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**SAN FRANCISCO
MUNICIPAL TRANSPORTATION AGENCY
CITIZENS' ADVISORY COUNCIL**

MINUTES

**Thursday, November 3, 2016
Room 7080, Union Square Conference Room
1 South Van Ness Avenue, 7th Floor**

**REGULAR MEETING
5:30 P.M.**

COUNCIL MEMBERS

**Daniel Weaver (Chair), Frank Zepeda (Vice Chair), Neil Ballard, Mark Ballew,
Barbara Bocci, Steve Cornell, Joan Downey, Cesar Magdaleno, Daniel Murphy, Alex Reese,
Steve Taber, Susan Vaughan, and Dorris Vincent**

**COUNCIL LIAISON
Roberta Boomer**

**COUNCIL SECRETARY
Keka Robinson-Luqman**

ORDER OF BUSINESS

1. Call to Order

Vice Chairman Zepeda called the meeting to order at 5:36 p.m.

2. Roll Call

CAC members present at Roll Call: Neil Ballard, Mark Ballew, Stephen Cornell, Joan D Downey, Cesar Magdaleno, Daniel Murphy, Susan Vaughan, and Frank Zepeda

CAC members absent at Roll Call: Dorris Vincent

CAC members absent: Barbara Bocci, Alex Reese, Steve Taber, and Daniel Weaver
(all with notification)

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

CAC Liaison Boomer made the announcement.

4. Approval of Minutes:

No public comment.

On motion to approve the minutes of October 6, 2016:

ADOPTED: AYES – Neil Ballard, Mark Ballew, Stephen Cornell, Joan Downey, Cesar Magdaleno, Daniel Murphy, Susan Vaughan, and Frank Zepeda

ABSENT – Barbara Bocci, Alex Reese, Steve Taber, Dorris Vincent, and Daniel Weaver

5. Report of the Chair (For discussion only)

No report.

6. Public Comment:

Peter Warfield expressed concern about proposed changes to the 19 Polk line. The agency plans to remove the three stops closest to the library. All of those stops have a lot of usage. The library stop is the most frequently used stop on the whole line. What is being proposed as an alternate is at McAllister and Hyde streets. That stop would require people going to the library to cross Fulton Street, a wide, busy street with cars, and tour buses. It's dangerous for pedestrians. There has been no calculation of death or accidents for pedestrians who will take this alternate route. It's a recipe for death or injury. The main library has libraries for the blind and deaf. There are also many disabled and elderly library users. The changes are a serious safety problem.

Reginald Upshaw spoke about the price of towing. His car was towed and he had to pay \$600 for the tow and for the ticket. There were two different no parking signs on the street. His car was towed as a result. If the SFMTA is going to have multiple signs, they should let residents know that there are other signs.

Edward Mason provided an update on commuter shuttle violations. He stated that multiple shuttles continue to operate at unauthorized stops, double park, and operate on restricted streets. They violate the placard agreements. The integrity of the corporate commuter bus program is questionable. His main concern is about the operation of the program. The companies don't follow the rules and are flagrantly blowing the residents off. (Mr. Mason submitted written comments for inclusion in the minutes.)

Written 150-Word Public Testimony by Edward Mason for Minutes of SFMTA Citizens' Advisory Council Regular Meeting November 3, 2016: Agenda Item 6, Public Comment:

CAC Nov. 3, 2016. Edward Mason. Genentech and charter service SFO Airporter operate at unauthorized stops 24th and Noe streets and Church and Market streets. Additional violations include operation on Church Street—a residential street—double parking adjacent to a discontinued white zone, and impeding Muni traffic. Genentech and SFO Airporter violation history includes obtaining placard 06-0002 for display on a vehicle displaying Texas license K05-4-303 that operated in Muni bus zones on three ton restricted neighborhood streets. SFO Airporter operated Florida registered vehicles 477 and 479 during December 2015 without California license plates in Muni bus zones. The integrity of the commuter bus program is questioned.

Dorris Vincent arrived at 5:47pm.

REGULAR CALENDAR

7. Presentation, discussion and possible action regarding Residential Parking Permit program reform. (Kathryn Studwell, Senior Administrative Analyst, Sustainable Streets Division. Explanatory documents include a slide presentation.)

Kathryn Studwell and Mark Dreger, Planner, presented the program, policy options timeline, and next steps.

PUBLIC COMMENT:

Edward Mason wondered if Transportation Network Companies entered into the equation. He has seen them in Noe Valley, just idling, occupying parking spaces. He inquired about garage utilization in auxiliary housing where garages are converted to housing and how that matches the Planning Department's goals for housing.

8. Presentation, discussion and possible action regarding the SFMTA's State legislative plan and efforts to legalize automated speed enforcement. (Kathryn Angotti, Senior Government Affairs Analyst, Government Affairs. Explanatory documents include a slide presentation, frequently asked questions, fact sheets, and the draft program.)

