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CITIZENS' ADVISORY COUNCIL**

ENGINEERING, MAINTENANCE AND SAFETY COMMITTEE

MINUTES

**Wednesday, November 16, 2016
Noe Valley Conference Room, #7075
1 South Van Ness Avenue, 7th Floor**

**SPECIAL MEETING
3:00 P.M.**

**COMMITTEE MEMBERS
Frank Zepeda, Chairman
Dorris Vincent**

**COUNCIL LIAISON
Roberta Boomer**

**COUNCIL SECRETARY
Keka Robinson-Luqman**

ORDER OF BUSINESS

1. Call to Order

Chairman Zepeda called the meeting to order at 3:01 p.m.

2. Roll Call

EMSC members present at Roll Call: Frank Zepeda

EMSC members absent at Roll Call: Dorris Vincent

CAC members present: Barbara Bocci and Stephen Cornell

Chairmen Zepeda appointed Council member Stephen Cornell as a pro tem committee member.

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

CAC Secretary Robinson-Luqman made the announcement.

4. Approval of Minutes:

The vote to approve the minutes of September 28, 2016 and October 26, 2016 was continued to the next meeting.

5. Report of the Chairman (For discussion only)

No report.

6. Public Comment:

Peter Warfield expressed concern regarding the Van Ness corridor. He inquired what criteria the SFMTA used to improve matters. The statistics do not consider safety. The Department of Public Health said that pedestrian injuries are frequently under reported. He has not seen those statistics reflected in documents. He's concerned about claims of safety and what evidence the SFMTA is using to measure safety concerns. He inquired why a boarding island is considered safer than a curb.

Dorris Vincent arrived at 3:07pm

REGULAR CALENDAR

7. Presentation, discussion and possible action regarding establishing a naming policy for SFMTA assets. (Roberta Boomer, Staff Liaison. No explanatory documents.)

Roberta Boomer presented the essentials of the naming policy.

PUBLIC COMMENT:

Edward Mason stated that station names should be geographical because everything else is transitory. He is also against bus head signs that say "Go Giants."

Peter Warfield expressed opposition to SFMTA assets being named after living people or commercial interests because they share the potential for political and financial gain. The "Go Giants" head signs on buses is infuriating as it prevents him from being able to see the already small signage. Mr. Warfield stated that he is also offended by advertising wrapped buses. It makes it hard to see and it's also hard to recognize a Muni bus. The less commercialism the better.

Motion 161116.01

The SFMTA CAC urges the SFMTA to adopt a naming policy concerning SFMTA assets as presented to the EMSC. The SFMTA shall not consider naming an asset after an individual until they have been deceased a minimum of five years. The SFMTA shall not pursue sponsorships for naming any SFMTA asset.

On motion to approve:

ADOPTED: AYES – Stephen Cornell, Dorris Vincent, and Frank Zepeda

8. Presentation, discussion and possible action regarding an update on Better Market St. and the F Line loop at 7th and Market. (Andrea Glerum, Project Manager, Better Market Street project. No explanatory documents.)

Andrea Glerum presented an outline of the project.

PUBLIC COMMENT:

Edward Mason inquired about the cost of the project. There needs to be policy on the mix and match of bicycles vs transit. The whole idea is to speed up everything. Bikes and transit should be separate.

Peter Warfield expressed belief that there should be a turnaround at Carl and Cole Streets. Alternate plans include dedicated cycle paths. He has a great plan for bicycle only streets as he has never considered major streets safe for bicyclists. Mr. Warfield stated that he is disappointed by the poor publicity from the SFMTA with respect to changes. There should be signs on the bus letting riders know that stops are going away.

9. Presentation, discussion and possible action regarding the 7th Street and 8th Street Safety Projects. (Will Tabajonda, Associate Engineer. Explanatory documents include staff reports, enclosures, and a slide presentation.)

Will Tabajonda presented the goals, near term improvements, and next steps of the project.

PUBLIC COMMENT:

Edward Mason inquired if passengers will have to cross the bike lane and if so, how will the SFMTA assure that bicyclists will not run into seniors or the disabled. He wondered if the SFMTA is living beyond their means fiscally.

Peter Warfield expressed concern that there is no evidence that any aspect of the project is going to improve safety for pedestrians. The reroute of the Polk street bus would cause a lot of walking and street crossing for people. A lot of seniors and people who are disabled use the library, which means potential pedestrian injuries or even death. There has been no calculation of the potential numbers or of the demographics of people using these stops. This is all done at the expense of pedestrians.

Motion 161116.02

The SFMTA CAC urges the SFMTA to maintain the current 19 Polk line in-bound direction and install a dedicated transit signal at 7th and Mission to create a queue jump for the 19 Polk line at the intersection.

On motion to approve:

ADOPTED: AYES – Stephen Cornell, Dorris Vincent, and Frank Zepeda

10. Presentation, discussion and possible action regarding changing the start of the EMSC meeting time to 4pm. (Frank Zepeda. No explanatory documents.)

Starting in January, the EMSC meetings will start at 4pm to accommodate councilmember Cesar Magdaleno who wishes to join the committee.

PUBLIC COMMENT:

Peter Warfield expressed support for the time change. Considering a later start assists public participation.

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

The SFMTA CAC recommends that the SFMTA Board of Directors approve the Locally Preferred Alternative (Hybrid Alternative) for the Geary Bus Rapid Transit Project.

PUBLIC COMMENT:

Peter Warfield stated that he thought the motion had to do with painting the streets. He inquired as to what the alternative to the hybrid alternative is. It's a catastrophe to put pedestrians in the middle of the street with traffic on both sides of the island. The extra street crossings are going to be a disaster. He opposes it if it changes curbside boarding to islands.

Chair Zepeda asked that the motion be amended to read:

The SFMTA CAC recommends that the SFMTA Board of Directors approve the Locally Preferred Alternative (for the phase one portion) for the Geary Bus Rapid Transit Project.

Motion 161116.03

The SFMTA CAC recommends that the SFMTA Board of Directors approve the Locally Preferred Alternative (for the phase one portion) for the Geary Bus Rapid Transit Project.

On motion to approve as amended:

ADOPTED: AYES – Stephen Cornell, Dorris Vincent and Frank Zepeda

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

Stephen Cornell inquired if there was an economic study done for the Geary BRT project and if not, why not. He also inquired how the project adheres to the first principle of the transit first policy.

Frank Zepeda inquired why the destination signs on the new flyer buses are two lines. He inquired if it is possible to make them one line or alternate between line name and destination.

Frank Zepeda requested the boarding statistics for loading and unloading on the 19 Polk line for the stops nearest the public library.

ADJOURN - The meeting was adjourned at 5:28 p.m.

Submitted by:



Keka Robinson-Luqman
SFMTA CAC – Secretary

Next regular meeting: Wednesday, January 25, 2017 at 4:00 p.m.
One South Van Ness Avenue, 7th Floor, Noe Valley Conference Room, #7075