 1:04 p.m.

2. Roll Call

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

Absent: Tom Nolan - with notification

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

Vice Chairman Brinkman announced that the ringing of and use of cell phones, pagers and similar sound-producing electronic devices are prohibited at the meeting. She 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. She 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

Public Comment:

Herbert Weiner requested the following be added to amend his comments: He had to walk a long block to the optometrist on Mission Street yesterday. With tradeoffs consisting of elimination and consolidation of bus stops and the elimination and modification of bus lines, SFMTA can truly be called the broker of passengers. They might as well be sold as commodities on the stock exchange.

Director Heinicke arrived.

On motion to approve the minutes of the April 19, 2016 Regular Meeting: unanimously approved (Nolan - absent).

5. Communications

None.

6. Introduction of New or Unfinished Business by Board Members

None.

7. Director's Report (For discussion only)

- Special Recognition Award
- Update on LRV procurement
- Ongoing Activities

Director Reiskin recognized Peter Albert, Manager of Planning. Tom Maguire, Director, Sustainable Streets, recognized Wil Tabajonda, Associate Engineer, Livable Streets. John Haley, Director, Transit recognized James Sanabria, Electronic Maintenance Technician and Thomas Sheridan, Electronic Technician Assistant Supervisor.

Director Heinicke asked staff to consider running a three car shuttle to circulate from West Portal to Embarcadero.

Director Ramos asked staff to ensure there is a strong and targeted outreach for fare differential implementation.

PUBLIC COMMENT:

Mark Gruberg stated that including taxis on the Clipper Card would be a huge help for taxi drivers.

8. Citizens' Advisory Council Report

Daniel Weaver, Chairman, Citizen's Advisory Council, presented the recommendations for sidewalk parking violations.

PUBLIC COMMENT:

Edward Mason recommended that Clipper 2.0 have an accumulation feature which has many benefits. Some patrons aren't able to afford the monthly pass.

9. Public Comment

Tom Diesso asked the Board to reconsider charging for the medallion fee in June. Medallion holders' income is down dramatically since the arrival of the Transportation Network Companies (TNCs). He questioned if the SFMTA is going to start revoking medallions. The medallion holders are elderly and can't afford this fee. He suggested payment options instead of the current fee.

John Fitch discussed the restricted red carpet lanes. The problem is with the Department of Public Works and the shoddy work they are doing. He showed pictures of workers painting over cracks in the streets. They need to use concrete like they do on the freeways. He is concerned about a bus going into a sinkhole and possible fatalities. He is fine with the restricted lanes but urged the removal of the asphalt.

Loree Woods-Bowman asked the SFMTA to create a system for operators to park because they keep getting tickets. Operators are treated poorly by customers and she is concerned about their health. Operators want to feel like people care about them.

Mark Gruberg stated that SFMTA has to come to grips with the reality of medallion transfers. Hundreds are waiting to sell their medallion and there are few buyers. The taxi division sent letters regarding the purchase of medallions but there is no guarantee that their money will be recovered. Something has to be done about the whole structure. There are internal discussions but the public needs to be involved. He believes the SFMTA could defer or waive the medallion fees.

Eden Stein discussed the red carpet lanes on Mission Street and how they affect daytime businesses. Owners are seeing a slowdown in shopping. These businesses will close and they need changes now. They need the right hand turn signals to go away. Traffic hasn't slowed down. Bus stops have been moved and are in front preschools where people smoke while waiting for the bus.

Tom Gilberti stated that taxis are a healthy part of the community and need assistance. Service for handicapped users is lost because Uber doesn't help. Everyone should ride on the elevators at the Van Ness and Civic Center stations. The ventilation system needs to be updated. The floor treads are worn on the 14 Mission buses and wheelchair users roll and slide.

Barry Korngold stated that taxi drivers were told taxis would be exempt from the no left turns on Mission Street but now they aren't. Taxi drivers need to be able to turn left. Uber drivers make illegal left turns and there is no enforcement. The SFMTA needs to hire more enforcement staff. Taxis are surrounded by the TNCs and unfair competition. He is surprised the medallion fee was included in the budget and asked that owners be able to make payments.

Mary Eliza stated that the red carpet lanes are an act of violence against the people in the Mission. This is one more act where the primary street is violated without considering the community's needs. Community members tried to work with staff but realized they were wasting their time. Staff says only the Board can change the forced right turns and no left turns. Community leaders will go to the Board of Supervisors and the Mayor's office. Neighbors on Van Ness Street and near the L Taraval are also upset.

