



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

MINUTES

Tuesday, May 7, 2019
Room 400, City Hall
1 Dr. Carlton B. Goodlett Place

**REGULAR MEETING AND CLOSED SESSION
1 P.M.**

SFMTA BOARD OF DIRECTORS

Malcolm Heinicke, Chairman
Gwyneth Borden, Vice Chairman
Cheryl Brinkman
Amanda Eaken
Cristina Rubke
Art Torres

Edward D. Reiskin
DIRECTOR OF TRANSPORTATION

Roberta Boomer
SECRETARY

ORDER OF BUSINESS

1. Call to Order

Chair Heinicke called the meeting to order at 1:05 p.m.

2. Roll Call

Present: Gwyneth Borden
Amanda Eaken
Malcolm Heinicke
Cristina Rubke
Art Torres

Absent: Cheryl Brinkman – with notification

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

Board Secretary Boomer announced that the ringing of and use of cell phones, pagers and similar sound-producing electronic devices are prohibited at the meeting. She 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. She 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

No public comment.

On motion to approve the minutes of the April 16, 2019 Regular Meeting and April 23, 2019 Special Closed Session: unanimously approved (Brinkman - absent).

5. Communications

Board Secretary Boomer stated that the students who are coming for Item 12 will be arriving closer to 4 pm than 3:30 pm.

6. Introduction of New or Unfinished Business by Board Members

None.

7. Director’s Report (For discussion only)

- Special Recognition
- Update on Vision Zero

- Update on transit service
- Ongoing Activities

Tom Maguire, Director, Sustainable Streets recognized Alan San Martin and Eugene Bulkin, Transit Fare Inspectors.

Julie Kirschbaum, acting Director, Transit, recognized Scott Broder, Senior Manager, Mechanical Systems and Tank Program.

Julie Kirschbaum, acting Director, Transit reviewed recent Muni service issues and recognized the Overhead Lines team for their work to restore service in the tunnel.

Director Torres requested the California Public Utility Commission's most recent triennial audit.

Tom Maguire, Director, Sustainable Streets reviewed Vision Zero efforts and recent fatalities.

Vice Chair Borden requested information regarding enforcement citations.

Ed Reiskin, Director of Transportation discussed an upcoming 16th St. Station shutdown, moving the Overhead Lines Division to a new facility, SFMTA's recent award as "employer of the year" for apprenticeship programs, and Bike to Work day on May 9.

PUBLIC COMMENT:

Herbert Weiner said that the disaster that occurred in the tunnel was due to a flawed communication command and control center that the public has no knowledge of. There is poor communication with the public that has to be better. The Director of Transportation has been the victim of this whole process. Mr. Weiner stated that he doesn't agree with some of Mr. Reiskin's decisions, but Mr. Reiskin has fallen on his sword. Management plans unrealistically. The Board has to be more critical when it questions management and it needs more teeth. He urged cyclists to not ride through traffic signs or on the sidewalk.

Robert Cesana questioned how many people on the Board walk in San Francisco. The sidewalks are too congested with sign boards and cyclists. The Board must put a speed limit on wheelchairs going two or three times the speed that people walk. The Board must cite cyclists, skateboarders, and roller bladers who are riding on the sidewalk. The sidewalk is for pedestrians and wheelchairs.

Christopher Pederson discussed a problem with Muni drivers. Unless drivers are better managed, Muni will lose even more riders. People were taken off a bus recently because a driver's shift had ended and there wasn't a replacement driver. These occurrences are city wide and are alienating a lot of people.

Roan Kattouw discussed expediting projects. The agency should do what Portland did and get rid of parking spaces downtown. The Board should empower staff, give them goals, and let them do their thing.

Barry Taranto discussed the intersection at Sutter and Divisadero. If people drive carefully, the intersection is safe. He watches Uber and Lyft drivers cutting corners and making illegal, dangerous turns. There is a lot of cowboy activity and they should be ticketed until they get the message. The Police Department should add more motorcycle cops who go where the SFMTA says the problems are.

Charles Deffarges stated that traffic fatalities continue to be bad this year. He expressed support for the 90-day action plan and for a list of quick build projects. The agency should consider private automobile restrictions, needs to engineer streets that preclude known, fatal behaviors, and include aggressive engineering decisions in pilot programs.

