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**SAN FRANCISCO
MUNICIPAL TRANSPORTATION AGENCY
CITIZENS' ADVISORY COUNCIL**

MINUTES

**Thursday, August 3, 2017
Room 7080, Union Square Conference Room
1 South Van Ness Avenue, 7th Floor**

**REGULAR MEETING
5:30 P.M.**

COUNCIL MEMBERS

**Daniel Weaver (Chair), Frank Zepeda (Vice Chair), Neil Ballard, Mark Ballew,
Barbara Bocci, Steve Cornell, Joan Downey, Michael Eshleman, Cesar Magdaleno,
Daniel Murphy, Steve Taber, Susan Vaughan, and Dorris Vincent**

**COUNCIL LIAISON
Roberta Boomer**

**COUNCIL SECRETARY
Keka Robinson-Luqman**

ORDER OF BUSINESS

1. Call to Order

Vice Chairman Zepeda called the meeting to order at 5:32 p.m.

2. Roll Call

CAC members present at Roll Call: Neil Ballard, Mark Ballew, Stephen Cornell, Joan Downey, Michael Eshleman, Cesar Magdaleno, Daniel Murphy, Steve Taber, Susan Vaughan, and Frank Zepeda

CAC members absent at Roll Call: Daniel Weaver and Dorris Vincent

CAC members absent with notification: Barbara Bocci

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 July 6, 2017:

ADOPTED: AYES – Neil Ballard, Mark Ballew, Stephen Cornell, Joan Downey, Michael Eshleman, Cesar Magdaleno, Daniel Murphy, Steve Taber, Susan Vaughan, and Frank Zepeda

ABSENT – Barbara Bocci, Daniel Weaver, and Dorris Vincent

5. Report of the Chair (For discussion only)

No report.

6. Public Comment:

Edward Mason recommended that the council read the staff report from the last SFMTA Board meeting regarding 26th and Church streets. He had to make 350 complaints to finally get action. There needs to be greater enforcement and greater analysis of the commuter shuttle program. (Mr. Mason submitted written comments for inclusion in the minutes.)

Written 150-Word Public Testimony by Edward Mason for Minutes of SFMTA Citizens' Advisory Council Regular Meeting August 3, 2017: Agenda Item 6, Public Comment:

August 2017 CAC. Fifty one city commuter bus observations were reported by citizens during May 2017 Twenty one observations were for no blue stickers or expired green

stickers. Loop 286 idled for 30 minutes on a spare the air day and bike to work day among eleven citings exposing the neighborhood to unnecessary NOx and pollution. A disabled patron was denied wheelchair boarding in the street by Muni as the red zone was occupied by a commuter bus. The 15 minute wait for the next Muni bus is unacceptable. Another disabled storer bus at Castro and Elizabeth was towed four hours later. Lastly Genentech 118 was disabled at the curb and failed to pay for the meters denying MTA need revenue.

Aaron Goodman stated that there is a concern when you only have one type of system. The SFMTA bike share program should have an alternative for people who cannot ride a two wheel bike. There should be something available that is ADA accessible. The SFMTA talks about equity but there is not a lot of planning going on in other areas other than BRT proposals.

Daniel Weaver arrived at 5:41 p.m.

Mari Eliza mentioned that there are studies being done by SFMTA on various projects throughout the city and there are no similarities between the ways the studies are conducted between on. It is hard to figure out how SFMTA projects connect because there is no rhyme or reason to the way the studies are presented.

REGULAR CALENDAR

7. Presentation, discussion, and possible action regarding the Dogpatch Residential Parking Permit Pilot Project. (Hank Willson, Manager, Parking Policy. Explanatory documents include a slide presentation.)

Hank Willson provided an update and discussed next steps of the project including research, policy development, analysis, legislation, and implementation.

Dorris Vincent arrived at 6:11 p.m.

PUBLIC COMMENT:

Aaron Goodman stated that the Mission-Excelsior neighborhood has the wild west of parking situations. Some families have four or five cars and rotate them to guarantee that they have parking. A lot of the area's parking woes are because of institutional growth. Institutional growth should trigger parking facilities. They shouldn't just rely on city streets. The City is limited in space. There should be better transit connectivity. There are too many units that have four five or six cars.

Nicky Jacobson expressed concern for the plan to put install metered kiosks in the Dogpatch RPP area as part of the project. The overlay is strictly for people who have RPP in front of their homes. The meters have no time limits. It encourages commuters to come into the area

and park in front of residences. That is selling off the RPP. She is worried about the success of this pilot and what will happen citywide.

Mari Eliza stated that a lot of parking garages in the Mission Bay are empty. They are not being used efficiently. The public should be able to use them. If they are privately owned garages, the SFMTA should incentivize the garage owners. The SFMTA needs to go back to the idea about parking garage hubs. They have them in Oakland and other places.

CAC MOTION 170803.01

The SFMTA CAC recommends that the agency pilot RPP programs with one permit per licensed driver and two permits per household, as well as RPP programs which combine paid parking and free RPP parking in the same spaces, and develop a clear evaluation plan including specific metrics for success which include evaluating the results for parking space availability rates and the mix of resident and nonresident parking use.

