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SFMTA Board of Directors  
San Francisco Municipal Transportation Agency  
One South Van Ness Avenue, Seventh Floor  
San Francisco, California 94103-5417

Re: SFMTA CAC Recommendations

Dear Directors:

In our Citizens' Advisory Council meeting on February 4, 2021, the Council considered the following recommendations:

**CAC MOTION 210204.01**

The SFMTA CAC recommends the restoration of service of the Powell-Hyde cable car line beginning service in the fourth quarter 2021. Utilizing a pre-pandemic schedule of 10 cars at an 8-minute headway would be sufficient service for locals and the limited number of tourists. Carloads should be limited to 10 to 12 passengers to maintain safe distancing and permitted in the outdoor sections only. Suggested hours of operation can be 8am to 10pm. The great numbers of people asking about service and taking pictures of displayed cable cars during the past three months at Powell-Market and Beach-Hyde indicates there is a call for the iconic cars to return to service. As more of the population gets inoculated, as more businesses reopen as the health restrictions are lifted, the return of the cable cars can be the symbol of the City's return to normalcy.

#### CAC MOTION 210204.02

The SFMTA CAC recommends the restoration of service of the E Embarcadero line beginning service in the fourth quarter 2021. The route recommended is a short route from the Ferry Building to Pier 39/Jones Beach as it is the most populated part of the line, the most visible to visitors and locals alike, and is a link to many businesses on the northern waterfront that are in need of visitors. Three or 4 open-air cars on a 15 to 20-minute headway should be sufficient to accommodate up to 12 passengers per car. To ensure maximum safety for the passengers and operators, only open-air cars such as the two 'boats', or open-air sections of the historic cars such as 1, 130, 496, 578 should be used.

#### CAC MOTION 210204.03

The SFMTA CAC recommends that all restoration of historic rail cars be done in-house utilizing the willing and skilled craftsmen at SFMTA. Over the years, skilled craftsmen have turned out completely restored cable cars from the wheels up. The same process can be applied to the historic rails. By restoring cars in-house, it will allow for funds to stay in-house thus saving jobs should the need to trim at the crafts level arise.

#### CAC MOTION 210204.04

Whereas the COVID-19 pandemic has caused an unprecedented civic funding crisis, therefore be it resolved the SFMTA CAC recommends that the SFMTA seek critical financial operating support from the federal government of the United States to ensure the restoration and augmentation of transit service, to avert job losses, to ensure San Francisco's economic recovery, and help avert climate catastrophe by offering San Franciscans a robust and healthy transit system, and be it further resolved that the CAC authorizes Chair Ballard to send a letter stating this position to President Biden, Transportation Secretary Buttigieg and Congressional leaders Pelosi and Schumer.

#### CAC MOTION 210204.05

The SFMTA CAC recommends that the SFMTA prioritize the front-line delivery of revenue service and not pursue deferred maintenance as a strategy to address capital or operating shortfalls.

#### CAC MOTION 200204.06

The SFMTA CAC recommends that SFMTA explore all available avenues to maximize existing revenue streams (e.g., fines, Sunday meters, merchandise, developing real estate, etc.).

## CAC MOTION 210204.07

In an effort to prevent conflicts between pedestrians and scooters, the SFMTA CAC recommends physically protected bike/scooter lanes along every feasible street in San Francisco, and in particular recommends that these lanes be prioritized above car parking.

It is the opinion of the SFMTA Citizens' Advisory Council that the proposed recommendations would be of significant benefit to the citizenry of San Francisco and the San Francisco Municipal Transportation Agency.

Sincerely,



For

Neil Ballard, Chair  
SFMTA Citizens' Advisory Council

cc: SFMTA Citizens' Advisory Council