Mike Spain discussed enforcement. This includes driver education. People have been ticketed for left turn violations but they keep doing it so that won't be a solution to the zero fatality program. Pedestrians are the biggest violators of the "do not walk" sign. They're ignoring it or are on their cell phone. People walk against the light. The public must be educated as well as people who ride bikes and blast through a traffic sign or signal.

8. Citizens' Advisory Council Report

No report.

9. Public Comment

Herbert Weiner stated that the composition of the SFMTA Board should change and include a motorist, a pedestrian, a Muni driver, and a cyclist. There needs to be broader representation on the Board as it doesn't represent the sentiments of the public. The Board needs to be more watchful and critical. He urged cyclists not to ride on the sidewalk on Bike to Work day nor run through signals. If they do, they should be cited.

Robert Cesana requested a "time out" for the fight between taxis and the Board. He asked the Board to waive the fees for this year's medallions and get an arbitrator to weigh in on the problems between the taxis and the City. People over 65 won't get into autonomous vehicles nor Ubers because they may be extinct by then. In Australia, the government is buying the taxi medallions because they don't know what else to do.

Barry Taranto stated that there are more "no left turns" which makes it a problem for taxi drivers to deliver service. Taxi drivers should be exempt from these restrictions. There are issues at the airport. At the end of the week, the report on the new procedures should be out. The only people who benefit are the medallion holders. The wait times aren't shorter and cab drivers have to pay higher lease fees to the companies. The program needs to be tweaked.

Roan Kattouw discussed turn restrictions on Market Street. It's been a tumultuous few weeks. Private cars don't belong on Market Street and should be banned. They slow transit and endanger pedestrians.

Mike Spain discussed problems with slowing traffic due to safety enhancements. These are slowing traffic to a greater extent than Uber or Lyft. The City shuts down when something happens on a bridge, which makes people drive more aggressively. The City's policies are making things more dangerous. The industry is expecting a report on the taxi changes at the airport. It was due in 90 days. This should be scheduled as an action item.

Tom Gilberti expressed support for Ed Reiskin and regret for his resignation. He is experiencing problems with noisy buses and buses without wheelchair locks. If a driver has to strap him down, the bus loses time. All stops on Van Ness should be restored. He expressed disappointment with what happened with the taxi industry.

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) Approving the following traffic modifications:

- A. ESTABLISH WHITE ZONE, ACCESSIBLE PASSENGER LOADING, AT ALL TIMES - 30 Van Ness Avenue, east side, from 103 feet to 142 feet south of Fell Street, replacing metered stall no. 20 and one Blue Zone.
- B. ESTABLISH METERED YELLOW ZONES, 6-WHEEL COMMERCIAL LOADING, 30-MINUTE TIME LIMIT, 7AM TO 6PM, MONDAY THROUGH SATURDAY - 582 Washington Street, north side, from 5 feet to 53 feet west of Hotaling Place, at reconfigured metered stall no. 532 and new stall no. 530, replacing a non-compliant Blue Zone.
- C. ESTABLISH BLUE ZONE, DISABLED PARKING ONLY, AT ALL TIMES - 710 Montgomery Street, east side, from 16 feet to 36 feet north of crosswalk at Columbus Avenue.
- D. ESTABLISH BLUE ZONE, DISABLED PARKING ONLY, AT ALL TIMES - 1195 York Street, east side, from 2 feet to 22 feet north of 24th Street, replacing metered stall #1197.
- E. ESTABLISH BLUE ZONE, DISABLED PARKING ONLY, AT ALL TIMES - 1500 Noriega Street, north side, from 12 feet to 24 feet west of 22nd Street.
- F. ESTABLISH BLUE ZONE, DISABLED PARKING ONLY, AT ALL TIMES, VAN ACCESSIBLE - 2450 22nd Street, north side, from 6 feet to 15 feet west of the mid-block crosswalk.