On motion to approve:

ADOPTED: AYES – Neil Ballard, Mark Ballew, Stephen Cornell, Joan Downey, Michael Eshleman, Cesar Magdaleno, Daniel Murphy, Steve Taber, Susan Vaughan, Dorris Vincent, Daniel Weaver, and Frank Zepeda

ABSENT – Barbara Bocci

8. Presentation, discussion, and possible action regarding a quarterly report on Vision Zero. (Chava Kronenberg, Manager, Pedestrian Program. Explanatory documents include slide presentation.)

Chava Kronenberg presented an update on Vision Zero. Traffic fatalities are trending down in San Francisco. Through June 2017, there have been only eight traffic fatalities compared with 19 during the same period in 2016.

PUBLIC COMMENT:

Aaron Goodman stated that daily there are people speeding down Ocean Avenue. There are certain corridors in the city where people tend to drive ridiculously fast. The SFMTA should make sure to focus on repainting in those areas and not just downtown. The traffic moves faster in the outer areas and that's where the deaths occur. There are a lot of drivers coming in from other cities. They need to be reminded slowdown. Putting reminders on bus shelters is a critical.

Edward Mason inquired if there is a specific age range that leads pedestrian deaths. Curb cuts are places where people are distracted and not paying attention. There needs to be a clear

definition on who has the right of way. Courtesy and common sense can prevent potential accidents.

9. Presentation, discussion and possible action regarding the SFMTA's Strategic Plan. (Travis Fox, Chief Performance Officer and Anne Fritzler, Manager, Strategic Planning & Initiatives. Explanatory documents include a slide presentation.)

Travis Fox and Anne Fritzler provided a brief overview of the planning process and a review of the draft strategic plan elements including, the SFMTA vision, mission statements, strategic goals and objectives, and proposed new metrics.

PUBLIC COMMENT:

Aaron Goodman stated that there needs to be a system in place. It can't be a bunch of different systems. The more people coming into the city, the less people are going to be able to get from around efficiently. The SFMTA should look into alternative systems. It takes outside-the-box thinking to achieve an equitable transit system that works. Sometimes bi-county systems work.

Edward Mason stated that the strategic plan is missing a key slogan. He expressed concern that the SFMTA is failing to make the connection of a mode of transportation that is environmentally friendly. The land use policy has caused the unintended consequence of having a bunch of Ubers circling the neighborhood. He inquired if the strategic plan considers the age of the work force. He suggested using a suggestion box to solicit feedback on the strategic plan.

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

OCSC Motion 170711.01

The SFMTA CAC recommends that the SFMTA increase the number of POP inspectors, as the current number is inadequate to the size and scope of the Muni system, both to prevent fare evasion and to provide additional visibility for the safety and security of passengers and employees.

No public comment.

CAC MOTION 170803.02

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On motion to approve:

ADOPTED: AYES – Neil Ballard, Mark Ballew, Stephen Cornell, Joan Downey, Michael Eshleman, Cesar Magdaleno, Daniel Murphy, Steve Taber, Susan Vaughan, Dorris Vincent, Daniel Weaver, and Frank Zepeda
ABSENT – Barbara Bocci

OCSC Motion 170711.02

The SFMTA CAC recommends that the SFMTA hire staff for effective enforcement of regulation of new areas of agency jurisdiction, such as private transit vehicles.

PUBLIC COMMENT:

Aaron Goodman expressed concern over the small number of people inspecting Muni vehicles. Muni patrons are not following the rules and there's no way of enforcing them unless the SFMTA is able to track what is going on.

Edward Mason stated that on Saturday afternoons on Mission, there's supposed to be a transit lane but it's full of Ubers and Lyfts. Those are areas that need enforcement. He inquired if enforcement is fueled by citizen generated complaints or does the SFMTA just decide to do more enforcement.

CAC MOTION 1700803.03

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On motion to approve:

ADOPTED: AYES – Neil Ballard, Mark Ballew, Stephen Cornell, Joan Downey, Michael Eshleman, Cesar Magdaleno, Daniel Murphy, Steve Taber, Susan Vaughan, Dorris Vincent, Daniel Weaver, and Frank Zepeda
ABSENT – Barbara Bocci

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

Frank Zepeda reported that there were no recommendations and no requests for information at the EMSC meeting. The Geneva Harney BRT and Connect SF projects were discussed at the meeting. Both projects are in the beginning stages.

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

Daniel Murphy inquired if the SFMTA has looked into adaptive bikes as part of the bike share program for people with disabilities.

Sue Vaughan requested the written explanation that explains why a person is not required to buy an RPP permit.

Stephen Cornell inquired if Telematics is installed on city police and fire vehicles.

Joan Downey asked if there are any plans to install a crosswalk in front of the Arboretum entrance of Golden Gate Park.

Daniel Weaver requested the quarterly ridership totals for the past two years.

Stephen Taber requested an explanation of the different long range and capital plans and how projects make their way through the process and on how all these various projects fit together.

Sue Vaughan requested a presentation on the cameras on buses and light rail vehicles. She would like to know how many photographs are taken of violations and how many are ticketed.

Sue Vaughan requested a report on the transportation network companies and what the process is on getting data from them.

Sue Vaughan requested an update on the jitney legislation.

Dorris Vincent inquired what the policy is for Muni drivers in regard to recyclers that come on the bus with huge bags of bottles and cans.

ADJOURN- The meeting was adjourned at 9:28 p.m.

Submitted by:



Keka Robinson-Luqman
SFMTA CAC – Secretary

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