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CITIZENS' ADVISORY COUNCIL

MINUTES

Thursday, April 2, 2015
Room 7080, Union Square Conference Room
1 South Van Ness Avenue, 7th Floor

REGULAR MEETING
5:30 P.M.

COUNCIL MEMBERS

Daniel Weaver (Chair), Daniel Murphy (Vice Chair), Mark Ballew, Stephen Cornell,
Joan Downey, Steve Ferrario, Katie Haverkamp, Steve Taber,
Alex Reese, Susan Vaughan, Dorris Vincent, Roland Wong, and Frank Zepeda

COUNCIL LIAISON
Roberta Boomer

ORDER OF BUSINESS

1. Call to Order

Chairman Weaver called the meeting to order at 5:31 p.m.

2. Roll Call

CAC members present at Roll Call: Mark Ballew, Stephen Cornell, Joan Downey, Steve Ferrario, Katie Haverkamp, Dorris Vincent, Daniel Weaver, and Roland Wong

CAC members absent at Roll Call: Daniel Murphy, Alex Reese, Susan Vaughan, and Frank Zepeda

CAC members absent: Steve Taber (without notification)

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

CAC Liaison Boomer made the announcement.

4. Approval of Minutes:

On motion to approve the minutes of March 5, 2015:

ADOPTED: AYES – Mark Ballew, Stephen Cornell, Joan Downey, Steve Ferrario, Katie Haverkamp,
Dorris Vincent, Daniel Weaver, and Roland Wong

NAYES – None

ABSENT – Daniel Murphy, Alex Reese, Steve Taber, Susan Vaughan, and Frank
Zepeda

5. Report of the Chair (For discussion only)

Chairman Weaver asked council members to reply regarding whether they would attend CAC and committee meetings.

Alex Reese arrived at 5:35 p.m.

6. Public Comment:

Edward Mason commented on congestion associated with the St. Patrick's Day parade. Mr. Mason stated that two years ago it took him ninety minutes to get to City Hall; that there was no enforcement; and all the buses in the downtown area could not serve outlying districts. Mr. Mason hopes there can be some resolution such as expanding parking enforcement; and not allowing cars on Mission Street during the parade.

Frank Zepeda arrived at 5:36 p.m.

Susan Vaughan arrived at 5:37 p.m.

REGULAR CALENDAR

7. Presentation, discussion and possible action regarding the work of the SFMTA's Bond Oversight Committee and the Government Obligation Bond Oversight Committee. (Sonalı Bose, Director, Finance and Information Technology)

Sonalı Bose discussed the roles of the SFMTA's Bond Oversight Committee and the Government Obligation Bond Oversight Committee; how the two bodies interact; the responsibilities of each committee; reviewed the history of issuing bonds; and the membership of the two committees.

No public comment.

8. Presentation, discussion and possible action regarding the SFMTA's Short Range Transit Plan and consideration of existing CAC recommendations as listed. (Anne Fritzler, Senior Transportation Planner and Graham Satterwhite, Complete Streets Program Manager)

- A. Prepare the rails and overhead lines on Market Street to allow subway cars to operate on the street level in an emergency.
- B. After the planned reduction of automobiles on Market Street reroute the J Church out of the subway to permanently operate on the street level.
- C. Couple the K & M Streetcars at Saint Francis Circle to encourage three car trains in the Twin Peaks Tunnel and Metro Subway.
- D. Construct a pocket track under the Bay Bridge to allow for street level turnback of Metro Subway cars.
- E. Encourage the use of the existing Diamond Switch at Embarcadero to speed up turnback operations.
- F. Construct a revenue rail line from the Balboa Station Area along Geneva/Ocean avenues to the MME in order to increase operational flexibility.

Anne Fritzler discussed the SFMTA's Short Range Transit Plan and sources of the report. Ms. Fritzler stated that the purpose is to meet regional planning and funding requirements set by the Metropolitan Transportation Commission. The Short Range Transit Plan will be projected to 2030 because other source documents use that same year; it will be a snapshot in time based on the current operating budget; and will include major service increases and cost projections.

Graham Satterwhite reviewed the CAC's recommendations and the SFMTA's response to them and also discussed the Rail Capacity Strategy.

No public comment.

9. Presentation, discussion and possible action regarding the following motion:

The CAC urges the SFMTA to strongly encourage the SFPD to include cell phone use while operating a moving vehicle including cars and bicycles in the enforcement section of VisionZero.

Chairman Weaver suggested amending the motion to include "distracted driving" before "especially cell phone use".

No public comment.

On motion to amend:

ADOPTED: AYES – Mark Ballew, Stephen Cornell, Joan Downey, Steve Ferrario, Katie Haverkamp, Alex Reese, Susan Vaughan, Dorris Vincent, Daniel Weaver, Roland Wong, and Frank Zepeda

NAYES – None

ABSENT – Daniel Murphy and Steve Taber

Motion 150402.01

The CAC urges the SFMTA to strongly encourage the SFPD to include distracted driving, especially cell phone use, while operating a moving vehicle including cars and bicycles in the enforcement section of VisionZero.

On motion to approve as amended:

ADOPTED: AYES – Mark Ballew, Stephen Cornell, Joan Downey, Steve Ferrario, Katie Haverkamp, Alex Reese, Susan Vaughan, Dorris Vincent, Daniel Weaver, Roland Wong, and Frank Zepeda

NAYES – None

ABSENT – Daniel Murphy and Steve Taber

10. Presentation, discussion and possible action regarding the Operations and Customer Service Committee (OCSC) report and recommendations.

