



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

MINUTES

Tuesday, November 3, 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

Gwyneth Borden, Chair
Amanda Eaken, Vice Chair
Cheryl Brinkman
Steve Heminger
Sharon Lai

Jeffrey Tumlin
DIRECTOR OF TRANSPORTATION

Roberta Boomer
SECRETARY

ORDER OF BUSINESS

1. Call to Order

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

2. Roll Call

Present: Gwyneth Borden
Cheryl Brinkman
Amanda Eaken
Steve Heminger
Sharon Lai

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

No announcement was made.

4. Approval of Minutes

No public comment.

On motion to approve the minutes of the October 20, 2020 Regular Meeting: unanimously approved.

5. Communications

Chair Borden discussed the virtual meeting and 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 the meeting and address the Board.

6. Introduction of New or Unfinished Business by Board Members

-Special Recognition

Chair Borden, Director Eaken, Director Tumlin, former Director Art Torres, former Director Bruce Oka, former Director Leona Bridges, former Director Tom Nolan, former Director Malcolm Heinicke, former Director Jose Cisneros, former Director Joel Ramos, Director Brinkman, Director Heminger, Director Lai and former Director Hsu recognized retiring Board Secretary, Roberta Boomer.

PUBLIC COMMENT:

Ed Reiskin expressed appreciation to Ms. Boomer for her work and noted that she was a force in the Agency. The work was never about her. She respected the work of staff and that of the public.

Barry Taranto praised Ms. Boomer for her work. She described policies and procedures at the Sunshine Ordinance Task Force (SOTF) without judgement. She did a fantastic job transitioning to a virtual

meeting. She made sure that the public had the opportunity to participate. Her relationship with Chair Borden has made it easy for the public.

David Pilpel stated that he has known Ms. Boomer for a long time. He has supported the SFMTA more times at the SOTF than he opposed the agency. Ms. Boomer and he have had some agreements and many disagreements. He expressed appreciation for her work.

Hayden Miller expressed appreciation to Ms. Boomer, particularly how she handled his requests.

Marc Soto recognized Ms. Boomer for her work. She is the consummate professional and will be missed. He thanked her for her years of hard work and 20 years of work for paratransit.

Herbert Weiner expressed appreciation for her extensive fairness. She has always tried to have a fair procedure which is important.

7. Director's Report (For discussion only)

- Ongoing Activities
- Budget and finance dashboard
- Van Ness Improvement Project

Jeff Tumlin, Director of Transportation, discussed recent Vision Zero injuries, the Vision Zero Quick Build program, a new budget and finance dashboard, the Transportation Recovery Plan, Shared Spaces and the Van Ness Improvement Project.

PUBLIC COMMENT:

Hayden Miller stated that he is troubled by the three-foot distance. It's been like that since April. The bus is full. 11% of the trips are exceeding the three-foot distance. Lower income communities are being hurt by this and the SFMTA isn't doing anything. He wondered why light rail wasn't running. People are going to get sick. People won't ride the bus unless they have to. It will be a mess when schools re-open. There needs to be more service.

David Pilpel requested an update on the L Taraval project and on the Better Market Street project. He noted that staff discussed transit capacity and demand but didn't discuss cable car operations and operators who could be driving a bus. He wondered how long the agency can continue without another federal bailout. He questioned whether it made sense to do the Potrero Yard Project.

Herbert Weiner expressed concern about the lack of bus service and congestion on vehicles. It's impossible to keep a six- or three-foot distance. All priority should be given to public transportation. People ride Muni because they have no other choice.

8. Citizens' Advisory Council Report

No report.

9. Public Comment

Richard Rothman discussed Fulton Street. On October 20, a pedestrian at 20th and Fulton was hit by a car which should have been reported. 20th and Fulton is not an intersection that is under the Fulton Street project. Cars on Fulton Street need to be slowed down. If the speed limit can be lowered on Geary, it should be extended to the senior citizen zone on Fulton Street. He wants to know who is looking at the big picture and the impact of projects on other streets.

Herbert Weiner compared the overall planning of the SFMTA to a movie. Usually a movie is worse than the original. The original Transit Effectiveness Project plan was bad, but the new plan is worse. The SFMTA is on a crash collision course. There's more congestion than the SFMTA realizes. California St. is congested and is now blocking public transportation.

Hayden Miller stated that he is disappointed with the Better Market Street project. He also discussed the Proof of Payment teams who aren't providing outreach materials. They are smoking at bus stops because they have nothing better to do. They are letting people ride for free which is contributing to overcrowding. People are riding in circles.

Mary McGuire discussed the recent ban of Prop K medallions from picking people up at the airport. One group of taxi drivers is being helped on the backs of the others. She stated that it's time for transparency and wondered if the change at the airport was being done because of the credit union lawsuit.

Aleta Dupree expressed appreciation to Ms. Boomer for her work. She appreciates Ms. Boomer's accurate keeping of meeting minutes and reflection of her pronouns. She urged the continuation of the Clipper Card. The subway needs to be turned on. San Francisco's subway should be legendary, like the subway in New York City. No disabled person should ever have to worry about being left behind. Everybody needs to be accommodated.

