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CITIZENS' ADVISORY COUNCIL

ENGINEERING, MAINTENANCE AND SAFETY COMMITTEE

MINUTES

Monday, September 29, 2014
Room 6053, Candlestick Conference Room
1 South Van Ness Avenue, 6th Floor

SPECIAL MEETING
3:00 P.M.

COMMITTEE MEMBERS
Frank Zepeda, Chairman
Dorris Vincent
Roland Wong

COUNCIL LIAISON
Roberta Boomer

COUNCIL SECRETARY
Yvette Torres

ORDER OF BUSINESS

1. Call to Order

Chairman Zepeda called the meeting to order at 3:10pm

2. Roll Call

EMSC members present at Roll Call: Frank Zepeda and Roland Wong.

EMSC members absent: Dorris Vincent

SFMTA CAC members not on this committee, but also present: Steve Ferrario

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

The acting CAC Secretary made the announcement.

4. Approval of Minutes:

- July 23, 2014
- August 27, 2014

Public Comment:

None

On motion to approve the minutes of July 23, 2014 and August 27, 2014: Approved

AYES: Frank Zepeda and Roland Wong

NAYES: None

Absent: Vincent

5. Report of the Chairman (For discussion only)

Chairman Zepeda welcomed Roland Wong to the committee.

6. Public Comment:

None

REGULAR CALENDAR

7. Presentation, discussion, and possible action regarding the Geary BRT Project and converting it to a light rail line. (Chester Fung, Senior Planner, SFCTA and Britt Tanner, Project Manager)

Chester Fung, Senior Planner, SFCTA stated that the project is in the EIR phase and the EIR document is expected to be released in a few months. The Project staff has done the design work and planning process at the same time. The Project is responding to a need for

improvements of the Geary corridor. The key lines, 38 and 38L, are running at a high frequency rate but are less reliable and slow. The staff recommended alternative includes center bus lanes, side bus lanes, and consolidated local BRT stops. There is a 25% savings in reliability forecasted and a 10% gain in transit ridership. At Fillmore and Geary a change in pedestrian crossings is suggested. In the Masonic area, the recommendations include a new bike lane and a surface stop at Masonic which is preferred by the community.

The total cost is estimated to be \$300m with 44m set aside from the Prop K Sales Tax, 75m in federal discretionary funding and \$181m gap where we will be looking at other funding sources. The public comment period and Draft EIR document will conclude in Winter 2014/2015. The Final EIR document and selection of the preferred alternative will be in Spring 2015. The design phase is between 2015 - 2017 with construction in 2018-2019.

There is no funding to implement rail so BRT is the plan for now but staff is mindful of future consideration in their current planning.

Chairman Zepeda requested staff return for another update as the project gets closer to the design phase next year.

Public Comment:

Randall stated that there are a lot of Bus Rapid Transit plans in place and he hopes the Geary Project can start soon. Moving traffic to the center lane is a good idea. The Project seems to drag on and he is concerned that the new shelters may not have roofs. He asked to see the design plans when they are available. He advised staff to get the project done and involve the community.

Edward Mason asked how confident staff is with the modeling that has been done. He asked if the trees are going to be removed in the center lane of Geary and if they'd be replanted. He wanted to know if buses be passed when there is a disruption in the center lane. He asked what percentage of savings is represented in minutes and if there were corporate commuter buses in the area.

8. Presentation, discussion, and possible action regarding rail capacity. (Scott Jefferis, Capital Liaison for Transit Operations and Graham Satterwhite, Principal Transportation Planner)

Graham Satterwhite provided a quick overview of the rail capacity strategy plan. The committee and members of the public participated in a workshop. As part of session one, participants were asked to identify what is working well today, what is not working well and to provide a customer perspective as it relates to system capacity.

Session two included brainstorming ideas for future system improvements, system enhancement and expansion opportunities to increase system capacity and meet the 2040 ridership demand. Committee members and members of the public provided various suggestions.

During session three participants were asked to prioritize ideal areas for the Agency to focus.

The next general workshop is on Wednesday Oct 1, 2014, on the 2nd floor atrium from 2pm-5pm. Staff will share the results of the workshops with the committee in February or March 2015.

Public Comment:

None

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

Chairman Zepeda requested a copy of the Geary BRT slide presentation.

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

Next regular meeting: Wednesday, October 22, 2014 at 3:00 p.m.

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

ADJOURN – the meeting was adjourned at 5:31pm

Submitted by:


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Acting CAC Secretary

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