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

MINUTES

**Thursday, June 1, 2017
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, Michael Eshleman, Cesar Magdaleno,
Daniel Murphy, Steve Taber, Susan Vaughan, and Dorris Vincent**

**COUNCIL LIAISON
Roberta Boomer**

**COUNCIL SECRETARY
Keka Robinson-Luqman**

ORDER OF BUSINESS

1. Call to Order

Chairman Weaver called the meeting to order at 5:30 p.m.

2. Roll Call

CAC members present at Roll Call: Neil Ballard, Mark Ballew, Barbara Bocci, Stephen Cornell, Michael Eshleman, Steve Taber, Susan Vaughan, Daniel Weaver, and Frank Zepeda

CAC members absent at Roll Call: Daniel Murphy and Dorris Vincent

CAC members absent with notification: Joan Downey

CAC members absent without notification: Cesar Magdaleno

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

CAC Staff Liaison Boomer made the announcement.

4. Approval of Minutes:

PUBLIC COMMENT:

David Pilpel stated that, the meeting date for the minutes is incorrect on the agenda, as it should be 2017 rather than 2016. In the May 4 minutes, the written statement should say May 4 and not May 6. It also appears that a quorum was lost which appears to violate the Brown Act and the Sunshine Ordinance.

CAC Staff Liaison Boomer stated that the minor clerical errors would be corrected and that a quorum was not lost on May 4.

On motion to approve the minutes of May 4, 2017:

ADOPTED: AYES – Neil Ballard, Mark Ballew, Barbara Bocci, Stephen Cornell, Michael Eshleman, Steve Taber, Susan Vaughan, Daniel Weaver, and Frank Zepeda

ABSENT – Joan Downey, Cesar Magdaleno, Daniel Murphy, and Dorris Vincent,

5. Report of the Chair (For discussion only)

Chairman Weaver asked Board members to let him know whether they would be present for the July 6 CAC meeting. Councilmember Taber stated that he would be absent and Councilmember Vaughan stated that she was unsure.

6. Public Comment:

Edward Mason stated that the May statistics for commuter shuttles were still pending. He reviewed photos of ongoing commuter shuttle bus issues in Noe Valley. He recounted an incident where a disabled individual attempted to board on the street because the bus stop was occupied. The Muni operator refused to board the individual and she had to wait for the next bus. There have been numerous events of congestion. The SFMTA is going to propose a stop on 24th St. Muni is supposed to have a recovery plan. He is getting reports from across the City. Commuter shuttles are a problem that impacts neighborhoods and transit service.

David Pilpel discussed the Core Capacity Transit Study. He has asked for the report and was told that there is no such report, however there are recommendations from that study that are being used. The report should be available. The CAC should get a report on that study. He also stated that he had reported three Passenger Service Reports 311 and hasn't gotten an acknowledgement from the SFMTA that the reports were received nor about any follow up. He encouraged the CAC to follow-up.

Councilmember Murphy arrived at 5:45pm.

Nicky Jacobsen stated that staff is doing an overhaul of the Residential Parking Permit (RPP) program. The community agrees with a lot of what's been done but there needs to be thought about the overlay of meters in residential areas. The Dogpatch Pilot Program is poorly designed as it puts meters in front of people's homes. RPP holders would be allowed to park there but there are no time limits. Once the pilot has been successful, staff will roll it out citywide. The revolt against this won't be anything less than the 2012 parking revolt. The CAC should review the pilot. This will be like selling a RPP to the highest bidder and it is against all Transit First policies. There is no measure of success or failure for the pilot.

Keenan Idral-Porter discussed recent upgrades to bike lanes on 7th St. and Townsend that have made it safer for cyclists. Past Folsom St., they have not repaved the bike lane. There is separation in the concrete so the road is bumpy, causing cyclists to ride along the parked cars. There is a high chance they'll get "doored". He asked for money to resurface those streets. There is also an issue with signage in alleyways that are adjacent to bike lanes.

REGULAR CALENDAR

7. Presentation, discussion and possible action regarding the Geary Rapid Project. (Liz Brisson, Major Corridors Planning Manager. Explanatory documents include a slide presentation.)

Liz Brisson reviewed recent changes along Geary Street including an increase in service; transit-only lanes downtown; feedback from customers; ridership; gaps in service; and investment opportunities. Ms. Brisson then discussed the status of the Geary Rapid Project including the proposed design; streetscape changes; signals and key findings of a recent

survey. She also reviewed the benefits and tradeoffs of the project, customer demographics and project next steps and timing.

Councilmember Vincent arrived at 6:00pm.

Councilmember Ballew asked for information regarding the plan for late night service.

Councilmember Murphy left at 6:19pm.

Chairman Weaver asked staff to send the definition of “rail ready” to the Council.

PUBLIC COMMENT:

David Pilpel asked about line management. There is a weird thing at the top of a Pole Stop that has some odd light. It seems ominous and he is not a fan. He asked whether staff was considering eliminating the overhead crossing at Webster Street. He discussed a history of rail on Geary Blvd. It has been studied extensively for years. He questioned the environmental documents

Keenan Idral-Porter asked about the timelines for the CEQA and NEPA environmental reports.

8. Presentation, discussion and possible action regarding Regional Measure 3. (Cody Hicks, Transportation Planner. Explanatory documents include a list of projects, draft principles, factsheet and recommendations.)

Cody Hicks discussed plans for Regional Measure 3 to increase bridge tolls on all seven bridges. The tolls may increase by up to three dollars. Mr. Hicks reviewed election results for prior regional measures. The State Legislature will set the priority projects and amounts. It may come to the voters in either June or November of 2018. He reviewed a list of principles and candidate projects and next steps.

