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CITIZENS' ADVISORY COUNCIL

MINUTES

Thursday, November 6, 2014
Room 7080, Union Square Conference Room
1 South Van Ness Avenue, 7th Floor

REGULAR MEETING
5:30 P.M.

COUNCIL MEMBERS

Daniel Weaver (Chair), Daniel Murphy (Vice Chair), Mark Ballew,
Joan Downey, Steve Ferrario, Katie Haverkamp,
Alex Reese, Susan Vaughan, Dorris Vincent, Roland Wong, and Frank Zepeda

COUNCIL LIAISON
Roberta Boomer

COUNCIL SECRETARY
Yvette Torres

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: Mark Ballew, Steve Ferrario, Katie Haverkamp Daniel Murphy, Alex Reese, Susan Vaughan, Daniel Weaver, Roland Wong, and Frank Zepeda
CAC members absent at Roll Call: Dorris Vincent

CAC members absent: Joan Downey

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

CAC Liaison Boomer made the announcement.

4. Approval of Minutes:

- March 6, 2014
- September 4, 2014

Public Comment:

None

On motion to approve the minutes of March 6, 2014: Approved

Ayes – Mark Ballew, Steve Ferrario, Katie Haverkamp Daniel Murphy, Alex Reese, Susan Vaughan, Daniel Weaver, Roland Wong, and Frank Zepeda
Absent – Dorris Vincent

On motion to approve the minutes of September 4, 2014: Approved

Ayes – Mark Ballew, Steve Ferrario, Katie Haverkamp Daniel Murphy, Alex Reese, Susan Vaughan, Daniel Weaver, Roland Wong, and Frank Zepeda
Absent – Dorris Vincent

5. Report of the Chair (For discussion only)

None.

6. Public Comment:

Edward Mason discussed corporate commuter buses in the Noe Valley neighborhood. He questioned why operators were choosing the stops and routes and the use of white zones. There are

continuing problems on Guerrero, a weight restricted street and on the 48 line. He has spoken with staff about the issues.

REGULAR CALENDAR

7. Presentation, discussion and possible action regarding the status of the taxicab industry in San Francisco. (Kate Toran, Director, Taxis and Accessible Services)

Kate Toran discussed the mission of the Taxi and Accessible Services Division and regulation of the taxi industry. There are a lot of regulations regarding public safety including insurance, driver training and complaint investigations, clean air and equipment requirements. Taxis are an important part of the paratransit program. Ms. Toran discussed the recent development of transportation network companies and their impact on the taxi industry. The Transportation Network Companies (TNC's) are regulated by the California Public Utilities Commission (CPUC). San Francisco and the CPUC have very different and misaligned regulatory frameworks. Wheelchair pickups by ramped taxis have declined which is a result of the TNC's. The SFMTA has provided economic relief to the taxi industry and is reviewing all regulations to see where additional flexibility could be found. The taxi industry is working to improve service and get on an app. Flywheel has approximately 80% of the taxi fleet. Taxi drivers are improving pick-up times and more drivers are accepting credit cards. A new taxi driver workers union was recently ratified. There is a data management system to better manage the taxi industry. There is increased enforcement for TNC's when they park in bus zones or at taxi stands. Ms. Toran is looking to establish a broad-based taxi task force and improve outreach to the industry.

Dorris Vincent arrived.

No public comment.

8. Presentation, discussion and possible action regarding the Short Range Transit Plan. (Darton Ito, Manager, Long Range Planning)

Darton Ito provided an overview of the plan. The Metropolitan Transportation Commission requires that transit agencies prepare a document describing operating, service, and capital improvement plans for the next 10-20 years. The plan will review service standards, operating budget and needs and what capital improvement investments will be made. The plan will also discuss expansion projects such as Van Ness Bus Rapid Transit and the Central Subway project. Staff has used existing reference documents to create the plan. The draft report will be sent to the CAC in December. The plan will be submitted to the Board for adoption in February.

Chairman Weaver referred the draft Short Range Transit Plan to the January 8 CAC meeting. He also provided a list of existing CAC recommendations for consideration at the January 8 meeting.

PUBLIC COMMENT:

Eric Scott questioned some of the previous CAC recommendations such as the planned reduction of automobiles on Market St. and asked if the recommendations were set in stone.