Barry Taranto stated that the numbers at the airport don't support the ability of taxi drivers to make money. There isn't enough business in the City for taxi drivers. There aren't the bars, shows, etc. for business at night for taxi drivers. This will cause drivers to lose money because they can't drive to the airport. He asked the Board to relook at the statistics. There is little enforcement at the cab stands nor for illegal pick-ups.

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) Approving the following parking and traffic modifications to remain in effect until 120 days after the termination or expiration of the COVID-19 Emergency:

- A. ESTABLISH – GREEN METERED PARKING, 30-MINUTE TIME LIMIT, 9 AM TO 6 PM, MONDAY THROUGH SATURDAY – Geary Boulevard, south side, from 138 feet to 182 feet west of 15th Avenue.
- B. ESTABLISH – GENERAL METERED PARKING, 2-HOUR TIME LIMIT, 9 AM TO 6 PM, MONDAY THROUGH SATURDAY – Geary Boulevard, south side, from 94 feet to 138 feet west of 15th Avenue. (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.)

RESOLUTION 201103-090

(10.2) Amending the Transportation Code, Division II, Section 801 to implement parking restrictions, except for City-owned San Francisco Police Department vehicles displaying permits issued by the SFMTA, along Eddy Street between Jones and Leavenworth Streets, and along Jones Street between Eddy and Turk Streets and retroactively approving parking and traffic modifications to implement the parking restrictions as follows:

- A. RESCIND - GENERAL METERED PARKING - Jones, west side, from 107 feet to 129 feet south of Eddy and Eddy, south side, from 212 feet to 234 feet and 278 feet to 322 west of Jones
- B. RESCIND - YELLOW METERED LOADING ZONE, 7AM-6PM, MONDAY THROUGH SATURDAY - Eddy, south side, from 170 feet to 212 feet and 234 feet to 258 feet west of Jones
- C. ESTABLISH - YELLOW METERED LOADING ZONE, 7AM-6PM, MONDAY THROUGH SATURDAY - Eddy, south side, from 278 feet to 322 west of Jones
- D. ESTABLISH - TOW-AWAY NO STOPPING ANYTIME EXCEPT CITY-OWNED MARKED SFPD VEHICLES - Jones, west side, from 107 feet to 129 feet south of Eddy # and Eddy, south side, from 170 feet to 258 feet west of Jones. (Explanatory documents include a staff report, amendment and resolution. All of the proposed actions listed above are Approval Actions as defined by S.F. Administrative Code Chapter 31.)

RESOLUTION 201103-091

(10.3) Approves Amendment No. 5 to Contract CS-163-1 OCIP Insurance Brokerage Services, to provide excess liability insurance for the Central Subway Project, with Aon Risk Insurance Services West, Inc., to increase the contract by an amount not to exceed \$1,684,550 for additional premium due to increased Central Subway Project construction time and costs, for a total contract amount not to exceed \$26,778,986 and making environmental review findings. (Explanatory documents include a staff report, resolution and amendment.)

RESOLUTION 201103-092

(10.4) Appointing Christine Silva to the position of Executive Secretary to the San Francisco Municipal Transportation Agency Board of Directors, effective November 4, 2020. (Explanatory documents include a staff report and resolution.)

RESOLUTION 201103-093

PUBLIC COMMENT:

Members of the public expressing support: Hayden Miller (10.1)

Members of the public expressing neither support nor opposition: Hayden Miller (10.3) and David Pilpel (10.4)

On motion to approve the Consent Calendar:

ADOPTED: AYES – Borden, Brinkman, Eaken, Heminger, and Lai

REGULAR CALENDAR

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

Julie Kirschbaum, Director, Transit, presented the item.

Director Heminger requested an update regarding the work in the Twin Peaks tunnel.

Director Lai requested the plan for restoring historic vehicles and an update on installing WIFI in the subway.

PUBLIC COMMENT:

Hayden Miller stated that it's better to get the work done than to have failures when people are expecting service. He is excited to have rail service come back sooner to serve key areas and expressed appreciation for the installation of a restroom. He suggested that staff look at bringing the 55 line back.

David Pilpel made a request for information regarding the subway task force, including meetings, members and scope of work. Vehicle cleaning is a constraint on transit operations. He would like to hear about mobile cleaning. The SFMTA should hold town hall meetings with passengers about restoring service. There is deteriorating pavement along several track segments including on West Portal between 14th and 15th Avenues.

12. Awarding Contract No. SFMTA-2020-61-FHWA to Arcadis U.S., for sole source procurement of software, equipment and related professional services to support the traffic safety pilot project Connected Vision Zero Corridor Proof of Concept Project, for an amount not to exceed \$1,514,492.20 and a term not to exceed 12 months, and accepting \$864,200 in gifts of in-kind services and equipment from Arcadis U.S., Inc. and its subcontractors. (Explanatory documents include a staff report,

resolution, contract and letters. The proposed action is the Approval Action as defined by the S.F. Administrative Code Chapter 31.)

Zahra Afrookhteh, Manager, Technology Portfolio, presented the item.

No public comment.

RESOLUTION 201103-094

On motion to approve:

ADOPTED: AYES – Borden, Brinkman, Eaken, Heminger, and Lai

RESOLUTION 201103-095

On motion to approve:

ADOPTED: AYES – Borden, Brinkman, Eaken, Heminger, and Lai

ADJOURN - The meeting was adjourned at 4:04 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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