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

**MINUTES**

Tuesday, November 7, 2017  
Room 400, City Hall  
1 Dr. Carlton B. Goodlett Place

**REGULAR MEETING  
1 P.M.**

**SFMTA BOARD OF DIRECTORS**

Cheryl Brinkman, Chairman,  
Malcolm Heinicke, Vice Chairman  
Gwyneth Borden  
Lee Hsu  
Joél Ramos  
Cristina Rubke  
Art Torres

Edward D. Reiskin  
**DIRECTOR OF TRANSPORTATION**

Roberta Boomer  
**SECRETARY**

## ORDER OF BUSINESS

### 1. Call to Order

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

### 2. Roll Call

Present: Malcolm Heinicke  
Lee Hsu  
Joél Ramos  
Cristina Rubke  
Art Torres

Absent: Gwyneth Borden – with notification  
Cheryl Brinkman – with notification

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

Vice Chairman Heinicke 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

No public comment.

On motion to approve the minutes of the October 3, 2017 and October 17, 2017 Regular Meetings: unanimously approved (Borden, Brinkman-absent).

### 5. Communications

None.

### 6. Introduction of New or Unfinished Business by Board Members

Vice Chairman Heinicke asked that the meeting be adjourned in memory of Larry Martin, former International Vice President for Transport Workers Union.

### 7. Director’s Report (For discussion only)

- Special Recognition Award
- Update on Vision Zero
- Ongoing Activities

John Haley recognized Richard Bailey, Transit Operator, Rudy Uribe, Transit Operator, Darryl Rahman, Transit Operator and Duane Allan, Transit Operator.

Ed Reiskin, Director of Transportation discussed safety improvements at Fell and Baker; Californians for Safe Streets campaign; General Sign-Up for transit operators; the opening of the Transbay Terminal Center; Green Division construction; and new light rail vehicles.

Vice Chairman Heinicke asked staff to revisit enforcement of double parking, particularly on major arteries.

#### PUBLIC COMMENT:

Matt Brezina expressed appreciation for the improvements at Fell and Baker. Mercy Terrace residents are pleased. Neighbors got action because the Board asked. He inquired how the SFMTA can increase the pace of rapid safety improvements across high injury corridors.

Tariq Mehmood stated that 170,000 people are in San Francisco for a convention. There was gridlock around the convention center.

Tone Lee expressed appreciation for the delay to Muni. The public depends on Muni and their function is shameful. Employees get a good salary, but don't have good leadership. The SFMTA has to play this Vision Zero game until 2025. He has brought intersections that need attention to the Board three years ago and only now things are being done. The transit system has to be good and nice.

#### 8. Citizens' Advisory Council Report

No report.

#### 9. Public Comment

Paula Katz stated that the L Taraval project will be before the Board on December 5. The neighbors want the Board to know that there is strong support for keeping the stops. L Taraval riders are concerned about the hardship they will face if the stops are lost. She submitted a petition stating that a majority of people want to keep the stops at 44<sup>th</sup> and at 17<sup>th</sup> avenues.

Reiko Ando spoke on behalf of people who use the inbound L Taraval stop at 17<sup>th</sup> Ave. If that stop is removed, riders will have to cross 19<sup>th</sup> Avenue which is a busy intersection. She is afraid that an accident may happen. She urged the SFMTA to think about safety for the elderly, people with disabilities, and children.

Donna Parker presented a petition signed by 375 residents of the Inner Richmond in response to a community meeting about the 8<sup>th</sup> Ave. Neighborway project. This project will funnel cars to other streets. SFMTA staff didn't listen to the residents and have already made up their mind. Low-cost ideas should be considered first, such as turn restrictions, tour buses, and deliveries.

Tim Burns stated that bikes should be redirected to other streets near 8<sup>th</sup> Avenue, and discussed other solutions to managing traffic and ensuring safety around the Inner Richmond.