9. Presentation, discussion and possible action regarding the T-Third Phase 3 study of a possible extension to North Beach and Fisherman's Wharf. (Paul Bignardi, Principal Transit Planner)

Paul Bignardi discussed a "pre-feasibility" study of existing data regarding extending the Central Subway to North Beach and Fisherman's Wharf. The study focused on alignment, grade, construction methods, land use, cost and transit analysis and identified possible corridors for transit. Some of the alignments weren't feasible because of the existence of a large sewer line. The report looked at sea level rise and areas of possible liquefaction and estimated travel time. The report will be presented to the SFMTA Board and the Transportation Authority in December and then would have to go through environmental analysis.

No public comment.

10. Discussion and possible action regarding a recommendation from the Operations and Customer Service Committee (OCSC)

Motion 141002.01

The SFMTA CAC recommends that the SFMTA work with the Metropolitan Transportation Commission to produce Clipper cards of a different color for passes issued under the Free Muni for Youth program, and that if it's not possible to produce such cards, that the SFMTA issue the cards with a sticker indicating they are youth cards, so that adult household members don't inadvertently use them, and so that when adults are caught using such cards, they cannot claim that they didn't know they were using a youth card unlawfully.

Motion 141002.01 was amended as follows:

The SFMTA CAC recommends that the SFMTA work with the Metropolitan Transportation Commission to produce Clipper cards of a different color for passes issued under the Free Muni for Youth program. If it's not possible, then the SFMTA issue the cards with a sticker indicating they are youth cards, to prevent unlawful use of youth passes

On motion to amend Motion 141002.01: Adopted

Ayes – Mark Ballew, Steve Ferrario, Katie Haverkamp Daniel Murphy, Alex Reese, Susan Vaughan, Dorris Vincent, Daniel Weaver, Roland Wong, and Frank Zepeda
Absent – Downey

Public Comment:

Eric Scott questioned why this was being done at all. There are four classes of cards of which one is a youth card which is visibly different than other cards. There isn't a need to create anything new. If the CAC is going to ask for a card, it should be a lifeline card similar to the Orca card in Seattle.

On motion to approve Motion 141002.01 as amended: Approved

Ayes – Mark Ballew, Steve Ferrario, Katie Haverkamp Daniel Murphy, Alex Reese, Susan Vaughan, Dorris Vincent, Daniel Weaver, Roland Wong, and Frank Zepeda

Absent – Downey

11. Discussion and possible action regarding a recommendation from the Engineering, Maintenance and Safety Committee. (EMSC)

Motion 141029.1

The SFMTA CAC recommends the following features be incorporated into the LRV4 procurement: the Front End style of Skyline 1 or Presidio, interior color scheme of red or blue, seat location of longitudinal and hand holds with colored stanchions and straps.

Chairman Weaver divided the motion into two separate motions to separate longitudinal seating from the rest of the motion.

Public Comment:

Eric Scott stated that this is an attempt to subvert the public process. He suggested that the CAC wait to get a report on what the survey came up with and then make a decision. If the CAC does submit a recommendation, it should do so in such a way that it's not in conflict with the survey.

Motion 141029.1:

The SFMTA CAC recommends the following features be incorporated into the LRV4 procurement: the Front End style of Skyline 1 or Presidio, interior color scheme of red or blue, and hand holds with colored stanchions and straps.

On motion to approve Motion 141029.1: Approved

Ayes – Mark Ballew, Steve Ferrario, Katie Haverkamp Daniel Murphy, Alex Reese, Susan Vaughan, Dorris Vincent, Daniel Weaver, Roland Wong, and Frank Zepeda

Absent – Downey

Motion 141029.2

The SFMTA CAC recommends the following features be incorporated into the LRV4 procurement: longitudinal seat alignment

On motion to approve Motion 141029.2: Failed adoption

Ayes – Alex Reese, Susan Vaughan, Daniel Weaver, and Roland Wong

Nayes – Mark Ballew, Steve Ferrario, Katie Haverkamp, Daniel Murphy, Dorris Vincent, and Frank Zepeda

Absent – Downey

12. Council Members' requests for information. (For discussion only)

- Dorris Vincent asked if it were possible to have two car trains during peak periods on the T-line.
- Sue Vaughan requested a list of motions passed and action taken. (Board Secretary Boomer stated that the list was sent to the CAC in October but would send it to her again.)
- Katie Haverkamp would like information as to how many vehicles were damaged during the Giants celebration, the cost and whether the SFMTA could recover those costs.

13. Schedule upcoming calendar items. (For discussion only)

Next regular meeting: Thursday, December 4 at 5:30 p.m.

1 South Van Ness Avenue, 7th Floor, Union Square Conference Room, # 7080

ADJOURN - The meeting was adjourned at 7:49 p.m.

Submitted by:

Roberta Boomer

SFMTA CAC – Liaison

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