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

MINUTES

Tuesday, November 1, 2016
Room 400, City Hall
1 Dr. Carlton B. Goodlett Place

**REGULAR MEETING
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

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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 – absent at Roll Call
Malcolm Heinicke – absent at Roll Call
Lee Hsu
Tom Nolan
Joél Ramos

Absent: Cristina Rubke – with notification

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 October 18, 2016 Regular Meeting: unanimously approved (Borden, Heinicke, Rubke - absent).

5. Communications

None.

6. Introduction of New or Unfinished Business by Board Members

Vice Chairman Brinkman requested an update on service animals riding on Muni as well as information regarding street changes being installed by the public.

Director Heinicke arrived.

7. Director’s Report (For discussion only)

- Update on Vision Zero
- Ongoing Activities

Ed Reiskin, Director of Transportation, presented an update on Vision Zero projects; Castro Shuttle Service and the N Judah shuttle.

Director Borden arrived.

No public comment.

8. Citizens' Advisory Council Report

No report.

9. Public Comment

Chris Kitze discussed the naming of the Chinatown Station. Chinatown is one of the real gems of San Francisco and is a real community. He stated that he knows people who were persecuted and had family killed as a result of practicing Falun Gong. Many Chinatown residents fled communism and are thankful to be safe. Chinatown is thankful to have the new subway station but not to name it after Rose Pak who was a representative of communist China. The station should be named after Chinatown.

Tina Ren stated that she does not want the Chinatown Station to be named after Rose Pak. Her family, who practices Falun Gong, were imprisoned or had to leave China. Naming the station after her would be a huge disaster, a shame, and dishonorable.

Michael Niktaris spoke about the naming of the Chinatown Station after Rose Pak. The persecution of Falun Gong has been going on in China for 17 years. It has seeped into American society. Rose Pak assisted the Chinese government in persecuting practitioners in the United States. He urged the Board not to name the station after Rose Pak. San Francisco has been a beacon of tolerance and equality.

Edward Mason discussed various commuter shuttle buses that operate at unauthorized stops in Noe Valley. They impede Muni and traffic. Some buses don't display the correct placards nor license plates. He questioned the integrity and discipline of the commuter shuttle bus program. He has reported issues multiple times that have not been resolved. (Mr. Mason provided a written statement which is included below.)

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Genentech and charter service SFO airporter operate at unauthorized stops – 24/Noe and Church/Market. Additional violations include operation on Church St – a residential street, double parking adjacent to a discontinued white zone and impeding Muni and traffic.

Genentech and SFO airporter violated the placard agreement. SFO-Airporter violation history include obtaining Placard 06-0002 for display on a vehicle displaying Texas license KO5-4303 that operated in Muni bus zones and on 3 ton restricted neighborhood streets. SFO-Airporter operated Florida registered vehicles 477 and 479 during December 2015 without California license plates and Muni bus zones. The integrity of the corporate commuter bus program is questioned.

Steve Ispas addressed the naming of the Chinatown Station after Rose Pak. He is strongly opposed. He condemns the persecution of Falun Gong and discussed the resolution about Falun Gong at the Board of Supervisors. The language and methods Ms. Pak used against the Falun Gong were the same as the ones used by the Chinese government.

Herbert Weiner stated that the SFMTA goes after parking stops and bus stops and he is disturbed about the termination of bus stops across San Francisco. The latest will be for bus rapid transit on Van Ness. Paratransit isn't the answer but is simply an argument of the SFMTA Board to blow off these concerns. It will create misery. Maybe the answer is to have more buses and to address the internal operation of the SFMTA to focus on late or missing buses. This Board is out of control.

Mari Eliza discussed the red lanes and how they have been expanded. The Mission St. red lanes have been problematic for some time and she wondered when the SFMTA would begin to work with the public.

Mark Gruberg stated that there is a proposal about the sale of taxi medallions that will come to the Board. It will open up medallion sales to anybody who wants to purchase one. The fixed price isn't one that anybody will want to pay. He provided information about current and previous medallion prices in various cities. Taxi trips in New York City are down by about nine percent.

