



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

MINUTES

Tuesday, April 21, 2020

Due to the COVID-19 health emergency and to protect our Board Members, SFMTA staff, and members of the public, the Board's Meeting Room (Room 400) is closed.

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**REGULAR MEETING
1 P.M.**

SFMTA BOARD OF DIRECTORS

Malcolm Heinicke, Chair
Gwyneth Borden, Vice Chair
Cheryl Brinkman
Amanda Eaken
Steve Heminger
Cristina Rubke
Art Torres

Jeffrey Tumlin
DIRECTOR OF TRANSPORTATION

Roberta Boomer
SECRETARY

ORDER OF BUSINESS

1. Call to Order

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

2. Roll Call

Present: Gwyneth Borden
Cheryl Brinkman
Amanda Eaken
Malcolm Heinicke
Steve Heminger
Cristina Rubke
Art Torres

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

There was no announcement made.

4. Approval of Minutes

No public comment.

On motion to approve the minutes of the April 7, 2020 Regular Meeting: unanimously approved.

5. Communications

Chair Heinicke expressed appreciation to staff for their work to enable the meeting to be held via teleconference. Board Secretary Boomer reviewed how members of the public could watch and address the Board during the meeting.

6. Introduction of New or Unfinished Business by Board Members

-Announcement of the April 7, 2020 Closed Session.

Board Secretary Boomer announced that the SFMTA Board of Directors met in closed session to discuss anticipated litigation with the City Attorney but took no action.

No public comment.

-Motion to disclose or not disclose the information discussed in April 7, 2020 closed session.

On motion to not disclose the information discussed: unanimously approved.

Vice Chair Borden noted that it is Director Heinicke's last meeting. He has been a strong leader for transit in San Francisco. She asked that the West Portal crossover be named after him with the installation of a plaque in the West Portal Station. Chair Heinicke expressed his appreciation to the Board and staff.

7. Director's Report (For discussion only)

-Ongoing Activities

Jeffrey Tumlin, Director of Transportation, discussed SFMTA services during the shelter in place order, steps taken to ensure employee safety and welfare, the "essential trip card" program, "Slow Streets" program, the Caltrans U.S. 101-Alemany Replacement project, Great Highway closure, and closing a lane on the Third Street bridge.

PUBLIC COMMENT:

Judd Holtzman thanked the Director for the great work. There will be some lessons learned after this. There has been a desperate need to open streets but when he's been outside, it's been stressful to be close to others. He is concerned about crowding on buses and hopes there will be light enforcement so it's not a total free for all. Even if the Shelter in Place order is extended, full coverage of the "Safe Streets" program won't happen until after the order has been lifted. He encouraged quicker action.

Cliff Bargar thanked the Director for his presentation and Chair for his service. He expressed appreciation for pursuing the "Slow Streets" initiative after learning from Oakland's experience. He is also glad to hear that "Slow Streets may possibly be extended to Terry Francois Blvd. He urged faster implementation if possible.

Hayden Miller urged the SFMTA to reduce the capacity on buses. There isn't adequate distancing on the buses now. Other transit properties have limited ridership.

Aleeta Dupree expressed appreciation for the restoration of the 28 19th Avenue line which will help many people in hilly areas. There can be limits and mask requirements, but we don't want to have people left on the side of the road. She relayed an incident in Philadelphia where someone was left behind because they didn't have a mask. Transit operators shouldn't have to be the police. It should be easy for people to get masks.

John McCormick discussed the "Safer Streets" program. The Tenderloin only has one block that's been blocked out. This isn't equitable and it doesn't make sense. The Tenderloin has the highest percent of seniors, children, and people with disabilities. The Sunset has blocks and blocks outlined. The Tenderloin needs more attention and more streets blocked off to treat people fairly and equitably.

Curtis Byford expressed concern about the crisis in the Tenderloin. He is unable to access his corner store or any other needed service because it's not safe to travel in the Tenderloin. The streets are

crowded and there is no safe passage. People need extra space to move and need parking lanes removed. The need is greater in this area than in any other neighborhood.

Director Rubke asked staff to report on how to make a safe space for people who live in the Tenderloin.

8. Citizens' Advisory Council Report

No report.

9. Public Comment

Hayden Miller discussed keeping the subway closed. The messaging to the public must be clear. The videos about the work being done is important to customers. Also, people are still bringing huge bags of recycling onboard vehicles which are leaking. This is a health issue.

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. Donna Merlino vs. CCSF, Superior Ct. #CGC18572243 filed on 12/19/18 for \$5,000
- B. Francis Smith vs. CCSF, Superior Ct. #CGC18566419 filed on 5/9/18 for \$6,000
- C. Guanxin Huang vs. CCSF, Superior Ct. #CGC18566630 filed on 5/17/18 for \$17,000
(Explanatory documents include a resolution.)

