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

MINUTES

Tuesday, January 17, 2017
Room 400, City Hall
1 Dr. Carlton B. Goodlett Place

**REGULAR MEETING
1 P.M.**

SFMTA BOARD OF DIRECTORS

Tom Nolan, Chairman
Cheryl Brinkman, Vice Chairman
Gwyneth Borden
Malcolm Heinicke
Lee Hsu
Joél Ramos
Cristina Rubke

Edward D. Reiskin
DIRECTOR OF TRANSPORTATION

Roberta Boomer
SECRETARY

ORDER OF BUSINESS

1. Call to Order

Chairman Nolan called the meeting to order at 1:00 p.m.

2. Roll Call

Present: Cheryl Brinkman
Gwyneth Borden – absent at Roll Call
Malcolm Heinicke
Lee Hsu
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 January 3, 2017 Regular Meeting: unanimously approved (Borden-absent).

5. Communications

None

6. Introduction of New or Unfinished Business by Board Members

(6.1) Election of SFMTA Board Chairman and Vice Chairman pursuant to SFMTA Rules of Order

Chairman Nolan nominated Cheryl Brinkman for the position of Chairman.

No public comment.

On motion to elect Cheryl Brinkman as Chairman:

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

ABSENT - Borden

Director Rubke nominated Malcolm Heinicke to serve as Vice Chairman

No public comment.

On motion to elect Malcolm Heinicke as Vice Chairman:

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

ABSENT - Borden

7. Director's Report (For discussion only)

- Update on Vision Zero
- Ongoing Activities

Ed Reiskin, Director of Transportation, discussed two fatalities and two pedestrian incidents in the past week; approval of the Geary Bus Rapid Transit Environmental Impact Report by the Transportation Authority and next steps for the project; recent grant award of \$11 million to address congestion and safety; the impact of recent storms on city streets; NextBus arrival prediction issues; electric vehicles for public transportation; and the arrival of the first light rail vehicle by Siemens.

Tom Maguire, Director, Sustainable Streets, presented an update on Vision Zero.

PUBLIC COMMENT:

Cathy DeLuca urged the Board to be Vision Zero champions in 2017. Twenty nine people were killed in 2016, only two fewer than the previous year. Pedestrians suffer disproportionate impacts, and most are seniors. She urged the Board to make sure the projects that come before the Board are safe. Don't compromise safety and have the most robust safety improvements possible.

8. Citizens' Advisory Council Report

No report.

9. Public Comment

Lawrence Paul discussed the sale of taxi medallions. Transportation Network Companies (TNCs) are abundant on city streets. He stated that he is aware that the City is doing all it can to cut back on costs and raise more revenue. The initial sale of medallions resulted in several hundred medallions sold. He appealed for a previous proposal regarding selling the medallions to companies, which was initially done as a pilot study. With all of the market forces that exist, the SFMTA should revisit that in the near future.

Robert Cesana said that the SFMTA had never done an environmental impact report on TNCs and urged the SFMTA to do one. The SFMTA could put pressure to reduce the number of TNCs to a workable number of 5,000. He urged the Board to be proactive and ask tech companies to bid for driverless taxis. These driverless taxis would form a perfect partnership with taxis with drivers. The Board of Supervisors has said that the population of seniors will reach 40% over the next twenty years and most won't be able to use driverless taxis as they need assistance.

Mark Gruberg spoke about how to improve taxi driver income which is vital to the future of the taxi industry. Ideas mentioned include increasing the number of taxi stands, taking taxis out of circulation to reduce congestion and emissions, implementing a system for sharing a taxi ride, establishing a system of taxi vouchers for city employees, developing a universal payment system and exploring ways for taxis to compliment Muni service.

Marcelo Fonseca stated the taxi industry has been mocked and neglected, starting when the Mayor supported TNCs. The only reason the Board doesn't have jurisdiction over TNCs is because the Mayor gave jurisdiction to the California Public Utilities Commission. There are 45,000 TNCs that are clogging streets, destroying the infrastructure and fouling the air. It's not fair to continue to charge fees to taxi drivers. He urged the Board to eliminate all fees for medallion holders.

Adam Pavlacka discussed the 4th St. project between 4th and Zoe streets. He stated the SFMTA sounds hypocritical when it talks about Vision Zero because it has failed to enforce parking on 4th St. There is no mandate for having a flagman there to direct traffic. Staff told residents that it would be taken care of but it hasn't been. Contractor cars are blocking the road and there is no enforcement. This is pushing two way traffic down a one way street with no protections.