Tom Gilberti stated that taxi drivers need restitution. Twenty-seven years ago there were no wheelchair ramp taxis. A driver will spend two or three minutes to assist a person in a wheelchair when there is no wheelchair lock-up. He wondered why the SFMTA doesn't alternate stops on the L Taraval. The bus noise is ridiculous. Chinatown station should be named after Chinatown. Some commuter shuttle buses take ten minutes to load.

Tad Tedesse stated that he has experienced a troubling occurrence that happens between himself and operators who don't let him board with his service animal. His service animal is registered and is sweet. There was a video taken by a passerby regarding an incident of a Muni operator who kicked him off a vehicle because the dog wasn't muzzled. He has complained numerous times. The operator wouldn't let him on even after he showed the dog's service papers. A Muni supervisor told him that he was correct.

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. Amco Insurance vs. CCSF, Superior Ct. #CGC15548461 filed on 10/15/15 for \$1,000
- B. Leonard Freeman vs. CCSF, Superior Ct. #CGC14542788 filed on 11/19/14 for \$15,000

RESOLUTION 16-147

(10.2) Approving the following traffic modifications:

- A. ESTABLISH – NO PARKING ANYTIME – ESTABLISH – SIDEWALK WIDENING – 23rd Street, north side, from 3rd Street to 43 feet westerly; 23rd Street, north side, from Tennessee Street to 20 feet easterly; and Tennessee Street, east side, from 23rd Street to 83 feet northerly.
- B. ESTABLISH – NO PARKING ANYTIME – 23rd Street, south side, from 3rd Street to 43 feet westerly; 23rd Street, south side, from Tennessee Street to 40 feet easterly; and Tennessee Street, west side, from 23rd Street to 25 feet northerly.
- C. ESTABLISH – NO RIGHT TURN ON RED – Mission Street, northbound, at Acton Street.
- D. ESTABLISH – TOW-AWAY NO STOPPING ANYTIME – Divisadero Street, east side, between Fell Street and Oak Street.
- E. ESTABLISH – NO PARKING ANYTIME – Moscow Street, west side, from Excelsior Avenue to 27 feet southerly.
- F. ESTABLISH – RESIDENTIAL PERMIT PARKING AREA Q, 2 HOUR PARKING, 8 AM TO 6 PM, MONDAY THROUGH FRIDAY, EXCEPT VEHICLES WITH AREA Q PERMITS – Page Street, both sides, between Lyon Street and Central Avenue (1300 block).
- G. ESTABLISH – RESIDENTIAL PERMIT PARKING ELIGIBILITY, AREA S – Unit block of Buena Vista East, between Haight Street and Waller Street.
- H. ESTABLISH – RED ZONE – Ocean Avenue, north side, from Manor Drive to 25 feet easterly.
- I. ESTABLISH – RED ZONE – Portola Drive, north side, at San Pablo Avenue, from crosswalk to 60 feet easterly.
- J. ESTABLISH – STOP SIGN – Alvarado Street, westbound, at Diamond Street.
- K. ESTABLISH – BUS ZONE – Union Street, north side, from Hyde Street to 98 feet easterly.
- L. RESCIND – BUS ZONE – Union Street, south side, from 80 feet to 98 feet east of Larkin Street.
- M. RESCIND – BLUE ZONE – Brannan Street, south side, from 8 feet to 25 feet east of 8th Street.
- N. ESTABLISH – BLUE ZONE – Brannan Street, south side, from 34 feet to 60 feet east of 8th Street.
- O. RESCIND – PART TIME BUS STOP, 7 AM TO 11 AM, 4 PM TO 8 PM – Brannan Street, south side, from 25 feet to 108 feet east of 8th Street.
- P. ESTABLISH – BUS STOP – Brannan Street, south side, from 166 to 255 feet east of 8th Street.
- Q. ESTABLISH – TOW AWAY, NO PARKING ANYTIME – 8th Street, east side, from 24 feet to 38 feet south of Brannan Street; Brannan Street, south side, from 8 feet to 34 feet east of 8th Street; and 7th Street, west side, from 8 feet to 23 feet south of Brannan Street.
- R. RESCIND – TOW AWAY, NO PARKING ANYTIME – Brannan Street, south side, from 108 feet to 166 feet east of 8th Street; Brannan Street, south side, from 255 feet to 407 feet east of 8th Street; Brannan Street, south side, from 230 feet to 342 feet west of 7th Street; and Brannan Street, south side, from 20 feet to 148 feet west of 7th Street.
- S. RESCIND – GENERAL METERED PARKING, 9 AM TO 6 PM, MONDAY THROUGH