RESOLUTION 200421-038

(10.2) Awarding Contract No. 1295R, Muni Metro System Rail Grinding Services – Phase 1 to Harsco Metro Rail, to perform rail grinding services inside the Muni subway tunnels and the Duboce Portal, for a total amount not to exceed \$3,244,800, and a term of 548 days to substantial completion. (Explanatory documents include a staff report, financial plan and resolution. The proposed action is the Approval Action as defined by S.F. Administrative Code Chapter 31.)

RESOLUTION 200421-039

(10.3) Authorizing the Director or his designee, to approve a program of projects, to execute the required Certifications and Assurances for all transit projects funded by the Low Carbon Transit Operations Program for Fiscal Year 2020. (Explanatory documents include a staff report, program, certifications, assurances and resolution. The proposed action is the Approval Action as defined by S.F. Administrative Code Chapter 31.)

RESOLUTION 200421-040

(10.4) Finding that Twin Peaks Boulevard, eastern alignment, from Christmas Tree Point Road to the southern end of the “Figure 8” roadway is no longer needed for vehicular traffic pursuant to California Vehicle Code Section 21101; and approving permanently closing Twin Peaks Boulevard to vehicular traffic except for bicycles and emergency vehicles, and changing the one-way direction of Twin Peaks Boulevard, western alignment, from Christmas Tree Point Road to the northern end of the “Figure 8” roadway to two-way as follows:

- A. ESTABLISH - ROAD CLOSURE, EXCEPT, BICYCLES AND EMERGENCY VEHICLES - Twin Peaks Boulevard, eastern alignment, from Christmas Tree Point Road to 1,700 feet southerly
- B. ESTABLISH - TWO-WAY STREET - Twin Peaks Boulevard, western alignment, from Christmas Tree Point Road to 1,500 feet southerly. (Explanatory documents include a staff report, modifications, plan, rendering, report and resolution. The proposed action is the Approval Action as defined by S.F. Administrative Code Chapter 31.)

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 support: Hayden Miller, Matt Brezina, Kristen Leckie, and John Lisovsky

RESOLUTION 200421-041

On motion to approve the Consent Calendar:

ADOPTED: AYES – Borden, Brinkman, Eaken, Heinicke, Heminger, Rubke, and Torres

REGULAR CALENDAR

11. Presentation and discussion regarding transit service. (Explanatory documents include a slide presentation.)

Julie Kirschbaum, Director, Transit, presented the item.

PUBLIC COMMENT:

Hayden Miller discussed communication to the customers. One area that can be improved is the Metro bus stops. People are waiting at the F-line stops and the Metro buses are passing people up.

Director Eaken asked staff to develop a mobility recovery plan for how and when we bring transit back.

12. Adopting the FY 2021-2025 Capital Improvement Program totaling \$2.5 billion for 188 projects within ten programs, including communication and information technology, facility, fleet, parking, security, signals, streets, taxi, transit fixed guideway, and transit optimization and expansion. (Explanatory documents include a staff report, book, description and resolution.)

Chair Heinicke asked the Board Secretary to call Items 12 and 13 together.

Jeff Tumlin, Director of Transportation, Leo Levenson, Director, Finance and Information Technology and Jonathan Rewers, Senior Budget Manager, presented the items.

PUBLIC COMMENT:

Members of the public expressing support: Jodie Medeiros, Hayden Miller, Bevan Arravic, Curtis Bradford, Eric Rozell, and Aleeta Dupree.

RESOLUTION 200421-042

On motion to approve:

ADOPTED: AYES – Borden, Brinkman, Eaken, Heinicke, Heminger, Rubke, and Torres

13. Approving the San Francisco Municipal Transportation Agency FY 2021 and FY 2022 Operating Budget, in the amounts of \$1,283.8 million and \$1,336.9 million, respectively; and the Capital Budget in the amounts of \$559.8 million and \$553 million, respectively; certifying that the FY 2021 and FY 2022 Operating and Capital budgets are adequate in making substantial progress towards meeting the performance standards established pursuant to Section 8A.103 for 2017 and 2022; authorizing changes to various fines, fees, fares, rates, and charges for the fiscal years beginning July 1, 2020, and July 1, 2021, to address fees and penalties for the fiscal years beginning July 1, 2020 and July 1, 2021, including a waiver of taxi fees for FY 2021 and FY 2022, reducing the low-income boot removal fee, creating a new one-time waiver of boot removal for HSH-approved individuals experiencing homelessness, establishing reduced tow fees for low-income individuals and HSH-approved individuals experiencing homelessness, and approving the SFMTA's Title VI Fare Equity Analysis for the proposed fare changes; approving the Municipal Railway fare changes including modified Lifeline pass increases based on Supplemental Security Income (SSI) cost-of-living; free Muni for all youth up to age 19 and free Muni for HSH-approved individuals experiencing homelessness; cable car discount single ride for MuniMobile; extending bulk rate discounts of pre-paid fare media; fare increases in excess of AIIP for