PUBLIC COMMENT:

Edward Mason stated that growth isn't funding growth through the Transportation Sustainability Fee. Treasure Island isn't paying its' fair share. These are all capital projects that he won't see built in his lifetime. There should be a recommendation for a public regional express bus system such as Greyhound as there is regional demand for such a system. The Hub study should be reinitiated to see if people would go there to use a regional bus system. Ferries only get a passenger to the shoreline and not to places of work. Bridges are a choke point.

David Pilpel discussed the Core Capacity Transit Study. This is based on thin air. He commented at a MTA Board meeting that there has been no meaningful outreach and engagement. The process has been at a staff level. Proportionality should be considered so

39% of the funds would be spent on San Francisco projects. It is unreasonable to expect a high percent of funding would be covered by bridge toll revenues.

9. Presentation, discussion and possible action regarding draft recommendations for transit fines and fees from the San Francisco Fines and Fees Task Force. (Diana Hammons, Senior Manager, Revenue Collection and Sales. Explanatory documents include a summary and recommendations.)

Diana Hammons discussed recent recommendations, SFMTA programs to help low income customers, tradeoffs and challenges to administering low income programs; and how it may impact the SFMTA's budget.

Chairman Weaver referred this item to the Finance and Administration Committee.

PUBLIC COMMENT:

David Pilpel expressed appreciation for the chart of administrative costs and foregone revenue. This is about 3.6% of the total budget. This summary didn't include how much is coming in from Transit Fare evasion. That should be discussed. He suggested making the fines and fees more progressive while maintaining overall income. The Task Force recommendations will impact other City departments to differing degrees.

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

Mark Ballew, OCSC Chairman, stated that the OCSC discussed street sign simplification, Strategic Plan Goals and Residential Parking Permit recommendations. There are new RPP zones in North Bernal and Dogpatch. The proposal will change the number of permits per household. Dogpatch is a mixed use neighborhood and would allow RPP holders to park at a meter.

PUBLIC COMMENT:

Nicky Jacobsen stated the community is in support of the changes. She discussed the permit overlay onto residential streets. The issue isn't that residents can park at meters rather than residents will have meters in front of their homes. They will have to pay for parking in front of their own home. This is a giant issue that staff is glossing over. She expressed concern about this being rolled out city-wide. There aren't any parameters for success. Staff has done no outreach for Dogpatch.

David Pilpel suggested that Mr. Cornell submit a request for information regarding proposed changes to businesses. Since there were no recommendations, the agenda for this item shouldn't list "possible action". Agendas should provide more clarity about the topics that will be discussed.

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

Frank Zepeda, EMSC Chairman, stated that the EMSC discussed the plan to dispose of vintage vehicles, some of which are old cable cars. Staff needs SFMTA Board and Board of Supervisor approval to donate a car.

EMSC Motion 170517.01

The SFMTA CAC supports the donation of Car 28 to the Connecticut Rail Museum.

PUBLIC COMMENT:

David Pilpel suggested that the CAC clarify the motion to state “Cable Car 28” and thinks that the name of the museum is the Shoreline Rail Museum. He also suggested adding “with appropriate conditions” such as “as is”. This was part of a discussion about a larger vintage vehicle policy. The committee asked staff to come back with proposed policy that takes a broader view for the disposition of vintage fleet vehicles.

On motion to amend the EMSC resolution to add “Cable” and refer to “the Rail Museum in Connecticut”:

ADOPTED: AYES – Neil Ballard, Mark Ballew, Barbara Bocci, Stephen Cornell, Michael Eshleman, Daniel Murphy, Steve Taber, Susan Vaughan, Daniel Weaver, and Frank Zepeda

ABSENT – Joan Downey, Cesar Magdaleno, and Dorris Vincent,

CAC MOTION 170601.01

The SFMTA CAC supports the donation of Cable Car 28 to the Rail Museum in Connecticut.

On motion to approve as amended:

ADOPTED: AYES – Neil Ballard, Mark Ballew, Barbara Bocci, Stephen Cornell, Michael Eshleman, Daniel Murphy, Steve Taber, Susan Vaughan, Daniel Weaver, and Frank Zepeda

ABSENT – Joan Downey, Cesar Magdaleno, and Dorris Vincent,

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

Chairman Weaver requested information regarding the road condition along the 7th St. bike lane and whether the signage in the alleyways adjacent to 7th St. could be fixed

Councilmember Vaughan requested an update on shuttle statistics, including the number of placards issued and updated revenues and costs.

Councilmember Vaughan requested information regarding what the SFMTA does with a Passenger Service Report (PSR) called into the 311 Customer Service Center.

Chairman Weaver asked that the Core Capacity Study be provided to the CAC.

PUBLIC COMMENT:

Edward Mason stated that the CAC should ask about NextBus signs in the shelters. People rely on those but, on the hour and half hour, they go blank for several minutes. He would like to know if that's in conjunction with system revision or if it's some anomaly. (Chairman Weaver asked that this be a request for information.)

David Pilpel expressed appreciation for following up on the PSR process. He requested a report and was assured by 311 that they transmitted it to the SFMTA. He has heard nothing back. Regarding the Core Capacity study, he didn't see the report in the materials nor was it posted on the website. He doesn't believe it was provided to the SFMTA Board.

Nicky Jacobson inquired about how she could give a presentation to the CAC on residential parking permits. Chairman Weaver stated that he would allow five minutes during public comment at the next meeting.

ADJOURN - The meeting was adjourned at 8:15 p.m.



Submitted by:

Roberta Boomer

SFMTA CAC – Staff Liaison

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