



SAN FRANCISCO
MUNICIPAL TRANSPORTATION AGENCY
CITIZENS' ADVISORY COUNCIL

MINUTES

Thursday, July 12, 2018
Room 7080, Union Square Conference Room
1 South Van Ness Avenue, 7th Floor

SPECIAL MEETING
5:30 P.M.

COUNCIL MEMBERS

Daniel Weaver (Chair), Frank Zepeda (Vice Chair), Neil Ballard, Mark Ballew,
LisaMarie Betancourt, Barbara Bocci, Jarie Bolander, Queena Chen, Steve Cornell, Joan
Downey, Michael Eshleman, Daniel Murphy, 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 5:35 p.m.

2. Roll Call

CAC members present at Roll Call: LisaMarie Betancourt, Jarie Bolander, Queena Chen, Stephen Cornell, Joan Downey, Daniel Murphy, Susan Vaughan, Dorris Vincent, Daniel Weaver, Frank Zepeda

CAC members absent at Roll Call: Michael Eshleman

CAC members absent with notification: Neil Ballard, Mark Ballew, and Barbara Bocci

CAC members absent without notification: Daniel Murphy

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

CAC Secretary Robinson-Luqman made the announcement.

4. Approval of Minutes:

No public comment.

On motion to approve the minutes of May 3, 2018:

ADOPTED: AYES –LisaMarie Betancourt, Jarie Bolander, Queena Chen, Stephen Cornell, Joan Downey, Susan Vaughan, Dorris Vincent, Daniel Weaver, and Frank Zepeda

ABSENT – Neil Ballard, Mark Ballew, Barbara Bocci, Michael Eshleman, and Daniel Murphy

5. Report of the Chair (For discussion only)

No public comment.

Chairman Weaver welcomed the new appointees to the CAC District 4 (Betancourt) and District 3 (Chen). He encouraged them to join a committee. Stephen Cornell is joining the EMSC committee.

Council member Eshleman arrived at 5:38 p.m.

6. Public Comment:

Edward Mason provided an update on the commuter shuttle buses. The unnecessary environmental pollution is compounding. There has to be a solution. People need to be weaned off of the commuter shuttle buses.

Lori Stasukelis stated that the upper Noe Valley neighborhood feels ambushed by Motivate. They are proposing a 19-spot bike rack. They said they mailed letters to everyone within 250 feet but she didn't get the notice. She inquired what kind of feedback the CAC is demanding from Motivate. Outreach from motivate has been subpar.

REGULAR CALENDAR

7. Presentation, discussion, and possible action regarding the election of the CAC Chairman and Vice Chairman.

CAC Secretary Robinson-Luqman opened the floor for nominations for the position of Chairman.

Stephen Cornell nominated Daniel Weaver. There were no additional nominations so nominations were closed.

On motion to elect Daniel Weaver as Chairman:

ADOPTED: AYES –LisaMarie Betancourt, Jarie Bolander, Queena Chen, Stephen Cornell, Joan Downey, Michael Eshleman, Susan Vaughan, Dorris Vincent, Daniel Weaver, and Frank Zepeda

ABSENT – Neil Ballard, Mark Ballew, Barbara Bocci, and Daniel Murphy

Chairman Weaver opened the floor for nominations for the position of Vice Chairman.

Stephen Cornell nominated Frank Zepeda. There were no additional nominations so Chairman Weaver closed nominations.

On motion to elect Frank Zepeda as Vice Chairman:

ADOPTED: AYES –LisaMarie Betancourt, Jarie Bolander, Queena Chen, Stephen Cornell, Joan Downey, Michael Eshleman, Susan Vaughan, Dorris Vincent, Daniel Weaver, and Frank Zepeda

ABSENT – Neil Ballard, Mark Ballew, Barbara Bocci, and Daniel Murphy

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

Liz Brisson, Project Manager, presented the item. She provided an outline of the project including the current conditions, key project features, outreach efforts, and goal of the project.

PUBLIC COMMENT:

Edward Mason stated that at one point, Geary was supposed to be light rail. He inquired if the project will be light rail ready or does the project preclude any light rail consideration in the future.

CAC MOTION 180712.01

The SFMTA CAC recommends that new trees and landscaping be a part of the Geary Rapid Project and that existing and new trees and landscaping on the Geary corridor be maintained properly by the SFMTA and the City.

