

**SAN FRANCISCO
MUNICIPAL TRANSPORTATION AGENCY
BOARD OF DIRECTORS
POLICY AND GOVERNANCE COMMITTEE**

MINUTES

Friday, June 21, 2013
1 South Van Ness Ave. 7th Floor
Union Square Conference Room

**REGULAR MEETING
9:00 A.M.**

COMMITTEE
Jerry Lee, Chairman
Cheryl Brinkman
Joél Ramos

Edward D. Reiskin
DIRECTOR OF TRANSPORTATION

Roberta Boomer
BOARD SECRETARY

ORDER OF BUSINESS

1. Call to Order

The meeting was called to order by Chairman Lee at 9:00 a.m.

2. Roll Call

Present: Cheryl Brinkman
Jerry Lee
Joél Ramos

3. Approval of Minutes

On motion to approve the minutes of the May 17, 2013 Regular Meeting: unanimously approved.

4. Public Comment

None.

5. Presentation, discussion and possible action regarding key metrics and actions for SFMTA Strategic Plan Goal 1: Create a safer transportation experience for everyone. (Explanatory documents include a report.)

- Safety Report

Ed Reiskin, Director of Transportation, presented the Strategic Plan report.

PUBLIC COMMENT:

Edward Mason discussed Muni-related crimes and asked if there was a way to show the absolute number.

6. Presentation, discussion and possible action regarding key metrics and actions for SFMTA Strategic Plan Goal 2: Make transit, walking, bicycling, taxi, ridesharing and carsharing the most attractive and preferred means of travel. (Explanatory documents include a report.)

- Operations Report

No public comment.

- Polk Streetscape Project

Luis Montoya, Livable Streets, reviewed the Polk Street Streetscape project options.

PUBLIC COMMENT:

Dale Mortensen stated that doctors are concerned about the loss of parking, especially for elderly or disabled patients.

Phoebe Douglas stated that cyclists have to watch for car doors, cars and potholes, not to mention speeding cyclists. She would like to see a separated bikeway. While she understands the merchants' concerns, she added that everyone has to adapt. She prefers option C and noted that the impact of the Van Ness Bus Rapid Transit project on Polk St. needs to be discussed.

David Curiel stated that he rides to his work on Polk St. every day and does all of his shopping on Polk Street. Merchants need to know that cyclists support Polk St. merchants. He noted that he feels vulnerable on Polk St. every day and urged the committee to consider the safety of having a separate cycle track.

Edward Mason asked about the cost differential for paving Polk St. versus adding other amenities. He also inquired as to the funding mechanism.

Stephanie Chang discussed the need to accommodate those who drive. Parking is already extremely difficult or nearly impossible and it makes people late for medical appointments. There also needs to be accommodation for people coming from outside the neighborhood and/or city. Neighbors walk, use transit or cycle. Taking one lane of parking eliminates parking by 50 percent.

Kelly McCune urged the committee to support strong safety alternatives for pedestrians and cyclists.

Dawn Trent discussed moving parking on streets within one block of Polk St. Parking is okay if the street is flat but often they are steep which makes parking difficult. The grade of the street isn't shown in diagrams.

Winston Parsons stated that the design of public roads impacts everyone. The SFMTA should have a broad lens to consider others in the region and the impact on future generations. Often opposition is based on the fear of change.

- Policies for Federal Civil Rights Title VI

Julie Kirschbaum, Manager, Operations Scheduling and Service, presented the item.

No public comment.

7. Presentation, discussion and possible action regarding key metrics and actions for SFMTA Strategic Plan Goal 3: Improve the environment and quality of life in San Francisco. (Explanatory documents include a report.)

- Financial Report

No public comment.

- Accessible parking update

Ed Reiskin presented the item.

PUBLIC COMMENT:

Al Winston stated that his grandmother would have preferred to take Muni but he had to drive her due to the lack of access. There may be some pushback on some of the recommendations but many in the accessible community would benefit.

8. Presentation, discussion and possible action regarding key metrics and actions for SFMTA Strategic Plan Goal 4: Create a collaborative environment to support delivery of outstanding service. (Explanatory documents include a report.)

No public comment.

ADJOURN – The meeting adjourned at 12: 09 p.m.

Submitted by:

Roberta Boomer
Board Secretary

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