

SAN FRANCISCO
MUNICIPAL TRANSPORTATION AGENCY
BOARD OF DIRECTORS
AND PARKING AUTHORITY COMMISSION

MINUTES

Tuesday, June 18, 2013
Room 400, City Hall
1 Dr. Carlton B. Goodlett Place

REGULAR MEETING AND CLOSED SESSION
1 P.M.

BOARD OF DIRECTORS

Tom Nolan, Chairman
Cheryl Brinkman, Vice Chairman
Leona Bridges
Malcolm Heinicke
Jerry Lee
Joél Ramos
Cristina Rubke

Edward Reiskin
DIRECTOR OF TRANSPORTATION

Roberta Boomer
BOARD SECRETARY

ORDER OF BUSINESS

1. Call to Order

Chairman Nolan called the meeting to order at 1:03 p.m.

2. Roll Call

Present: Cheryl Brinkman
Malcolm Heinicke – absent at Roll Call
Jerry Lee
Tom Nolan
Joél Ramos
Cristina Rubke

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

Chairman Nolan announced that the ringing of and use of cell phones, pagers and similar sound-producing electronic devices are prohibited at the meeting. He advised that any person responsible for the ringing or use of a cell phone, pager, or other similar sound-producing electronic devices might be removed from the meeting. He also advised that cell phones that are set on “vibrate” cause microphone interference and requested that they be placed in the “off” position.

4. Approval of Minutes

On motion to approve the minutes of the June 4, 2013 Regular Meeting: unanimously approved (Heinicke-absent.)

5. Communications

Board Secretary Boomer stated that the closed session was canceled.

6. Introduction of New or Unfinished Business by Board Members

Director Rubke requested an update on the development of an “app” for taxicabs.

Director Ramos requested an update on the Castro Street improvements.

7. Director’s Report (For discussion only)

-Ongoing Activities

Director Reiskin discussed the employee survey, America's Cup races, SFpark, and APTA workshops.

Director Heinicke arrived.

8. Citizens' Advisory Council Report

Daniel Murphy, Chairman, Citizen's Advisory Council, presented the report.

9. Public Comment

Michael Barrett discussed the Central Subway project and the impact it will have on businesses in North Beach. It will disrupt North Beach for a minimum of two years. The project should stop in Chinatown and the SFMTA should concentrate on running the agency.

Lance Carnes discussed the Pagoda option of the Central Subway project and a letter written by Aaron Peskin that pointed out many problems including the cost of the project. The SFMTA Board needs to raise the construction cap. He stated that a notice had been posted that said that demolition will begin by the end of the month. He is unaware that a contractor has been selected. He urged the SFMTA to delete the Pagoda option.

Philippa Colborne stated that it's a great mistake to destroy North Beach. The Pagoda project will remove businesses and tourists will stay away, not wanting to face noise and dirt.

Sara Colborne stated that the city shouldn't dismantle and remove the tunnel boring machines used to create the Chinatown station in North Beach. Tourists and residents will be upset. The money saved could be used to buy new buses.

Charles Minster discussed the "shakedown squad" who accost grandmothers with walkers, veterans with crutches and canes and mothers with strollers to demand proof of payment. This is an attack on poor, working people.

Herbert Weiner thinks that DPT should cite cyclists who run red lights. This would be a big bundle of cash. If the SFMTA must install new meters, cyclists should pay to park.

Hansu Kim stated that everyone wants world class taxi service but despite efforts, San Francisco is nowhere near that. There are still have color schemes and dispatch services that don't pick up people in neighborhoods or people with disabilities. If the taxi industry doesn't become more reliable, it will be eaten up by unregulated services. Desoto is considering changing its' business model to be a sedan service in a deregulated system.

Joan Wood discussed the plan to take the tunnel boring machines out of the Pagoda Theatre site. The North Beach community wasn't notified of these plans so they were unaware that an additional 1.4 miles of tunnel would be bored. The Pagoda Theatre has been an eyesore for years but it's entirely possible to leave the machines in the ground in Chinatown as offered in January.

Howard Strassner discussed parking. He has seen the downward trend of Muni speed. When buses are separated from cars, they do pretty well.

Emile Lawrence stated that he's not going to make speeches to the SFMTA Board any longer. He's tired of fees, fines and squeezing taxi drivers who don't have health benefits or pensions. He also discussed ramped van service.

Mary McGuire stated that she has heard that there are as many as 4,000 illegal cabs on city streets from across the United States. Cab drivers are distraught that the city hasn't done anything. If the CPUC rules against the illegal cabs, these illegal cabs will continue to violate the law. They're running businesses in violation of the Americans with Disabilities Act.

THE FOLLOWING MATTERS BEFORE THE SAN FRANCISCO MUNICIPAL TRANSPORTATION AGENCY BOARD OF DIRECTORS ARE RECOMMENDED FOR ACTION AS STATED BY THE SFMTA DIRECTOR OF TRANSPORTATION OR CITY ATTORNEY WHERE APPLICABLE. EXPLANATORY DOCUMENTS FOR ALL CALENDAR ITEMS ARE AVAILABLE FOR REVIEW AT 1 SOUTH VAN NESS AVE. 7th FLOOR.

CONSENT CALENDAR

10. All matters listed hereunder constitute a Consent Calendar, are considered to be routine by the San Francisco Municipal Transportation Agency Board of Directors and will be acted upon by a single vote. There will be no separate discussion of these items unless a member of the Board of Directors or the public so requests, in which event the matter shall be removed from the Consent Calendar and considered as a separate item.