Paul Fappiano discussed the 8<sup>th</sup> Avenue diversion that is being proposed. The proposal galvanized the community and many residents are against this proposal. Many elementary schools will be affected by this project. The schools were never told that there was going to be a diversion and are upset with the plan. He expressed hope that the community can have more input into the plan. This plan has no forward vision and no support from the community.

Herbert Weiner stated that Mr. Heinicke advocated people getting out of cars and taking Muni to alleviate traffic congestion but Muni service isn't all that great. To improve congestion, Muni has to improve. He wondered how many people were leaving Muni and going back to driving. Muni ridership is down. He had to walk four blocks to get to the meeting because of the construction on Van Ness Avenue.

Mari Eliza stated there have been hearings and media attention about the difficulty with understanding traffic signals and signs. She described what's going on with public notices. The Board of Supervisors has instructed the SFMTA to get communities involved. She showed a meeting notice that was difficult to read.

Tone Lee stated that he is happy to see the community raising questions. The SFMTA hires young guys who don't have families. The Board has to ask about the taxi department. Taxi drivers are waiting for their refund, which should have happened within a month. The taxi division has hired too many people and they need to be laid off.

Tariq Mehmood stated that he put a sign on his taxi and within minutes an investigator gave him a warning. Taxi drivers can't have signs on their cars that are larger than seven inches. Yellow Cab has had signs for years already. The inspector should not be on the job. The SFMTA doesn't let taxi drivers compete. Taxi drivers are screaming and crying. Loans have already defaulted.

Tom Gilberti stated that the taxi industry needs help. Public transportation is a convenience for residents. The best thing that can be done is to create safe, convenient public transit. Reducing stops on the L Taraval and on Van Ness Avenue is being done for the sake of speed and saving time. There is no wheel lock on the new bus. It took a driver five minutes to strap him in. He wondered how many intersections have 12 bus lines that cross the intersection. The intersection at Van Ness and Market is being given over to One Oak for luxury housing.

Vice Chairman Heinicke asked staff to provide information to the Board with regard to taxi signs.

**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. 7<sup>th</sup> 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. Mary Moser vs. CCSF, Superior Ct. #CGC16555031 filed on 10/25/16 for \$30,000
- B. Michael Hopkins vs. CCSF, Superior Ct. #CGC15548569 filed on 10/21/15 for \$65,000  
(Explanatory documents include a resolution.)

#### RESOLUTION 171107-136

(10.2) Approving the following traffic modifications:

- A. ESTABLISH – RESIDENTIAL PERMIT PARKING AREA U ELIGIBILITY – 1070 and 1072 Folsom Street only
- B. ESTABLISH – TOW-AWAY, NO STOPPING ANYTIME – 17th Street, south side, from 88 feet to 174 feet west of Valencia Street
- C. ESTABLISH – BUS ZONE – California Street, south side, from 6th Avenue to 140 feet easterly
- D. RESCIND – TOW-AWAY NO PARKING, 10 PM TO 6 AM, EVERYDAY – Hubbell Street, north side and south side, between 7th Street and 16th Street
- E. RESCIND – TOW-AWAY, NO STOPPING ANYTIME EXCEPT MARKED POLICE VEHICLES – Jessie Street, south side, from 6th Street to 131 feet westerly; and Jessie Street, south side, from 143 feet to 162 feet west of 6th Street
- F. ESTABLISH – TOW-AWAY, NO STOPPING ANYTIME – Jessie Street, south side, from 6th Street to western terminus
- G. ESTABLISH – RED ZONE – Pine Street, north side, from Front Street to 45 feet easterly; and Pine Street, south side, from Front Street to 22 feet easterly
- H. ESTABLISH – TOW-AWAY, NO STOPPING ANYTIME EXCEPT CITY-OWNED – MARKED SAN FRANCISCO POLICE DEPARTMENT VEHICLES; Eddy Street, south side, from Jones Street to 185 feet westerly; Eddy Street, north side, from 37 feet to 254 feet west of Jones Street; Eddy Street, north side, from 85 feet to 206 feet east of Jones Street; Jones Street, east side, from 31 feet to 115 feet north of Eddy Street; Jones Street, west side, from 5 feet to 84 feet north of Eddy Street; Jones Street, east side, from 21 feet to 79 feet south of Eddy Street; and Jones Street, west side, from 24 feet to 107 feet south of Eddy Street
- I. RESCIND – CLASS II BIKEWAY – Paul Avenue, westbound, 3rd Street to Wheat Street
- J. RESCIND – TOW-AWAY, NO STOPPING ANYTIME – Paul Avenue, north side, from 3rd Street to Wheat Street
- K. ESTABLISH – CLASS III BIKEWAY – Paul Avenue, westbound, between 3rd Street and Wheat Street
- L. ESTABLISH – ONE-WAY STREET – Columbia Square Street, northbound, from Harrison Street and Folsom Street
- M. RESCIND – STOP SIGN – Columbia Square Street, southbound, at Harrison Street
- N. ESTABLISH – BLUE ZONE, DISABLED PARKING ONLY, AT ALL TIMES – 800 Presidio Avenue, east side, from 18 feet to 38 feet south of Sutter Street
- O. ESTABLISH – TOW-AWAY, NO STOPPING ANYTIME – Otis Street, west side, from Duboce Avenue to 75 feet northerly. (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.)

