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ENGINEERING, MAINTENANCE AND SAFETY COMMITTEE

MINUTES

Wednesday, July 23, 2014
Room 6053, Candlestick Conference Room
1 South Van Ness Avenue, 6th Floor

REGULAR MEETING
3:00 P.M.

COMMITTEE MEMBERS
Frank Zepeda, Chairman
Dorris Vincent

COUNCIL LIAISON
Roberta Boomer

COUNCIL SECRETARY
Yvette Torres

ORDER OF BUSINESS

1. Call to Order

Chairman Zepeda called the meeting to order at 3:10 p.m.

2. Roll Call

EMSC members present at Roll Call: Frank Zepeda and Dorris Vincent
SFMTA CAC members not on this committee, but also present: Roland Wong

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

The CAC Acting Secretary made the announcement.

4. Approval of Minutes:

- June 25, 2014

Public Comment:

None

On motion to approve:

AYES: Frank Zepeda and Dorris Vincent
Adopted

5. Report of the Chairman (For discussion only)

None

6. Public Comment:

None

REGULAR CALENDAR

7. Presentation, discussion and possible action regarding the status of Light Rail Vehicle procurement and design (John Haley, Director, Transit Services)

John Haley stated that the goal of the project was to procure a first class car, from a quality carbuilder, at a competitive price.

Siemens meets the Central Subway time table, addresses the demand for more transit rail services, introduces a new standard for performance, and provides an immediate economic stimulus for the region.

Two responsive proposals were received. Siemens outscored CAF by a significant margin in every category. Siemens cars are designed, built, tested and assembled locally. They also have a strong parent company. Cars are designed to meet San Francisco's unique infrastructure constraints. State of the Art features will improve safety and performance. The longitudinal seating and final layout will be determined via a public process and vetting with stakeholders. Overall, Siemens exceeded all procurement objectives.

The SFMTA Board approved the contract to procure 260 vehicles and pursue funding to expedite delivery.

Chairman Zepeda requested a copy of the Siemens video presentation.

Public Comment:

Edward Mason inquired if there were conversations with other agencies that have these cars. He also asked if the fleet defects on current cars were shared with Siemens to make sure the same defects don't occur such as propulsion and lighting.

8. Presentation, discussion, and possible action regarding the Better Market Street Plan. (Britt Tanner, Project Manager and Simon Bertrang, DPW Project Manager)

Britt Tanner stated that the plan is in the Environmental Review Process. The project objectives focus on faster, reliable public transit; increasing transit capacity, improving accessibility and pedestrian safety, improving bicycle safety; increasing bicycle capacity and enhancing the public realm experience.

Three options are being considered in the environmental review process. Option One has a shared lane on Market Street, where bicycles and transit would share the curb lane, which would be wider than it is today. Option Two provides a vertically separated cycle track, and Option Three has Market Street as a shared lane, with a cycle track on Mission Street.

Other changes being considered include redesigning the transit stop spacing to provide center lane rapid service for limited buses and the F Line stopping only at BART/Muni stations. Bus stop length designs are based on bus frequency, inbound stops designed for one to three articulated buses stopping simultaneously, and outbound stops designed for one or two buses. A proposed F line loop at McAllister and Charles J Brenham streets is being evaluated as part of the preliminary conceptual design to determine if it is feasible to design. The project is currently considering a counter-clockwise loop only. Chairman Zepeda requested the project team evaluate a clockwise loop as well.

The review process is expected to be completed in 2016 with completion of the design phase in for 2017 and construction in 2018.

Chairman Zepeda requested an update in February 2015.

Public Comment:

Edward Mason suggested routing all cyclists onto Mission Street.

9. Presentation and discussion regarding capacity improvements of the light rail system and the SFMTA Rail Capacity Strategy (Scott Jefferis, Capital Liaison for Transit Operations and Graham Satterwhite, Principal Transportation Planner)

Graham Satterwhite stated that the Rail Capacity Strategy development process included eight tasks: needs assessment, define goals and prioritization framework, stakeholder outreach plan, concept development, preliminary screening, project development of concepts, evaluation and prioritization of concepts, and documentation of prioritized concepts.

This major transit expansion is guided by the San Francisco County Transportation Agency Four Corridor Plan, which is a long range fixed guideway plan. Forecasted light rail boardings and available resources to meet the demand are being examined. The impact of the 19th Avenue Transit Study, the Waterfront Transit Assessment, and the T-Third Phase 3 are also being considered.

The existing constraints are infrastructure, operations, and human resources. Staff is currently conducting a needs assessment and concept development. The next step is goal setting and evaluation with a stakeholder workshop in September.

Chairman Zepeda asked staff to return to the committee in September.

Public Comment:

Edward Mason inquired if the data supported his observations that the evening commute extends to later time. He stated that seniors with health issues can cause longer boarding times. The 5 Fulton bus was delayed by bicyclists and bus drivers can't go around them. The cyclists will keep up with corporate commuter buses when there is hardly any room for them.

10. Committee member requests for information. (For discussion only)

Roland Wong suggested an update on the trolley coach procurement process as a topic for an upcoming meeting.

11. Schedule upcoming calendar items. (For discussion only)

Next regular meeting: Wednesday, August 27, 2014 at 3:00 p.m.

1 South Van Ness Avenue, 6th Floor, Candlestick Conference Room #6052

ADJOURN - The meeting was adjourned at 5:13 p.m.

Respectfully submitted by:


Caroline Celaya
Acting CAC Secretary

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