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SAN FRANCISCO MUNICIPAL TRANSPORTATION AGENCY MULTIMODAL ACCESSIBILITY ADVISORY COMMITTEE

MINUTES OF REGULAR MEETING

Thursday, November 16, 2023

Held via Video Conference

Dial Toll Free: (888) 475-4499
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REGULAR MEETING
1:00 PM – 3:00 PM



ORDER OF BUSINESS

1) Call to Order

Meeting called to order at 1:06 pm

2) Attendance

See roll call.

3) Announcements from Members and City Staff

No announcements.

4) Acceptance of the Agenda

Ms. Seretan motioned, and Ms. Pulliam seconded the approval of the agenda. **Motion carried.**

5) Acceptance of Minutes from Previous Meeting

Mr. Seretan motioned, and Ms. Pulliam seconded the approval of the July Minutes. **Motion carried.**



6) Public Comment

None

7) Business of the Afternoon:

A) Treasure Island Autonomous Shuttle Pilot

Aliza Paz, SFCTA Project Manager for the Treasure Island AV Shuttle Pilot, provided an overview of effort to provide safe and accessible transportation while researching the viability of an autonomous vehicle shuttle.

The Pilot project began in August 2023 and will conclude in May 2024. The shuttle operates in a loop around the island from 9 am to 6 pm, Monday through Friday with an onboard safety attendant but otherwise requires little or no human involvement. Wheelchair users are accommodated on the shuttle. Public engagement is ongoing.

The research goals of the pilot are to understand the capabilities of autonomous vehicles as well as to understand perceptions of them. The project hopes to explore partnerships with workforce and economic development agencies.



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Mr. Williams asked for confirmation that this is a pilot project. Aliza Paz confirmed that it is and that the shuttle would cease to operate in May 2024. The 25 bus will continue operate on Treasure Island on the same route as the shuttle.

Mr. Hamada inquired about what would happen if the shuttle broke down on the Bay Bridge, and if it could be put in neutral to be towed. Aliza Paz noted that it does not run on the bridge and that a human attendant is always on board.

Ms. Seretan expressed support for providing a human attendant but was concerned that the AV shuttle service would not be permanent. She inquired about the availability of data on ridership by people using mobility aids. Aliza Paz noted that 3- and 9-month evaluations of ridership are planned.

Aliza Paz noted that a MAAC visit to Treasure Island to ride the shuttle can be arranged.

B) Member Recruitment

MAAC Chair Ms. Seretan presented her impressive, updated membership recruitment flyer and requested feedback. Mr. Rosen suggested that eliminating the background art would



make the flyer more readable. Ms. Seretan asked if any MAAC members would participate on an Outreach Subcommittee, and Ms. Pulliam and Mr. Rosen volunteered.

8) Other Business

The December MAAC meeting is cancelled.

9) Adjourn

Meeting adjourned at 2:00 pm. Motion to adjourn from Mr. Hamada, seconded by Mr. Rosen.