SATURDAY – South Park Street, north side, from 104 feet to 109 feet east of 3rd Street; and South Park Street, south side, from 105 feet to 123 feet east of 3rd Street.

- T. RESCIND – RESIDENTIAL PERMIT PARKING AREA U, 2 HOUR PARKING, 8 AM TO 10 PM, EVERYDAY, EXCEPT VEHICLES WITH AREA U PERMITS – South Park Street, north side, from 109 feet to 161 feet east of 3rd Street; South Park Street, north side of median, from 151 feet to 181 feet east of 3rd Street; South Park Street, south side of median, from 151 feet to 166 feet east of 3rd Street; South Park Street, south side, from 125 feet to 161 feet east of 3rd Street; South Park Street, north side, from Jack London Alley to 20 feet easterly; South Park Street, north side of median, at intersection of Jack London Alley; South Park Street, south side of median, at intersection of Jack London Alley; South Park Street, south side, from Jack London Alley to 20 feet westerly; Jack London Alley, east side, from South Park Street to 20 feet southerly; and South Park Street, south side of median, from 151 feet to 186 feet west of 2nd Street.
- U. ESTABLISH – TOW AWAY, NO PARKING ANYTIME – South Park Street, north side, from 104 feet to 161 feet east of 3rd Street; South Park Street, north side of median, from 151 feet to 181 feet east of 3rd Street; South Park Street, south side of median, from 151 feet to 166 feet east of 3rd Street; South Park Street, south side, from 85 feet to 123 feet east of 3rd Street; South Park Street, south side, from 125 feet to 161 feet east of 3rd Street; South Park Street, north side, from Jack London Alley to 20 feet easterly; South Park Street, north side of median, at intersection of Jack London Alley; South Park Street, south side of median, at intersection of Jack London Alley; South Park Street, south side, from Jack London Alley to 20 feet westerly; Jack London Alley, east side, from South Park Street to 20 feet southerly; South Park Street, south side of median, from 151 feet to 186 feet west of 2nd Street; and South Park Street, south side, from 123 feet to 137 feet west of 2nd Street. (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 16-148

On motion to approve the Consent Calendar:

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

ABSENT - Rubke

REGULAR CALENDAR

11. Presentation and discussion regarding the progress of the Muni Service Equity Strategy. (Explanatory documents include a slide presentation.)

Julie Kirschbaum, Manager, Operations Support, presented the item.

PUBLIC COMMENT:

Members of the public expressing support: Bob Allen

Members of the public expressing opposition: Herbert Weiner

12. Approving the SFMTA's 2016 Title VI Program Update, and the results of the required system-wide monitoring of service standards and policies. (Explanatory documents include a staff report, resolution and program update.)

Kathleen Sakelaris, Manager, Regulatory Affairs; Julie Kirschbaum, Manager, Operations Support and Candace Sue, Director, Communications presented the item.

PUBLIC COMMENT:

Members of the public expressing opposition: Herbert Weiner

Members of the public expressing support: Tom Gilberti

Chairman Nolan requested information about doing outreach in Braille.

RESOLUTION 16-149

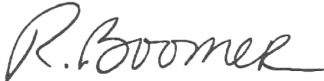
On motion to approve:

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

ABSENT - Rubke

ADJOURN - The meeting was adjourned at 2:53 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