On motion to approve:

ADOPTED: AYES –LisaMarie Betancourt, Jarie Bolander, Queena Chen, Stephen Cornell, Joan Downey, Susan Vaughan, Dorris Vincent, Daniel Weaver, and Frank Zepeda

NAYES – Michael Eshleman

ABSENT – Neil Ballard, Mark Ballew, Barbara Bocci, and Daniel Murphy

The SFMTA CAC recommends that the SFMTA work with SFPD concerning enforcement of the bus only lanes on the Geary corridor.

CAC MOTION 180712.02

On motion to approve:

ADOPTED: AYES –Jarie Bolander, Queena Chen, Stephen Cornell, Michael Eshleman, Joan Downey, Susan Vaughan, Dorris Vincent, Daniel Weaver, and Frank Zepeda

NAYES –LisaMarie Betancourt

ABSENT – Neil Ballard, Mark Ballew, Barbara Bocci, and Daniel Murphy

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

Bonnie Jean von Krogh, Public Relations Officer, presented the item. She discussed the background, challenges, and goals of the 27 Bryant Transit Reliability Project.

No public comment.

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

CAC Secretary Robinson-Luqman provided an overview of the topics presented at the June OCSC meeting.

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

Vice Chairman Zepeda presented an overview of the topics presented at the June EMSC meeting.

EMSC Motion 180627.01

The SFMTA CAC recommends retaining most of the recently approved-for-disposal Presidents' Conference Committee (PCC) streetcars while an assessment is made to determine future double-ended car needs for the E and F lines. If it's deemed that a number of double-ended PCCs are needed, then these stored single-ended PCCs can be converted to double-ended cars.

No public comment.

CAC MOTION 180712.03

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On motion to approve:

ADOPTED: AYES –LisaMarie Betancourt, Jarie Bolander, Queena Chen, Stephen Cornell, Joan Downey, Michael Eshleman, Susan Vaughan, Dorris Vincent, Daniel Weaver, and Frank Zepeda
ABSENT – Neil Ballard, Mark Ballew, Barbara Bocci, and Daniel Murphy

EMSC Motion 180627.02

The SFMTA CAC recommends that historic rail car operations and maintenance be its own division, similar to the model that is employed with the cable cars. It is in the best interest of SFMTA that a dedicated director/manager be installed to give undivided attention to the operations, maintenance, and rehabilitation of the historic rail fleet. The shop force that is needed to maintain the fleet have to be highly skilled and resourceful as the mechanics of these cars vary in scope. Because these cars are historic and its numbers limited, an in-house specialized crew is needed to fully maintain these cars as outsourcing firms are becoming rare.

No public comment.

CAC MOTION 180712.04

The SFMTA CAC recommends

On motion to approve:

ADOPTED: AYES –LisaMarie Betancourt, Jarie Bolander, Queena Chen, Stephen Cornell,
Joan Downey, Michael Eshleman, Daniel Murphy, Susan Vaughan,
Dorris Vincent, Daniel Weaver, and Frank Zepeda
ABSENT – Neil Ballard, Mark Ballew, and Barbara Bocci

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

Sue Vaughan inquired if Chariot and Tech shuttle buses will be among the vehicles allowed in the Geary Rapid Project red transit only lanes.

Frank Zepeda requested a copy of the Transit Only Lane Evaluation Report.

Daniel Weaver inquired why running two car trains on the N Judah line on the weekends cost one million dollars a year.

Sue Vaughan inquired what the ridership is of the 83X.

Dorris Vincent requested a presentation on sidewalk parking enforcement.

Joan Downey requested a presentation on a possible policy change regarding the number of strollers that can be on a bus at one time. Chairman Weaver referred the item to FAC.

Queena Chen inquired if there are any fines or fees assessed when tech buses break the law.

Queena Chen inquired how many ambassadors at the major stops have the capacity to speak other languages. She asked what resources the SFMTA is utilizing to ensure that those with language barriers are accommodated.

Sue Vaughan requested a presentation on Motivate bike racks being installed in neighborhoods.

ADJOURN- The meeting was adjourned at 8:01 p.m.

Submitted by:



Keka Robinson-Luqman
SFMTA CAC – Secretary

Next regular meeting: Thursday, August 2nd at 5:30pm
1 South Van Ness Avenue, 7th Floor, Union Square Conference Room, #7080