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SAN FRANCISCO MUNICIPAL TRANSPORTATION AGENCY MULTIMODAL ACCESSIBILITY ADVISORY COMMITTEE

MINUTES OF REGULAR MEETING

Thursday, November 19, 2020

Held via Video Conference

REGULAR MEETING
1:00 PM – 3:00 PM



ORDER OF BUSINESS

1) Call to Order

Meeting called to order at 1pm.

2) Attendance

Ms. Seretan, Mr. Yan, Mr. Catalan, Mr. Fischer, Ms. Marshall-Fricker, Mr. Hamada, Mr. Medina, Mr. Morgan, Mr. Kielbus, Ms. Pulliam, Mr. Williams, and Mr. Glock present.

3) Announcements from Members and City Staff

None.

4) Acceptance of the Agenda

Ms. Seretan Motioned and Mr. Morgan seconded the acceptance of the agenda. **Motion Carried.**

5) Public Comment

Mr. Bob Walsh from Scoot described the company's adaptive scooter program, and invited members to try the



scooter, noting that they are available to rent without time restrictions.

6) Business of the Afternoon:

A) Potrero Yard Modernization Project Adrienne Heim, SFMTA Communications

Ms. Heim described the Potrero Yard Building Progress Program, a multi-year effort to modernize the Muni yard, improve the transportation system's resilience to climate change and seismic events, and improve neighborhood livability. The upgraded facility will include an expanded bus facility with 3 bus levels and mixed-use housing. She noted that comprehensive outreach efforts would seek input on housing and retail elements of the new facility, but not on the technical aspects of the yard modernization.

The RFP for the project will be issued in early 2021, with the Notice to Proceed (NTP) following in summer 2021. The new Yard, housing and retail facility is expected to open in 2026.

Ms. Heim noted that staff at the Potrero Yard will be relocated to Muni Metro East and the Marin facility during construction.

Mr. Kielbus asked why the Potrero Yard was the first to be upgraded. Ms. Heim noted that the Potrero and Presidio Yards



are the oldest in the system, having been constructed in 1915 and 1914, respectively.

Ms. Seretan asked why no parking was included. Ms. Heim pointed out that 45 parking spaces will be available on the 2nd floor, and spaces will be added in the neighborhood. She also noted that SFMTA Transportation Demand Management staff are working on a plan for the area to facilitate transportation for division employees.

Mr. Hamada expressed concern about noise impacts on residents, an issue Ms. Heim noted that the developer team will address.

Mr. Morgan asked if the modernization effort will expand the footprint of the existing facility, and the presenter noted that the expansion will be vertical only.

Mr. Fischer requested and received confirmation that the facility would have electric and trolley buses, not diesels.

B) Powered Scooter Share Permit Program

Kate Toran & Erin McAuliff, SFMTA Taxis & Accessible Services

Ms. Toran provided an overview of the Scooter Share pilot program, which began in October 2019 with 4



permittees: Spin, Lime, Jump and Scoot. She noted that Jump has since been purchased by Lime.

Ms. Toran discussed the key requirements of the pilot, which included distribution requirements, accommodations for low-income users and an adaptive scooter pilot. In addition, she described compliance monitoring efforts.

Ms. Toran provided examples of public facing dashboards being developed for the Transportation Recovery Plan page on the SFMTA website. Dashboards include reporting of scooter and bike complaints, and citations issued in total and by location. These dashboards will provide transparency to the public on how the scooter program is working. Ms. Toran noted that scooter trips plunged by 90% at the beginning of the pandemic, but that trip numbers are now beginning to increase again.

The Scooter Share Permit Program will be modified based on feedback from the pilot. Modifications include changes to the transportation code to improve oversight and codify the adaptive scooter program; adding community engagement and scooter distribution requirements to the application process and permit requirements; and making the adaptive scooter program permanent. A



comprehensive outreach program to key stakeholders is planned.

Ms. McAuliff asked for input on terms and conditions for the permanent adaptive scooter program.

Mr. Fischer suggested that scooter companies should hold an orientation for new users of adaptive scooters once a month.

Mr. Walsh asked if the scooters would only be available to those with adaptive needs, or if anyone could use them. Ms. Williams of Accessible Services noted that making them available to everyone would likely make more scooters available overall. Limiting their use to a smaller user group may limit their availability.

Mr. Hamada asked about enforcement of sidewalk riding prohibitions, particularly on Market St. Ms. Toran noted that SFMTA is focusing on requiring permittees to ensure compliance with terms of service.

7) Other Business

Mr. Kielbus commented that he had seen LRVs running on the service even though there is no metro service. Ms.



Williams responded that new Siemens cars are being “burned in” as part of the vehicle acceptance process.

Mr. Kielbus requested a presentation on the restoration of rail service at the next committee meeting.

8) Adjourn

Meeting adjourned at 2:35pm