Kathryn Angotti presented the legislative priorities for Vision Zero, funding sources, shared mobility options, and parking policy reform. The number one priority is automated speed enforcement.

PUBLIC COMMENT:

Edward Mason stated that roads and highways are being used by businesses to keep their own businesses going. They want the worker to pay for the repair rather than pay for it themselves. A study came out saying that the Bay Area is more congested than Los Angeles with longer commutes to get to work. Traffic congestion is at peak levels. He inquired as to when businesses are going to step up and participate in the transportation effort.

Reginald Upshaw stated that his complaint was about there being two different signs. Each sign should indicate that there are additional signs that should be viewed. Not enough responsibility is placed on pedestrians who step off the street without looking at their surroundings. The SFMTA needs to put an emphasis on pedestrians protecting their own lives.

9. Presentation, discussion and possible action regarding Muni Forward Capital and Service Changes. (Sean Kennedy, Manager, Muni Forward. Explanatory documents include a slide presentation.)

Sean Kennedy presented the item. Accomplishments include 36 miles of transit priority streets, 95 pedestrian bulbs, and 480 transit priority signals.

Edward Mason stated that there needs to be a policy decision about where bicycles are allowed and not allowed so that they don't conflict with Muni. The buses often get burdened behind bicycles. In the evenings on Mission Street, there is a restaurant where you can park in the red lane. There's blockage between 21st and 22nd Streets and the 14 line always has to go around. There is no enforcement.

Reginald Upshaw stated that he hates to see bus stops taken away from the L Taraval and the 19 Polk lines. Mr. Upshaw used to drive a school bus and they had red lights that flashed when children got off the bus. Maybe the SFMTA should stop traffic with flashing lights instead of taking away stops.

10. Presentation, discussion and possible action regarding the following motion: The SFMTA CAC urges the SFMTA to add paratransit on-time performance to the quarterly service standards. (Kristen Mazur, Senior Accessibility Planner; Tim Quayle, Principal Analyst; and Travis Fox, Chief Performance Officer. No explanatory documents.)

Kristin Mazur and Tim Quayle gave an overview of the on-time performance of the SFMTA paratransit service. The SFMTA collects on time data for all paratransit services. They are allowed by the Americans with Disabilities Act to have an on time window of 20 minutes. The 20 minute window is 5 minutes before to 15 minutes after pick up time. Paratransit has a lot of frail users so the boarding time can take longer than expected. The SFMTA tracks not only lateness but the severity of lateness.

No public comment.

The CAC offered an amendment to the original motion as follows:

The SFMTA CAC urges the SFMTA to add SFAccess, group van, and paratransit taxi on-time performance to the service standards.

On motion to amend:

ADOPTED: AYES – Neil Ballard, Mark Ballew, Stephen Cornell, Joan Downey, Cesar Magdaleno, Susan Vaughan, Dorris Vincent, and Frank Zepeda

ABSENT – Barbara Bocci, Daniel Murphy, Alex Reese, Steve Taber, and Daniel Weaver

CAC MOTION 161103.01

The SFMTA CAC urges the SFMTA to add SFAccess, group van, and paratransit taxi on-time performance to the service standards.

No public comment.

On motion to approve:

ADOPTED: AYES – Neil Ballard, Mark Ballew, Stephen Cornell, Joan Downey, Cesar Magdaleno, Susan Vaughan, Dorris Vincent, and Frank Zepeda

ABSENT – Barbara Bocci, Daniel Murphy, Alex Reese, Steve Taber, and Daniel Weaver

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

At the request of Mark Ballew, Chair Zepeda continued this item to the next meeting.

OCSC Motion 161011.01

WHEREAS, The City has a transit first policy that prioritizes alternative modes of transportation other than driving, and WHEREAS, It is not in line with the City's Transit First policy, and WHEREAS, It encourages driving which contributes to congestion and greenhouse gases that cause climate change and sea level rise, and WHEREAS, The city should set an example for people to use public transportation, cycling, and walking to get to their destinations, now therefore be it RESOLVED, That the SFMTA CAC recommends that the SFMTA Board not proceed with the Dolores Street Median Parking Pilot Program.

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

Frank Zepeda reported on the October EMSC meeting.

13. Council Member Information and Agenda Item Requests. (For discussion only)

Cesar Magdaleno stated that youth can only get their youth passes at two locations and inquired if there is a better way to make them more accessible to youth.

Stephen Cornell stated that the report that answered his October requests for information was done in 2010 and inquired if the information is current. He also inquired if the goals listed in the report have been accomplished.

ADJOURN- The meeting was adjourned at 8:48 p.m.

Submitted by:



Keka Robinson-Luqman
SFMTA CAC – Secretary

Next regular meeting: Thursday, December 1st at 5:30pm
1 South Van Ness Avenue, 7th Floor, Union Square Conference Room, #7080