(10.1) Requesting the Controller to allot funds and to draw warrants against such funds available or will be available in payment of the following claims against the SFMTA:

- A. Jenna Lolli vs. CCSF, Superior Ct. #CGC12520731 filed on 5/11/12 for \$33,000

RESOLUTION 13-172

(10.2) Approving the following traffic modifications:

- A. ESTABLISH – BLUE ZONE – 456 Dolores Street, west side, from 139 feet to 161 feet north of 18th Street crosswalk.

- B. RESCIND – NO PARKING ANYTIME – Alemany Boulevard, east side, from Naglee Avenue to 100 feet southerly.
- C. ESTABLISH – TOW-AWAY NO PARKING ANYTIME – Alemany Boulevard, east side, from Naglee Avenue to 50 feet southerly.
- D. ESTABLISH – TOW-AWAY NO PARKING ANYTIME – Bluxome Street, north side, from 5th Street to 25 feet easterly.
- E. ESTABLISH – NEW TRAFFIC SIGNAL – John Muir Dr and Lake Merced Blvd Intersection.
- F. ESTABLISH – NO U-TURN RESTRICTIONS – Southbound Lake Merced Boulevard and eastbound John Muir Drive approaches.
- G. ESTABLISH – CLOSING FREE RIGHT TURN – Eastbound John Muir Drive to Southbound Lake Merced Boulevard.
- H. ESTABLISH – TALL VEHICLE RESTRICTION – Geary Blvd, south side, between the east and west crosswalks at the intersection of Geary Blvd. and Palm Avenue.
- I. ESTABLISH – TOW-AWAY NO STOPPING ANYTIME – Forest View Drive, west side, from Sloat Boulevard to 20 feet southerly; Sloat Boulevard, north side, from Vale Avenue to 76.5 feet easterly; Sloat Boulevard, south side, from Forest View Drive to 42 feet easterly; and Sloat Boulevard, south side, from Forest View Drive to 63 feet westerly.
- J. INSTALL – PEDESTRIAN CROSSING BEACON – West crosswalk crossing Sloat Boulevard at Forest View Drive. (Explanatory documents include a staff report and resolution.)

RESOLUTION 13-173

On motion to approve the Consent Calendar:

ADOPTED: AYES – Brinkman, Heinicke, Lee, Nolan, Ramos and Rubke

REGULAR CALENDAR

11. Presentation and discussion regarding the SFTMA’s Bike Strategy and Needs Assessment. (Explanatory documents include a slide presentation.)

Ed Reiskin, Director of Transportation, presented the report.

PUBLIC COMMENT:

Kit Hodge urged the SFMTA to pursue the full build-out strategy. Cycling is becoming more popular and more people are using bicycles to get to work. The Mayor of London is investing in bicycling. The SFMTA needs to commit to funding far beyond what it is currently spending. Choosing to invest in cycling isn’t new and will help make Muni faster and more reliable.

Paul Gallaher stated that he sold his car and has cycled ever since. He urged the SFMTA to pursue the full build-out scenario. It will save money for the city and make it more vibrant and

healthy.

Herbert Weiner discussed cycling on Market Street. Cyclists go through red lights with reckless abandon. Something should be done.

Tone Lee stated that there are a lot of angry people because of SFMTA policies. These policies don't care about those who live in San Francisco. Cyclists are arrogant. Fixing street signs will save millions in tow fees.

Tim Hickey stated that the SFMTA has done a good job with Oak and Fell and that he is looking forward to Masonic Street improvements. He'd like to see the full build-out of the bicycle network for improved safety for tourists and residents.

Bryan Smith expressed opposition to the removal of parking at Masonic and McAllister and making Masonic Street a route for cyclists.

Hansu Kim expressed sympathy for cyclists who are trying to get to where they're going safely. He supports a full build-out but suggested that without the taxi industry at the table, there could be a lot of gaps in the plan. He had hoped that there would have been more participation by the taxi industry in this process.

Howard Strassner stated that cyclists aren't comfortable being in the same area as transit. Cyclists should get a good route on Polk Street. The SFMTA should find a route just off of 19th Avenue for cyclists as well. Cycling and Transit have to work together. He urged the Board to stop giving parking away for free.

Director Heinicke requested a plan for closing Market Street to private vehicles.

12. Amending Transportation Code Division II, Sections 1102, 1103 and 1116 to add definitions to Section 1102; modify the application requirements for single operator part-time taxi medallions; delete the requirement that the driver fund contribution and medallion transfer fees be waived or decreased in the event of revocation or foreclosure upon a medallion within ten years of the last transfer; and modify and clarify procedures governing retransfer, distribution of retransfer proceeds, and continued operation of a medallion upon the death of the medallion holder, revocation of the medallion, or foreclosure upon the medallion. (Explanatory documents include a staff report, resolution and amendments.)

PUBLIC COMMENT:

Members of the public expressing neither support nor opposition: Hansu Kim, Mary McGuire and Tone Lee.

RESOLUTION 13-174

On motion to approve:

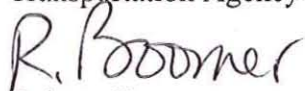
ADOPTED: AYES – Brinkman, Heinicke, Lee, Nolan, Ramos and Rubke

13. Discussion and vote pursuant to Administrative Code Section 67.10(d) as to whether to conduct a closed session.

The closed session was canceled.

ADJOURN - The meeting was adjourned at 2:55 p.m.

A tape of the meeting is on file in the office of the Secretary to the San Francisco Municipal Transportation Agency Board of Directors.



Roberta Boomer
Board Secretary

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