Ralene Gonzalez stated that the Mission is a fragile eco system and the culture is being obliterated. They approve of the street safety goals but "one size fits all" doesn't work. Vision Zero says left turns are more dangerous but instead of making one left turn drivers are now forced to cross 12 crosswalks. The bulb-out at 16th Street is a poor solution and a scramble is better. With one red carpet lane, the Rapid buses still have to pass regular buses and contend with delivery truck drivers. She requested that the project be halted.

Jon Schwark expressed support for the red carpet lanes. When red carpet lanes were added to Market Street there was confusion but the problems were smoothed out. He urged the SFMTA to stay the course.

Jake Martin discussed the traffic on Mission Street and stated it is more dangerous now. Drivers don't know what they are doing because there isn't enough signage and lighting. They drive the

wrong way down one way streets. The intersection at Valencia and Mission streets needs a protected signal.

Vice Chairman Brinkman asked staff to provide an update on the Mission Street project.

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. Karen Ande vs. CCSF, Superior Ct. CGC14540156 filed on 6/23/14 for \$50,000
- B. Alice Marina Alyea vs. CCSF, Superior Ct. #CGC13530008 filed on 3/26/13 for \$87,100

RESOLUTION 16-055

(10.2) Approving the following traffic modifications:

- A. ESTABLISH – STOP SIGNS – Noriega Street, eastbound and westbound, at 20th Avenue.
- B. ESTABLISH – STOP SIGN – Linden Street, eastbound, at Gough Street.
- C. ESTABLISH – STOP SIGN – 16th Avenue, southbound at Wawona Street.
- D. ESTABLISH – NO COMMERCIAL VEHICLES WITH MORE THAN 9 SEATS – Lombard Street, between Mason Street and Taylor Street.
- E. ESTABLISH – STOP SIGN – Colon Avenue, northbound, at Brentwood Avenue.
- F. ESTABLISH – STOP SIGN – 15th Avenue, northbound, at Lawton Street.
- G. ESTABLISH – STOP SIGN – Alton Avenue, eastbound, at Castenada Avenue,
- H. ESTABLISH – STOP SIGN – Brussels Street, southbound, at Campbell Avenue.
- I. ESTABLISH – RED ZONE – Garfield St, north side, from Byxbee St to 22.5 feet westerly.
- J. ESTABLISH – RED ZONE – California St, south side, from 14th Ave to 25 feet westerly.
- K. ESTABLISH – RED ZONE – Ocean Ave, north side, from Paloma Ave to San Benito Way.
- L. ESTABLISH – NO PARKING ANYTIME – ESTABLISH – CURB EXTENSION – Seacliff Avenue, south side, from 25th Avenue to 25 feet westerly; 25th Avenue, west side, from Seacliff Avenue to 35 feet southerly; and Seacliff Avenue, south side, from 26th Avenue to 66 feet easterly.

- M. RESCIND – TOW-AWAY, NO PARKING ANYTIME – Masonic Avenue, east side, from 40 feet to 155 feet north of Euclid Avenue.
- N. ESTABLISH – TOW AWAY, NO PARKING 8 AM TO 9 PM, EVERYDAY – Masonic Avenue, west side, from 167 feet to 367-feet south of Euclid Avenue.
- O. ESTABLISH – TRAFFIC SIGNAL – Bryant Street at Sterling Street.
- P. ESTABLISH – NO PARKING ANYTIME – Bryant Street, south side, from 20 feet to 60 feet east of west Sterling Street property line.
- Q. ESTABLISH – NO PARKING ANYTIME – ESTABLISH – SIDEWALK WIDENING – RESCIND – BLUE ZONE – Sacramento St, north side, from Webster St to 19 feet westerly.
- R. ESTABLISH – 60 DEGREE BACK-IN ANGLE PARKING – Filbert Street, south side, from Sansome Street to 60 feet westerly.
- S. ESTABLISH – UNMETERED MOTORCYCLE PARKING – Filbert Street, south side, from 60 feet to 68 feet west of Sansome Street.
- T. ESTABLISH – NO PARKING ANYTIME – Filbert Street, south side, from 68 feet west of Sansome Street to western terminus of 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.)

(10.3) Authorizing the Director of Transportation to accept and expend \$5,337,401 in FY 2016 Transit Performance Initiative funding from the Metropolitan Transportation Commission, to be used for its Light Rail Vehicle Overhaul Program project and adopting a Resolution of Support. (Explanatory documents include a staff report and resolution.)