- G. ESTABLISH – TOW-AWAY, NO STOPPING EXCEPT PERMITTED CAR SHARE VEHICLES – Fell Street, south side, from 50 feet to 90 feet east of Laguna Street.
- H. ESTABLISH – RESIDENTIAL PERMIT PARKING AREA Z – ESTABLISH – 2-HOUR PARKING, 8 AM TO 6 PM, MONDAY THROUGH FRIDAY, EXCEPT VEHICLES WITH AREA Z PERMIT - Jersey Street, both sides, between Dolores Street and Church Street.
- I. ESTABLISH – STOP SIGN – Woodland Avenue, northbound, at Parnassus Avenue.
- J. ESTABLISH – STOP SIGNS – Rhode Island Street, northbound and southbound, at Alameda St.
- K. ESTABLISH – STOP SIGN – Oakwood Street, northbound, at 18th Street.
- L. RESCIND – TOW-AWAY, NO STOPPING EXCEPT PERMITTED CAR SHARE VEHICLES – Laguna Street, west side, from 25 feet to 65 feet north of Post Street.
- M. ESTABLISH – TOW-AWAY, NO STOPPING EXCEPT PERMITTED CAR SHARE VEHICLES - Post Street, south side, from 100 feet to 138 feet east of Laguna Street.
- N. ESTABLISH – LEFT LANE MUST TURN LEFT – Sutter Street, westbound, at Webster 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 190507-046

On motion to approve:

ADOPTED: AYES – Borden, Brinkman, Eaken, Heinicke, Rubke, and Torres

(10.2) Renaming the UCSF Mission Bay platform stop as the “UCSF/Chase Center (16th Street)” stop; and authorizing the Director to execute an agreement with GSW Arena, LLC and the Regents of the University of California in an amount not to exceed \$140,000. (Explanatory documents include a staff report, policy, agreement and resolution.)

RESOLUTION 190507-047

No public comment.

On motion to approve the Consent Calendar:

ADOPTED: AYES – Borden, Eaken, Heinicke, Rubke, and Torres

ABSENT - Brinkman

REGULAR CALENDAR

11. Presentation and discussion regarding Muni Forward projects. (Explanatory documents include a slide presentation.)

Sean Kennedy, Manager, Transit Planning, presented the item.

PUBLIC COMMENT:

Herbert Weiner stated that four decades ago, Muni covered the city comprehensively but the buses were missing and broken. It's the same problem as exists today. The Muni Forward program doesn't address that. There is less service to the public. Despite the billions of money spent, the results will be the same. Some of the bus stops should be restored, such as the one at Spruce and Geary. Seniors and people with disabilities have gotten a raw deal out of this. They have to walk a quarter of a mile to get to a bus stop. It's unforgivable cruelty.

Christopher Pederson stated that he is a fan of the Muni Forward program but is concerned about how long projects take to implement. Some projects take time to design and fund but there are some elements that could be implemented quicker and without great expense. He expressed hope the SFMTA can do the easy, inexpensive stuff quicker. He also hopes the Board is reluctant to water down proposals such as at the outer segment of the 30 Stockton along North Point.

The Board convened the closed session.

SPECIAL ORDER – 3:30 pm

12. Presentation and discussion by Lowell High School students regarding a proposal for a 29 Sunset Rapid. (No explanatory documents.)

Petra Cardoso and Kaitlyn Evangelista, students at Lowell High School, presented the item.

Chair Heinicke asked staff to work with the students and report back to the board.

No public comment.

PUBLIC COMMENT:

13. Discussion and vote pursuant to Administrative Code Section 67.10(d) as to whether to invoke the attorney-client privilege and conduct a closed session conference with legal counsel.

On motion to invoke the attorney-client privilege: unanimously approved (Brinkman-absent).

RECESS REGULAR MEETING AND CONVENE CLOSED SESSION

CLOSED SESSION

1. Call to Order

Chair Heinicke called the closed session to order at 3:28 p.m.

2. Roll Call

Present: Gwyneth Borden
Amanda Eaken
Malcolm Heinicke
Cristina Rubke
Art Torres

Absent: Cheryl Brinkman – with notification

Also present: Ed Reiskin, Director of Transportation
Roberta Boomer, Board Secretary
Susan Cleveland-Knowles, Deputy City Attorney
Julie Kirschbaum, acting Director, Transit
Katie Porter, Deputy City Attorney
Candace Sue, Director, Communications
Tom Maguire, Director, Sustainable Streets

3. Pursuant to Government Code Section 54956.9(d)(1) and the Administrative Code Section 67.8 (a)(3), the Municipal Transportation Agency Board of Directors will meet in Closed Session to discuss and take action on attorney-client matters on the following:

CONFERENCE WITH LEGAL COUNSEL

Existing Litigation:

Erica Wright vs. CCSF, Superior Ct. #CGC17556267 filed on 7/7/17 for \$120,000

RESOLUTION 190507-048

On motion to approve:

ADOPTED: AYES – Borden, Eaken, Heinicke, Rubke, and Torres

ABSENT - Brinkman

Bonnie Martz vs. CCSF, Superior Ct. #CGC17559038 filed on 5/18/17 for \$450,000

RESOLUTION 190507-049

On motion to approve:

ADOPTED: AYES – Borden, Eaken, Heinicke, Rubke, and Torres

ABSENT - Brinkman

Hale Guerra vs. CCSF, Superior Ct. #CGC19574719 filed on 3/22/19 for \$800,000

This case was continued to the May 21st meeting.

4. Pursuant to Government Code Section 54957.6(a) and Administrative Code Section 67.8, the Municipal Transportation Agency Board of Directors shall meet in closed session for:

CONFERENCE WITH LABOR NEGOTIATOR

CCSF Representative: Janie Richardson and/or her designees

Employee Organizations:

1. Transportation Workers Union Local 250-A
2. Transportation Workers Union Local 200
3. International Brotherhood of Electrical Workers Local 6
4. International Association of Machinists & Aerospace Workers Local 1414
5. Service Employees International Union Local 1021
6. Municipal Executives Association
7. Service Employees International Union City Wide Contract
8. The International Federation of Professional and Technical Engineers, Local 21

To discuss:

- Wages
- Hours
- Benefits
- Working Conditions
- Other

Also present: Janie Richardson, lead negotiator

Jonathan Rewers, Senior Manager, Budget Financial Planning and Analysis

ADJOURN CLOSED SESSION AND RECONVENE OPEN SESSION - The closed session was adjourned at 4:17 p.m.

14. Announcement of Closed Session.

Chair Heinicke announced that the SFMTA Board of Directors met in closed session to discuss cases with the City Attorney. The Board of Directors voted to settle the Wright and Martz cases and took no action on the Guerra case. The Board also discussed labor negotiations but took no action.

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

On motion to not disclose the information discussed: unanimously approved (Brinkman-absent).

ADJOURN - The meeting was adjourned at 4:38 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

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Board Secretary

California Environmental Quality Act (CEQA) Appeal Rights under S.F. Admin. Code Chapter 31: For identified Approval Actions, the Planning Department or the SFMTA has issued a CEQA exemption determination or negative declaration, which may be viewed online at the Planning Department's website. Following approval of the item by the SFMTA Board, the CEQA determination is subject to appeal within the time frame specified in S.F. Administrative Code Section 31.16 which is typically within 30 calendar days. For information on filing a CEQA appeal, contact the Clerk of the Board of Supervisors at City Hall, 1 Dr. Carlton B. Goodlett Place, Room 244, San Francisco, CA 94102, or call (415) 554-5184. Under CEQA, in a later court challenge, a litigant may be limited to raising only those issues previously raised at a hearing on the project or submitted in writing to the City prior to or at such hearing, or as part of the appeal hearing process on the CEQA decision.

Board of Supervisors review of certain SFMTA Decisions: Certain parking and traffic modifications as well as Private Transportation Programs that involve certain parking modifications can be reviewed by the Board of Supervisors. These decisions are subject to review within 30 calendar days after they are made by the SFMTA Board of Directors. For information on requesting a review, contact the Clerk of the Board of Supervisors at City Hall, 1 Dr. Carlton B. Goodlett Place, Room 244, San Francisco, CA 94102, call (415) 554-5184. Ordinance No. 127-18 specifying which SFMTA decisions are reviewable by the Board of Supervisors can be accessed on-line: <https://sfbos.org/sites/default/files/o0127-18.pdf>.

The Ethics Commission of the City and County of San Francisco has asked us to remind individuals and entities that influence or attempt to influence local legislative or administrative action may be required by the San Francisco Lobbyist Ordinance [S.F. Campaign and Governmental Conduct Code section 2.100 et seq.] to register and report lobbying activity. For more information about the Lobbyist Ordinance, please contact the Ethics Commission at 415.581.2300; fax: 415.581.2317; 25 Van Ness Avenue, Suite 220, SF, CA 94102-6027 or the web site: sfgov.org/ethics.