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**SAN FRANCISCO
MUNICIPAL TRANSPORTATION AGENCY
CITIZENS' ADVISORY COUNCIL**

MINUTES

**Thursday, March 3, 2016
Room 7080, Union Square Conference Room
1 South Van Ness Avenue, 7th Floor**

**REGULAR MEETING
5:30 P.M.**

COUNCIL MEMBERS

**Daniel Weaver (Chair), Daniel Murphy (Vice Chair), Neil Ballard, Mark Ballew,
Steve Cornell, Joan Downey, Steve Taber, Alex Reese, Susan Vaughan,
Dorris Vincent, Roland Wong, and Frank Zepeda**

**COUNCIL LIAISON
Roberta Boomer**

**COUNCIL SECRETARY
Keka Robinson-Luqman**

ORDER OF BUSINESS

1. Call to Order

Chairman Weaver called the meeting to order at 5:32 p.m.

2. Roll Call

CAC members present at Roll Call: Neil Ballard, Mark Ballew, Stephen Cornell, Daniel Murphy,
Steve Taber, Susan Vaughan, Daniel Weaver, and Roland Wong

CAC members absent at Roll Call: Joan Downey, Alex Reese, and Dorris Vincent

CAC members absent: Frank Zepeda (with notification)

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

CAC Staff Liaison Boomer made the announcement.

4. Approval of Minutes

No public comment.

On motion to approve the minutes of February 4, 2016:

ADOPTED: AYES – Neil Ballard, Mark Ballew, Stephen Cornell, Daniel Murphy, Steve
Taber, Susan Vaughan, Daniel Weaver, and Roland Wong

ABSENT – Joan Downey, Alex Reese Dorris, Vincent, and Frank Zepeda

5. Report of the Chair (For discussion only)

No report.

6. Public Comment.

John Abraham stated that he has a permanent disability card and uses Muni a lot. One day he forgot his card and his choice was either to get off the bus, get the card, and then wait for another bus, or risk a citation. He took the chance and was cited. The experience was like the fare gestapo. Transit Fare Inspectors should carry a list of Muni riders with permanent disability cards.

Joan Downey arrived at 5:35 p.m.

Edward Mason reported on corporate commuter buses. Last month, buses aligned with the major and minor arterials. There were 57 buses in one hour on Valencia. If a bus company wanted to open a business, it would require an environmental impact report. For the last three years, traffic on Mission has been completely blocked because of the St. Patrick's Day parade. Consequently, the 14 line, SamTrans, and Golden Gate Transit were blocked. It took 1

½ hours to get from 5th and Mission to City Hall. He believes there hasn't been attention paid to traffic flow on Mission when there's a parade on Market.

REGULAR CALENDAR

7. Presentation, discussion and possible action regarding Super Bowl 50. (Candace Sue, Director, Communications)

Candace Sue reviewed Super Bowl 50. It was the largest event SFMTA has ever handled. There were many people involved in the planning and implementation. The goals were to; 1) get people to and from the event and; 2) make sure everyone else could get around safely and securely. Subway ridership was 50% higher. Muni carried over 500,000 riders on the Saturday before Super Bowl. The Super Bowl Host Committee said service was flawless. There were no significant service problems. The City spent a lot of time thinking about people with disabilities, thanks to the CAC. There was tremendous cross functional, intra-agency cooperation.

Alex Reese arrived at 5:47 p.m.

Dorris Vincent arrived at 6:05 p.m.

Sue Vaughan requested the number of SFMTA staff who volunteered and how many hours they worked.

Neil Ballard requested Super bowl 50 ridership statistics from regional transit providers.

PUBLIC COMMENT:

Edward Mason discussed the cost accounting of labor and direct or indirect costs. He wants to know if there are timesheets to account for staff time.

Motion 160303.01

The SFMTA CAC recommends that additional Hotel Tax revenue raised during Super Bowl 50 be appropriated through the general fund to the SFMTA to cover the net loss to the SFMTA for Super Bowl 50 Event expenditures.

On motion to approve:

ADOPTED: AYES – Neil Ballard, Mark Ballew, Stephen Cornell, Joan Downey, Daniel Murphy, Alex Reese, Steve Taber, Susan Vaughan, Dorris Vincent, Daniel Weaver and Roland Wong

ABSENT – Frank Zepeda

Motion 160303.02

The SFMTA Citizens' Advisory Council extends its appreciation and thanks for the well thought out transit and traffic plan which was successfully executed for the Super Bowl 50 street event during the last week of January and first two weeks of February. Our thanks extend to the Transportation Management Center, Parking Control Officers and the Transit Services division, all of whom worked diligently to keep traffic moving, Muni vehicles running and the tens of thousands of pedestrians safe.

On motion to approve:

ADOPTED: AYES – Neil Ballard, Mark Ballew, Stephen Cornell, Joan Downey, Daniel Murphy, Alex Reese, Steve Taber, Susan Vaughan, Dorris Vincent, Daniel Weaver and Roland Wong

ABSENT – Frank Zepeda

8. Presentation, discussion and possible action regarding a quarterly report on Vision Zero. (Mari Hunter, Senior Transportation Planner)

Mari Hunter presented a report about the accomplishments in 2015 and the future work plan for Vision Zero. The SFMTA Board of Directors called for completing 24 projects in 24 months. Vision Zero delivered ahead of schedule, completing 30 projects in 24 months. The action plan calls for 13 miles of improvements per year, which was completed early. Vision Zero delivered on a number of projects; completed safety projects around schools, bike lanes, and crosswalks; and launched the large vehicle training video. She stated that they plan to launch an anti-speed campaign before the start of the school year and identify opportunities to get the word out about Vision Zero.