RESOLUTION 16-057

On motion to approve the Consent Calendar:

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

ABSENT - Nolan

REGULAR CALENDAR

11. Presentation and discussion regarding San Francisco’s Sea Level Rise Action Plan. (Explanatory documents include slide presentations.)

Timothy Doherty, Senior Planner, Fuad Sweiss, Deputy Director, Infrastructure and Design, Dept. of Public Works, Gil Kelly, Director Citywide Planning, SF Planning Department. Diana Sokolove, Senior Planner, SF Planning Dept. presented the report.

PUBLIC COMMENT:

Members of the public expressing neither support nor opposition: Tom Gilberti and Edward Mason

12. Authorizing the Director to execute Contract No. SFMTA-2016-17, Paratransit Broker and Operating Agreement with Transdev Services, to provide paratransit brokerage and transportation services, in an amount not to exceed \$142,902,104, and for a term beginning July 1, 2016, and ending June 30, 2021, with an option for a five-year extension (Explanatory documents include a staff report, resolution and contract.)

Annette Williams, Manager, Paratransit Services, presented the report.

PUBLIC COMMENT:

Members of the public expressing neither support nor opposition: Herbert Weiner and Mark Gruberg

RESOLUTION 16-058

On motion to approve:

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

ABSENT - Nolan

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

On motion to invoke the attorney-client privilege: unanimously approved (Nolan – absent).

RECESS REGULAR MEETING AND CONVENE CLOSED SESSION

CLOSED SESSION

1. Call to Order

Vice Chairman Brinkman called the closed session to order at 3:40 p.m.

2. Roll Call

Present: Cheryl Brinkman
Gwyneth Borden
Malcolm Heinicke
Joél Ramos
Cristina Rubke

Absent: Tom Nolan – with notification

Also present: Ed Reiskin, Director of Transportation
Caroline Celaya, Acting Board Secretary
Susan Cleveland-Knowles, Deputy City Attorney

Donald Ellison, Director of Human Resources and Payroll
Tom Maguire, Director Sustainable Streets Division
Kate Breen, Director, Government Affairs
David Greenburg, Deputy City Attorney
Audrey Pearson, Deputy City Attorney

3. Pursuant to Government Code Section 54956.9 and the Administrative Code Section 67.8 (a) (3), the Municipal Transportation Agency Board of Directors will meet in Closed Session to discuss and take action on attorney-client matters in the following case:

CONFERENCE WITH LEGAL COUNSEL

Existing Litigation:

Hanna Delgado vs. CCSF, Superior Ct. #CGC14543198 filed on 12/12/14 for \$1,250,000

RESOLUTION 16-059

On motion to approve:

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

ABSENT - Nolan

Coalition for Fair Legal and Environmental Transit v. CCSF, Superior Ct. #CPF-14-513627
filed on 5/1/14

4. Pursuant to Government Code Section 54957.6(a) and Administrative Code Section 67.8, the Municipal Transportation Agency Board of Directors shall meet in closed session for:

CONFERENCE WITH LABOR NEGOTIATOR

CCSF Representative: and/or his designees: Donald Ellison

Employee Organizations: Transport Workers Union, Local 200

To discuss:

- Wages
- Hours
- Benefits
- Working Conditions
- Other

ADJOURN CLOSED SESSION AND RECONVENE OPEN SESSION - The closed session was adjourned at 4:17 p.m.

14. Announcement of Closed Session.

Vice Chairman Brinkman announced that the SFMTA Board of Directors met in closed session to discuss the Hanna Delgado vs. CCSF and the Coalition for Fair Legal and Environmental Transit v. CCSF cases with the City Attorney. The Board of Directors voted to settle the Delgado case but took no action on the other case. The Board also discussed labor negotiations but took no action.

15. Motion to disclose or not disclose the information discussed in closed session.

On motion to not disclose the information discussed: unanimously approved (Nolan – absent).

ADJOURN - The meeting was adjourned at 4:19 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.



Caroline Celaya
Acting 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.

The Ethics Commission of the City and County of San Francisco has asked us to remind individuals and entities that influence or attempt to influence local legislative or administrative action may be required by the San Francisco Lobbyist Ordinance [S.F. Campaign and Governmental Conduct Code section 2.100 et seq.] to register and report lobbying activity. For more information about the Lobbyist Ordinance, please contact the Ethics Commission at 415.581.2300; fax: 415.581.2317; 25 Van Ness Avenue, Suite 220, SF, CA 94102-6027 or the web site: sfgov.org/ethics.