all other monthly Muni passes; and increases based on SFMTA's Automatic Indexing Implementation Plan for passports and cable cars, and authorizes all fare changes for FY 2021 to take effect the first day of the next month that is at least thirty days after the FY 2021 budget takes effect pursuant to Charter section 8A.106, or according to the extended deadline for Board of Supervisors review as adjusted by an emergency declaration of the Mayor; acting as both the SFMTA Board of Directors and the Parking Authority Commission approving additional increases to various fines, fees, rates, and charges including service vehicle rental fees, bus rerouting fees, and parking garage and lot fees; amending the Transportation Code Division II to include, among other things, increases and decreases for late payment penalties, special collection fees, boot removal fees, Transportation Code and Vehicle Code penalties, color curb painting fees, towing and storage fees, community service processing fees, parking meter use fee, parklet installation fee, temporary no-parking sign posting fee, signs and parking space removal/relocation fee, intellectual property license fee (film permits), vendor commission fees, non-standard vehicle permit fees, electric vehicle charging station user fee, planning/development transportation analysis review fee, development project review fee, places for people application fee, citywide variable parking meter rates, and fees for general permits including special traffic, temporary exclusive use of parking meters, residential area parking, contractor, vanpool, stationless bicycle share program application, SFMTA permit, on-street shared vehicle, press, designated shuttle stop use, farmer's market parking, temporary street closure (ISCOTT), and bus substitution fees; waiving all taxi permit fees for FY 2021 and FY 2022, and adding new one-time boot removal fee for HSH-approved individuals experiencing homelessness, tow fees for low-income and HSH-approved individuals experiencing homelessness, ISCOTT permit fee for Community Events, and color curb renewal fee, which are included as part of this calendar item; approving the Title VI analysis of the impact of the proposed fare changes on low-income and minority communities in San Francisco, which determined that there is no disparate impact to minority populations or disproportionate burden to low-income populations; approving a waiver of fares on New Year's Eve 2021, between 8 PM on December 31, 2020 and 5 a.m. January 1, 2021 and on New Year's Eve 2022, between 8 PM on December 31, 2021 and 5 a.m. January 1, 2022; authorizing the Director to implement short-term experimental fares which enable the SFMTA to respond effectively to community requests; retroactively waiving taxi driver permit renewal fees due between March 16, 2020 and June 30, 2020; concurring with the Controller's certification that parking citation processing and collection services; facility security services; paratransit services; parking meter collection and coin counting services; transit shelter maintenance services; and vehicle towing, storage and disposal services can be practically performed by private contractors at a lesser cost than to provide the same services with City employees; and authorizing the Director to make necessary technical and clerical corrections to the approved FY 2021 and FY 2022 Operating and Capital budgets of the SFMTA and to allocate additional revenues and/or City and County discretionary revenues in order to fund additional adjustments to the operating or capital budget, provided that the Director of Transportation shall return to the SFMTA Board of Directors for approval of technical or clerical corrections that, in aggregate, exceed a ten percent change to the SFMTA operating and or capital budget respectively. (Explanatory documents include a staff report, amendment, budget, analysis, fare, fee and fine changes and resolution. The proposed action is the Approval Action as defined by the S.F. Administrative Code Chapter 31.)

PUBLIC COMMENT:

Members of the public expressing support: Isella Estrada, and Barry Taranto

Members of the public expressing opposition to increases: Jess Nguyen, Germane, Arica Cannon, Javier Demond, Piso Jimenio, Mary Claire Amable, Isabelle Tiyge, Teresita Navaron, Herbert Weiner, Nina Slescher, Carlos Bocanegra, Katrina Lewanga, Leanne Ladia, and Angelica Cabande

Members of the public expressing neither support nor opposition: Aleeta Dupree and John Lisovsky

Director Rubke requested frequent updates on the budget.

RESOLUTION 200421-043

On motion to approve:

ADOPTED: AYES – Borden, Brinkman, Eaken, Heinicke, Heminger, Rubke, and Torres

ADJOURN - The meeting was adjourned at 5:10 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.

Board of Supervisors review of certain SFMTA Decisions: Certain parking and traffic modifications as well as Private Transportation Programs that involve certain parking modifications can be reviewed by the Board of Supervisors. These decisions are subject to review within 30 calendar days after they are made by the SFMTA Board of Directors. For information on requesting a review, contact the Clerk of the Board of Supervisors at City Hall, 1 Dr. Carlton B. Goodlett Place, Room 244, San Francisco, CA 94102, call (415) 554-5184. Ordinance No. 127-18 specifying which SFMTA decisions are reviewable by the Board of Supervisors can be accessed on-line: <https://sfbos.org/sites/default/files/o0127-18.pdf>.

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