Item 10.2 I, J and K was severed from the Consent Calendar at the request of members of the public.

Brittni Chicuata, Supervisor Cohen's office, expressed the Supervisor's support for the Paul Avenue changes. Changes should be reflective of the desires of neighbors. She expressed concern about the public outreach. The Supervisor convened two neighborhood meetings. Attendees stated that they were not opposed to bicycling. This is not a one-dimensional solution.

**PUBLIC COMMENT:**

Members of the public expressing support: Charles Deffarges, and Jeanette Sullivan

Members of the public expressing opposition: MaryEllen Doyle, Andrea Coombes, and Dan Connelly

Vice Chairman Heinicke asked for a presentation on noticing requirements and protocols.

**RESOLUTION 171107-137**

On motion to approve:

ADOPTED: AYES –Heinicke, Hsu, Ramos, Rubke, and Torres

ABSENT – Borden and Brinkman

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

- A. ESTABLISH - TOW-AWAY NO PARKING, PERMITTED COMMUTER SHUTTLE ZONE ONLY, 6 AM TO 10 AM AND 4 PM TO 10 PM, MONDAY THROUGH FRIDAY - Broadway, north side, from 15 to 101 feet west of Front Street and Broadway, south side, from 10 to 94 feet east of Osgood Place. (Explanatory documents include a staff report, map and resolution.

Item 10.3 was severed from the Consent Calendar at the request of a member of the public.

**PUBLIC COMMENT:**

Members of the public expressing neither support nor opposition: Tyler Breisarcher

**RESOLUTION 171107-138**

On motion to approve:

ADOPTED: AYES – Heinicke, Hsu, Ramos, Rubke, and Torres

ABSENT – Borden and Brinkman

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

- A. RESCIND - TOW-AWAY NO PARKING, PERMITTED COMMUTER SHUTTLE BUS ZONE, 6 AM TO 10 AM, MONDAY THROUGH FRIDAY - Gough Street, west side, from Bush Street to 78 feet southerly
- B. ESTABLISH - TOW-AWAY NO PARKING, PERMITTED COMMUTER SHUTTLE ZONE ONLY, 6 AM TO 10 AM, MONDAY THROUGH FRIDAY - Bush Street, south side, from 15 feet to 123.5 feet east of Franklin Street
- C. ESTABLISH - TOW-AWAY NO PARKING, PERMITTED COMMUTER SHUTTLE ZONE ONLY, 6 AM TO 10 AM, MONDAY THROUGH FRIDAY - Bush Street, south side, from Larkin Street to 80 feet easterly
- D. ESTABLISH - TOW-AWAY NO PARKING, PERMITTED COMMUTER SHUTTLE ZONE ONLY, 4 PM TO 10 PM, MONDAY THROUGH FRIDAY  
Larkin Street, east side, from 9 to 92 feet north of Post Street and Pine Street, north side, from 42 to 141 feet east of Van Ness Avenue. (Explanatory documents include a staff report, map and resolution.)