Mark Ballew requested a presentation about Market Street light retiming for a future OCSC committee meeting.

PUBLIC COMMENT:

Edward Mason recommended that the traffic fatality numbers be deconstructed. They should identify criminal activity and where a fatality was due to the person killed. They should also break the number down by time of day the fatality occurred. He said classifying them this way will result in a more accurate accounting.

9. Presentation, discussion and possible action regarding the FY17 and FY18 Capital and Operating budgets. (Sonali Bose, Director, Finance and Information Technology)

Sonali Bose reviewed the budget schedule and revenue and expenditure options. There is a 1% shortfall for this budget cycle. Revenues are increasing but not at the same rate as expenditures. Expenditures are mostly related to labor, salaries, and benefits. Ms. Bose

reviewed expenditures that are in the base budget and that are not in the base budget. The SFMTA is continuing the “Free Muni” program and has included automatic indexing for fares, fees, and fines. Ms. Bose discussed proposed revenue sources, the status of work orders and the capital budget.

PUBLIC COMMENT:

Edward Mason stated that he heard that city departments were asked to reduce their budgets and that there’s a deficit in San Francisco’s pension funds. Mr. Mason would like to know how the SFMTA fits into the City’s pension fund program.

10. Presentation, discussion and possible action regarding the Finance and Administration (FAC) report and recommendations.

Alex Reese, Chair, FAC, discussed the February meeting. A resolution regarding Phase III of the Central Subway was passed which will be on the next CAC agenda. At the next FAC meeting, there will be a presentation about the budget and the increased cost of workers compensation.

No public comment.

11. Presentation, discussion and possible action regarding the Operations and Customer Service Committee (OCSC) report and recommendations.

Mark Ballew, Chair, OCSC reviewed the topics discussed and recommendations.

PUBLIC COMMENT:

Edward Mason stated that there’s an annual telephone survey done. He questioned how the number of Muni riders vs. car drivers is determined.

CAC Motion 160303.03 (OCSC Motion 160209.01)

The SFMTA CAC recommends that the SFMTA create a survey for people who don’t ride Muni to be done at the same time as the Muni customer satisfaction survey.

On motion to approve:

ADOPTED: AYES – Neil Ballard, Mark Ballew, Stephen Cornell, Joan Downey, Daniel Murphy, Alex Reese, Steve Taber, Susan Vaughan, Dorris Vincent, Daniel Weaver, and Roland Wong

ABSENT – Frank Zepeda

CAC Motion 160303.04 (OCSC Motion 160209.02)

The SFMTA CAC urges that, in the future, proposals for temporary street closures for major events over 72 hours, especially for private parties such as the Super Bowl 50, be subjected to greater scrutiny and necessitate approval by the SFMTA Board of Directors and other policy making bodies and in particular, such events should be subject to more thorough environmental review. The SFMTA CAC urges that the SFMTA be involved in the siting of major events to minimize disruption of muni service.

On motion to approve:

ADOPTED: AYES – Neil Ballard, Mark Ballew, Stephen Cornell, Joan Downey, Daniel Murphy, Alex Reese, Steve Taber, Susan Vaughan, Dorris Vincent, Daniel Weaver, and Roland Wong
ABSENT – Frank Zepeda

CAC Motion 160303.05 (OCSC Motion 160209.03)

The SFMTA CAC recommends that the SFMTA Capital Plan prioritization criteria give a substantially greater weight to reduction in travel time, and that travel time be measured as total passenger travel time and not as vehicle speed.

ADOPTED: AYES – Neil Ballard, Mark Ballew, Stephen Cornell, Joan Downey, Daniel Murphy, Alex Reese, Steve Taber, Susan Vaughan, Dorris Vincent, Daniel Weaver, and Roland Wong
ABSENT – Frank Zepeda

12. Council Member Comment and Information and Agenda Item Requests. (For discussion only)

Joan Downey stated that the buses on Geary run every two minutes. She requested information regarding how adding transit preferential signals will work if buses are coming so often.

Alex Reese requested an update on the radio replacement project.

Dorris Vincent wants to know the plan for the 19 Polk running from the shipyard.

Sue Vaughan requested the total number of shuttle companies with permits to operate shuttles in public bus stops and white zones as of March 1, 2016.

Sue Vaughan requested the number of collisions over the past five years, broken down by number of injuries or fatalities.

PUBLIC COMMENT:

Edward Mason endorsed city departments coming together to work on a transit plan. He believes it is better to get the entire city to buy in on a plan from the start.

ADJOURN – The meeting was adjourned at 8:20 p.m.

Submitted by:
Roberta Boomer
SFMTA CAC – Staff Liaison

Next meeting: Thursday, March 24th at 5:30 p.m.
1 South Van Ness Avenue, 7th Floor, Union Square Conference Room, # 7080