Carl Macmurdo discussed the medallion renewal fee. Many medallion holders are going into debt and are suffering greatly. An article in the Chronicle said that Uber is crushing taxis and Muni ridership is up by three percent. TNCs contribute to traffic jams. The SFMTA could be selling 500 medallions per year if it could get 80% of TNCs off the road. He urged the SFMTA to enforce the rule about Uber drivers having commercial vehicles and insurance. Uber is underpricing taxis. Flywheel taxi has sued Uber.

Chairman Brinkman asked staff to follow up with Mr. Pavlacka regarding the situation on 4th Street.

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. Julie Jimenez vs. CCSF, Superior Ct. #CGC14543078 filed on 12/5/14 for \$1,999
- B. Raul Huerta vs. CCSF, U.S. District Court #16cv01943HSG filed on 3/11/16 for \$6,500
- C. Vera Whelan, CityLaw #1603183 filed on 5/17/16 for \$75,000 (Explanatory documents include a resolution.)

RESOLUTION 170117-006

(10.2) Approving the following traffic modifications:

- A. ESTABLISH – TRAFFIC SIGNALS – 7th Street and Minna Street; Alemany Boulevard and Foote Avenue); Bryant Street and Sterling Street; Campus Way and Owens Street; Ellis Street and Webster Street; Highland Avenue and Mission Street; Leavenworth Street and Washington Street); and Mariposa Street and Pennsylvania Avenue. (Explanatory documents include a staff report and resolution. The proposed action is the Approval Action as defined by Chapter 31 of the San Francisco Administrative Code.)

RESOLUTION 170117-007

(10.3) Authorizing the Director to provide incentive pay for SFMTA service critical operators who begin work on New Year’s Eve 2016 and continued into New Year’s Day for 2017. (Explanatory documents include a staff report and resolution.)

RESOLUTION 170117-008

On motion to approve the Consent Calendar:

ADOPTED: AYES – Borden, Brinkman, Heinicke, Hsu, Nolan, Ramos, and Rubke

ABSENT - Borden

REGULAR CALENDAR

11. Authorizing the Director to implement the Dolores Street Median Parking Pilot for a period of 16 months and approving various parking and traffic modifications associated with the pilot as follows:

- A. ESTABLISH – PARALLEL PARKING NEXT TO MEDIAN, 8 AM TO 6 PM, SUNDAYS ONLY- Dolores Street, southbound, from 30 feet to 215 feet south of 14th Street, Dolores Street, northbound, from 50 feet to 215 feet south of 14th Street, Dolores Street, southbound, from 60 feet to 210 feet north of 15th Street, Dolores Street, northbound, from 40 feet to 210 feet north of 15th Street, Dolores Street, southbound, from 30 feet to 100 feet south of 15th Street, Dolores Street, northbound, from 40 feet to 110 feet south of 15th Street, Dolores Street, northbound, from 245 feet to 325 feet north of 16th Street, Dolores Street, northbound, from 40 feet to 165 feet north of 16th Street, Dolores Street, southbound, from 40 feet to 165 feet south of 16th Street, Dolores Street, northbound, from 60 feet to 165 feet south of 16th Street, Dolores Street, southbound, from 245 feet to 325 feet south of 16th Street, Dolores Street, northbound, from 245 feet to 325 feet south of 16th Street, Dolores Street, southbound, from 40 feet to 110 feet north of 17th Street, Dolores Street, northbound, from 20 feet to 110 feet north of 17th Street, Dolores Street, southbound, from 30 feet to 190 feet south of 17th Street, Dolores Street, northbound, from 40 feet to 185 feet south of 17th Street, Dolores Street, southbound, from 45 feet to 190 feet north of 18th Street, Dolores Street, northbound, from 25 feet to 190 feet north of 18th Street

B. ESTABLISH – PARALLEL PARKING NEXT TO MEDIAN, 7 PM TO 10 PM, FRIDAYS ONLY; 9 AM TO 12 PM, SATURDAYS ONLY; 8 AM TO 6 PM, SUNDAYS ONLY Dolores Street, southbound, from 245 feet to 325 feet north of 16th Street, Dolores Street, southbound, from 60 feet to 165 feet north of 16th Street. (Explanatory documents include a staff report, and resolution. The proposed action is the Approval Action as defined by the San Francisco Administrative Code Chapter 31.)

John Knox White, Senior. Transportation Planner, Sustainable Streets, presented the item.

PUBLIC COMMENT:

Members of the public expressing support: Stefan Lazar and Kyung Kin

Director Borden arrived.


RESOLUTION 170117-009

On motion to approve:

ADOPTED: AYES – Borden, Brinkman, Heinicke, Hsu, Nolan, Ramos, and Rubke

ADJOURN – The meeting was adjourned at 2:01 p.m.

A recording 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