Item 10.4 was severed from the Consent Calendar at the request of a member of the public.

PUBLIC COMMENT:

Members of the public expressing opposition: Jason Prado

RESOLUTION 171107-139

No public comment.

On motion to approve the Consent Calendar (Items 10.2 I, J and K, 10.3 and 10.4 severed):

ADOPTED: AYES – Heinicke, Hsu, Ramos, Rubke, and Torres

ABSENT – Borden and Brinkman

#### REGULAR CALENDAR

11. Affirming support for the San Francisco Transportation Demand Management Plan. (Explanatory documents include a staff report, plan and resolution.)

John Knox White, Manager, Planning Programs, and Warren Logan, Senior Transportation Planner, Transportation Authority presented the item.

Vice Chairman Heinicke asked that future calendar items include discussion of the school district's position when the item will impact schools.

No public comment.

RESOLUTION 171107-140

On motion to approve:

ADOPTED: AYES – Heinicke, Hsu, Ramos, Rubke, and Torres

ABSENT – Borden and Brinkman

12. Approving bicycle and parking modifications associated with the 17th Street, Church to Sanchez, Bicycle Safety Project as follows:

- A. ESTABLISH - TOW-AWAY, NO PARKING ANYTIME – 17<sup>th</sup> Street, north side and south side, between Sanchez Street and Church Street
- B. ESTABLISH - CLASS IV PROTECTED BIKE LANE – 17<sup>th</sup> Street, eastbound and westbound between Sanchez Street and Church Street. (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.)

Mike Sallaberry, Senior Engineer, Sustainable Streets, presented the item.

PUBLIC COMMENT:

Members of the public expressing support: Bob Planthold, David Gouldin, Julia Raskin, Jane Natoli, Marcia Weisbrot, Matt Dove, John Entwistle, Matt Brezino, John Maas, Kelley Plasterer, Howard Fallon, Alison Seitz, Rachel Masters, Jiro Yamamoto, Zahan Malkani, Daniel Camp, Llore Milgrom-Gartner, and Daniel Connelly.

Members of the public expressing opposition: James Frank, Bob Lear, Connie Champagne, Cassandra Nspaugh, Mari Eliza, and John Maze.

Members of the public expressing neither support nor opposition: Vincent Calvarese, Marc Rousseau, and Evelyn Possmetier.

In response to several questions from Board members about restoring parking, Mike Sallaberry said that staff can take a holistic look at the area. Director Rubke asked staff to look at blue zones in the area.

Director Torres moved approval of the item with a caveat that staff return to the Board in four months with possible solutions for parking.

RESOLUTION 171107-141

On motion to approve:

ADOPTED: AYES – Heinicke, Hsu, Ramos, Rubke, and Torres

ABSENT – Borden and Brinkman



13. Dedicating the inaugural Siemens Light Rail Vehicle to Larry Martin in honor of his dedication and contributions to the men and women of the Municipal Railway and to the people of the City and County of San Francisco. (Explanatory documents include a staff report, and resolution.)

Roberta Boomer, Secretary, Office of the Board of Directors, presented the item.

No public comment.

RESOLUTION 171107-142

On motion to approve:

ADOPTED: AYES – Heinicke, Hsu, Ramos, Rubke, and Torres

ABSENT – Borden and Brinkman

ADJOURN - The meeting was adjourned at 4:10 p.m. in memory of Larry Martin.

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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