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

MINUTES

Tuesday, October 4, 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
Lee Hsu
Joél Ramos
Cristina Rubke

Edward D. Reiskin
DIRECTOR OF TRANSPORTATION

Roberta Boomer
SECRETARY

ORDER OF BUSINESS

1. Call to Order

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

2. Roll Call

Present: Cheryl Brinkman
Gwyneth Borden
Malcolm Heinicke
Lee Hsu
Tom Nolan
Joél Ramos
Cristina Rubke

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

Chairman Nolan 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

On motion to approve the minutes of the September 20, 2016 Regular Meeting: unanimously approved.

5. Communications

Board Secretary Boomer stated that Item 10.2 G to establish a car share vehicle space had been removed from the agenda at the request of staff.

6. Introduction of New or Unfinished Business by Board Members

Vice Chairman Brinkman asked staff to reach out to stakeholders prior to the removal of the bus bulb at Mission and 22nd St. Director Borden requested an update about issues of concern to Mission Corridor stakeholders.

7. Director’s Report (For discussion only)

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

Travis Fox, Chief Performance Officer, Finance and Information Technology recognized Tim Quayle, Principle Analyst, Performance and Business Support Team. Tom Maguire, Director, Sustainable Streets recognized Camron Samii, Director of Parking Enforcement; Maureen O'Brien, Parking Control Officer and Richard Ordon, Enforcement Supervisor.

John Haley, Director, Transit, recognized Adrian Monero, Automotive Mechanic and Aaron Posner, Associate Engineer, LRV4 Procurement.

Ed Reiskin, Director of Transportation, provided an update on Vision Zero efforts and projects and discussed a recent "Creativity and Innovation" award for pre-construction outreach for the Van Ness project; an Open House for the Van Ness and Polk Street projects; "Walk and Roll to School" day; escalator rehabilitation projects; and upcoming activities and events.

Director Rubke asked staff to over communicate about elevator and escalator outages and to include information about the nearest accessible exits.

PUBLIC COMMENT:

Herbert Weiner expressed concern about Vision Zero. There are cyclists riding on the sidewalk. Cyclists need to walk their bikes. Many incidents aren't reported and often cyclists are as dangerous as cars. Pedestrians have to be protected from all moving vehicles. This should be part of the presentation. A hip fracture could result in death.^[RK1]

Tone Lee stated that the SFMTA is no more than a well-organized transportation mafia. Parking Control Officers give tows and citations. San Francisco city streets are becoming a parking lot. Nobody on Second Street can make a left turn. Near AT&T stadium, there are a lot of bike lanes, and the City takes credit for being "green". Street signs aren't clear.

Tariq Mehmood stated that city streets are dark. It's hard for cars to see people walking on the street because the streets are dim and drivers can't see. People can't read street cleaning signs at night. The changes in the Castro and Mission don't work. Thousands of cars go into the opposite lane to drive when someone has double parked and blocked a lane.

Tom Gilberti stated that they are trying to put concrete islands wherever the light rail vehicles stop. He wondered if those stops would be accessible. He also wondered if there were escalators for wheelchairs and whether elevators would be part of the stations themselves. In the stations there is information about when the next vehicle is arriving. Those signs should tell people whether the elevator and escalator is working.

8. Citizens' Advisory Council Report

No report.

9. Public Comment

Brittany Stonesifer stated that SFMTA doesn't track tickets by race, gender or nationality. In traffic courts, blacks get 70% of the license suspensions because they can't afford to pay for tickets.

Traffic debt traps people into poverty. Citations for fare evasion for people living below the poverty line can be devastating and drive people deeper into debt.

Avni Desai stated that she is part of a “debt free San Francisco” to end systemic barriers that keep people in poverty. Muni debt is making it harder for people. She urged the SFMTA to reduce fine amounts, establish meaningful alternatives for people living below minimum wage and allow them to participate in community service.

Herbert Weiner stated that decisions of the Board balancing all factors and parties are tilted in favor of certain groups consistently. There is hardly any dissenting votes on the board. This is not equity. The SFMTA has the same obligations as firefighters have to serve everybody. The horrendous decision on the L Taraval will hurt the most vulnerable and was a public disservice.

Tone Lee stated that they had previously asked the SFMTA not to lease medallions but the agency continues to lease them. This isn't fair. The SFMTA is rubber stamping items from the Taxi Division which frequently misleads the Board. Taxi drivers must go through a color scheme but there are over 40,000 transportation Network Company vehicles that don't go through a color scheme. A lot of cities don't have color schemes. Cab drivers are upset and one had a stroke last week.

Tariq Mehmood discussed Flywheel meters. People are wondering where their money is. The devices freeze multiple times and drivers have to wait to get them fixed. The Flywheel devices don't work and the fares get lost.

Tom Gilberti stated that he went to the Hardly Strictly Bluegrass festival and caught an 8700 series bus home. It was a treat. It was quiet and he likes the way the seats are arranged. The other buses rattle and will be dangerous for drivers. The determination to save two to three minutes of travel time is pushing more stress onto transit operators. Trying to stay on time in traffic is stressful.

