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# SAN FRANCISCO MUNICIPAL TRANSPORTATION AGENCY MULTIMODAL ACCESSIBILITY ADVISORY COMMITTEE

## MINUTES OF REGULAR MEETING

Thursday, January 21, 2021

Held via Video Conference

REGULAR MEETING  
1:00 PM – 3:00 PM



## ORDER OF BUSINESS

### 1) Call to Order

Meeting called to order at 1pm

### 2) Attendance

See roll call

### 3) Announcements from Members and City Staff

None.

### 4) Acceptance of the Agenda

Mr. Morgan motioned, and Mr. Fischer seconded the approval of the agenda. **Motion Carried.**

### 5) Public Comment

Mr. Planthold stated that the agenda for this meeting was not posted on the SFMTA website. This needs to be addressed.

Mr. Madrid introduced himself to the SFMTA MAAC as a member of the Mayor's Disability Council (MDC). He plans



to attend meetings from now on as a representative from the MDC.

## 6) Business of the Afternoon:

A) Muni Core Service and January 23<sup>rd</sup> Service Changes  
How addition of future routes is determined  
Jessica Garcia, SFMTA Service Planning

Ms. Garcia presented on Muni's Core Service Plan, and on the upcoming January 23 service changes.

The Core service plan is informed by the following:

- Muni's Equity Routes
- Major Corridors
- Ridership
- Geographic distribution of service
- Essential Trips (Generators)

Mr. Kielbus commented that the changes to the 22/55 are an issue. The Caltrain station at 22<sup>nd</sup> is not accessible. Both the 22 and 55 should be routed to terminate at the Caltrain station at 4<sup>th</sup> and King. This station is accessible; terminating both routes here would make this station a major transit connection point, which would be good.



Especially as both lines are proposed to terminate very close by.

Mr. Fischer stated that some of the changes assume a transfer. This is an issue as with the limitations placed on passengers allowed onboard due to Covid, it is highly likely that passengers making transfers will be passed up by the lines they are transferring to. This needs to be taken into consideration.

Mr. Fischer continued that for the T, at Embarcadero Station, has it been determined which side of the station the T will board at? You may need announcements to inform passengers which side of the station the T is boarding at.

Mr. Fischer stated that for the 15 Express, the stop shown on the map, on Market, should be changed to reflect the actual stop location, which is mid-block between Market and Mission.

Ms. Brown asked is a person using a wheelchair boards the bus, does a passenger using a cane have to yield their seat to them.



Mr. Planthold noticed that the proposed reroute of the 27 removes service to UOP's Dental School and the Independent Living Resource Center. This is an issue.

Mr. Planthold asked if the 37 will terminate at Castro and Market; also what is the headway for the 33.

Mr. Planthold stated that regarding pass ups, operators have informed him that they often position the mirrors in a way which displays the back of the coach. The front is often not in the operator's rear view, thus when room is available in the front of the coach, operators often do not see this; this is especially true for the front seats.

Mr. Madrid asked what the training is for offering securements on the buses. What about for pass ups of passengers using wheelchairs?

## B) Update on Better Market Street

Ms. Tanner provided an update on the Better Market Street Plan (BMS).

Mr. Evans asked about enforcement on the sidewalks along Market; not only do electric scooters often travel on the sidewalks, but also vendors often set up their along the sidewalks, blocking access to the curb ramps.



Ms. Brown asked where the money will come from for this project. It looks as if this will take 5 years or more to build. Do we have the funding for this, given current circumstances?

Mr. Planthold asked if there was an estimate for the number of buses running on Market post Covid, especially after the Metro reopens.

Mr. Medina asked about the plans for 5<sup>th</sup> and Market. Prior to Covid it often took several lights to travel up 5<sup>th</sup> to Market. Has BMS looked at the impacts to street feeding Market, given the proposed restriction on Market.

## 7) Other Business

Ms. Brown asked if any Executive Meetings were planned.

Mr. Planthold asked if the MAAC was involved with the purchase of the new fleet of 30' buses.

Mr. Kielbus asked for an update on the SFMTA Budget at the February MAAC meeting.



Mr. Evans stated that the passive restraints onboard the buses should be removed, as he cannot make the turn to get onto the bus because these are in his way.

8) Adjourn

Meeting adjourned at 2:40pm.