Joan Downey stated that the OCSC toured the new Transportation Management Center.

No public comment.

11. Presentation, discussion and possible action regarding the Engineering, Maintenance and Safety Committee (EMSC) report and recommendations.

Frank Zepeda stated that the EMSC discussed the impact that the Van Ness Buss Rapid Transit project will have on transit and local businesses.

Steve Ferrario left at 6:44 p.m.

EMSC Motion 150325.01

The SFMTA CAC encourages the SFMTA to immediately close off all left turn pockets on Van Ness Avenue that have already been legislated for removal. The purpose of this is to determine the viability of the traffic patterns within the BRT project area.

Daniel Murphy arrived at 6:51 p.m.

Council member Cornell commented that the study of left turn closures was done by modeling the project. This recommendation would urge the SFMTA to start the no left turn lane closures beforehand to see the impact of traffic on Van Ness Avenue.

Council member Reese suggested that the motion be amended to acknowledge that the SFMTA has already decided to remove all but two left turns on Van Ness Avenue and that the SFMTA had only modeled the impacts.

No public comment.

On motion to amend:

ADOPTED: AYES – Mark Ballew, Stephen Cornell, Joan Downey, Katie Haverkamp, Daniel Murphy, Alex Reese, Susan Vaughan, Dorris Vincent, Daniel Weaver, Roland Wong, and Frank Zepeda
NAYES – None
ABSENT – Steve Ferrario and Steve Taber

On motion to approve as amended:

Motion 150402.02

WHEREAS, The SFMTA has already decided to remove all but two left turns on Van Ness within the Van Ness BRT project; and,

WHEREAS, The SFMTA has only modeled the impacts of this decision on traffic patterns on streets adjacent to the Van Ness BRT project, but has not conducted an actual study;

THEREFORE, The SFMTA CAC encourages the SFMTA to immediately close off all but two left turn pockets on Van Ness Avenue that have already been legislated for removal. The purpose of this is to determine the viability of the traffic patterns within the BRT project area.

ADOPTED: AYES – Mark Ballew, Stephen Cornell, Joan Downey, Katie Haverkamp, Daniel Murphy, Alex Reese, Susan Vaughan, Dorris Vincent, Daniel Weaver, Roland Wong, and Frank Zepeda
NAYES – None
ABSENT – Steve Ferrario and Steve Taber

EMSC Motion 150325.02

The SFMTA CAC recommends that staff work with existing businesses to mitigate the effects of their daily business operation during and after the construction of the Van Ness BRT project.

Public Comment:

Edward Mason commented that the Santa Clara VTA is doing a study in eastern San Jose which is causing disruptions along east Santa Clara Street and in the VTA's monthly publication to riders there are advertisements and discounts for businesses in the affected area.

Motion 150402.03

The SFMTA CAC recommends that staff work with existing businesses to mitigate the effects of their daily business operation during and after the construction of the Van Ness BRT project.

On motion to approve:

ADOPTED: AYES – Mark Ballew, Stephen Cornell, Joan Downey, Katie Haverkamp, Daniel Murphy, Alex Reese, Susan Vaughan, Dorris Vincent, Daniel Weaver, Roland Wong, and Frank Zepeda

NAYES – None

ABSENT – Steve Ferrario and Steve Taber

12. Council Members' requests for information. (For discussion only)

Dan Weaver would like to know where the live map of Muni revenue vehicles is; how it functions; and the best vehicles to use.

Joan Downey would like to know Muni's plan for 4/20 this year. Ms. Downey stated that there was a plan last year, but the police did something different.

Joan Downey stated that for the past two weekends, she has used bus substitution on the N Judah line during the sunset tunnel construction work, but this past weekend bus substitution was good and the week before that it was terrible. Ms. Downey would like to know what the plans are for buses for the remaining four weekend closures; if bigger buses will be used; and were there lessons learned.

Joan Downey stated that a person had requested an additional handicap ramp at 6th & Irving Street, which is going ahead. Ms. Downey stated that neighbors have worked with Muni and now they are going to put in this big thing and that it slows Muni down. Ms. Downey would like to know if someone can ask for an additional ramp and if would it automatically go in.

Daniel Murphy would like to know what changes in a LRV stop triggers a requirement that an ADA stop be made accessible, such as at 6th & Irving.

Katie Haverkamp would like to know what outreach materials were used for the building of a restroom at the terminal of the 48 Quintara line at Rivera Street between 48th Avenue and the Great Highway.

Susan Vaughan would like to know to what extent Muni departures are coordinated with BART, especially at the Daly City and Glen Park BART stations. If there is no coordination, is the Agency considering coordinating departures and arrivals with BART.

Susan Vaughan would like to know if TNCs are being permitted to operate in Muni bus stops or are they being ticketed; what does the law say; and what is the SFMTA doing.

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

Next regular meeting: Thursday, May 7 at 5:30 p.m.

1 South Van Ness Avenue, 7th Floor, Union Square Conference Room, # 7080

The meeting was adjourned at 7:39 p.m.

Submitted by:

A handwritten signature in blue ink, appearing to read 'Yvette Torres', is written over the printed name.

Yvette Torres
SFMTA CAC - Secretary