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. Jason Young vs. CCSF, Superior Ct. #CGC15546049 filed on 2/9/16 for \$27,500

RESOLUTION 16-135

(10.2) Approving the following traffic modifications:

- A. ESTABLISH – RESIDENTIAL PERMIT PARKING AREA W, 2 HOUR PARKING, 8 AM TO 6 PM, MONDAY THROUGH FRIDAY, EXCEPT VEHICLES WITH W PERMITS – Potrero Avenue, eastside, between Mariposa Street and 18th Street.
- B. ESTABLISH – TOW AWAY NO PARKING ANY TIME – Sloat Boulevard, south side, from 75 feet to 100 feet east of Everglade Drive.
- C. ESTABLISH – BUS ZONE – Donahue Street, west side, from Innes Avenue to 100 feet northerly; and Donahue Street, east side, from Innes Avenue to 80 feet northerly.
- D. RESCIND – MUNI FLAG STOP – Innes Avenue, south side, west of Donahue Street.
- E. ESTABLISH – TOW AWAY NO STOPPING ANY TIME – 11th Street, west side, from 147 feet to 170 feet south of Market Street; 11th Street, west side, from 196 feet to 227 feet south of Market Street; and 11th Street, west side, from 262 feet to 325 feet south of Market Street.
- F. ESTABLISH – PARALLEL PARKING – 11th Street, west side, from 100 feet to 224 feet north of Mission Street.
- G. ESTABLISH – TOW-AWAY NO STOPPING EXCEPT PERMITTED CAR SHARE VEHICLES – 11th Street, east side, from 67 feet to 11 feet north of Mission Street.
- H. ESTABLISH – RED ZONE – 23rd Street, south side, from Arkansas Street to 25 feet westerly; 23rd Street, south side, from Arkansas Street to 60 feet easterly; and 23rd Street, south side, from west Arkansas Street curb line to 40 feet easterly.
- I. ESTABLISH – STOP SIGNS – 23rd Street, eastbound and westbound, at Arkansas Street.
- J. ESTABLISH – STOP SIGNS – 23rd Street, southbound and eastbound, at Dakota Street.
- K. ESTABLISH – RED ZONE – 23rd Street, south side, from 23rd Street/Dakota Street to 100 feet westerly.
- L. ESTABLISH – MUNI FLAG STOP – 23rd Street, south side, west of 23rd Street/Dakota St.
- M. RESCIND – MUNI FLAG STOP – Dakota Street, south side, east of 23rd Street.
- N. ESTABLISH – STOP SIGN – Watchman Street, westbound, at Missouri Street.
- O. ESTABLISH – RED ZONE – Missouri Street, west side, from Watchman Street to 65 feet southerly; Watchman Street, south side, from Missouri Street to 140 feet easterly; and Watchman Street, north side, from Missouri Street to 100 feet easterly. (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 G was removed from the agenda at the request of staff.

RESOLUTION 16-136

(10.3) Authorizing the Director to execute Contract No. 1292, 33 Stanyan Pole Replacement and Overhead Reconstruction Project - Phase 2, with Balfour Betty Infrastructure, in the amount of \$5,254,455.42, and for a term of 270 days. (Explanatory documents include a staff report, resolution and financial plan. The proposed action listed above is an Approval Action as defined by S.F. Administrative Code Chapter 31.)

RESOLUTION 16-137

(10.4) Authorizing the Director to execute the Second Amendment to Contract No. CS-162, Professional Support Services for the Job Order Contracting Program, with The Gordian Group to extend the term of the agreement by one year to October 2, 2017, at no additional cost. (Explanatory documents include a staff report, resolution and amendment.) (Explanatory documents include a staff report and resolution. The proposed action listed above is an Approval Action as defined by S.F. Administrative Code Chapter 31.)

RESOLUTION 16-138

On motion to approve the Consent Calendar (Item 10.2 G removed):

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

REGULAR CALENDAR

11. 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.

RECESS REGULAR MEETING AND CONVENE CLOSED SESSION

CLOSED SESSION

1. Call to Order

Chairman Nolan called the closed session to order at 2:09 p.m.

2. Roll Call

Present: Cheryl Brinkman
Gwyneth Borden
Malcolm Heinicke
Lee Hsu
Tom Nolan
Joél Ramos
Cristina Rubke

Also present: Ed Reiskin, Director of Transportation
Roberta Boomer, Board Secretary
Susan Cleveland-Knowles, Deputy City Attorney
Jonathan Yank, Deputy City Attorney
John Haley, Director, Transit

3. Pursuant to Government Code Sections 54956.9 (d) (2) and 54956.9(e) (2), and Administrative Code Section 67.10 (d) (2), the Municipal Transportation Agency Board of Directors will meet in closed session to discuss attorney-client matters in the following case(s):

CONFERENCE WITH LEGAL COUNSEL

Anticipated Litigation:

___ As defendant or X As plaintiff

ADJOURN CLOSED SESSION AND RECONVENE OPEN SESSION - The closed session was adjourned at 2:42 p.m.

12. Announcement of Closed Session.

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

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

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

ADJOURN - The meeting was adjourned at 2:43 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