

## SAN FRANCISCO MUNICIPAL TRANSPORTATION AGENCY CITIZENS' ADVISORY COUNCIL

# NOTICE OF REGULAR MEETING AND CALENDAR

February 4, 2021

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PUBLIC COMMENT CALL-IN: (415) 915-0757 | Conference ID: 589 180 11#

REGULAR MEETING 5:30 P.M.

COUNCIL MEMBERS Neil Ballard (Chair), Frank Zepeda (Vice Chair), Chris Arvin, Michael Chen, Queena Chen, Steve Cornell, Aaron Leifer, John Lisovsky, Christopher Man, Daniel Murphy, Obai Rambo, Karim Salgado, Susan Vaughan, Dorris Vincent, and Daniel Weaver

> COUNCIL LIAISON Christine Silva

### COUNCIL SECRETARY Keka Robinson-Luqman

Due to the COVID-19 health emergency and to protect our Council Members, SFMTA staff, and members of the public, the SFMTA Meeting Room (Union Square Conference Room) is closed.

Members of the public are encouraged to participate remotely. If you want to ensure your comment on any item on the agenda is received by the Council in advance of the meeting, please send an email to CAC@sfmta.com by 5pm on Wednesday, February 3<sup>rd</sup> or call (415) 646-2388.

## **ORDER OF BUSINESS**

- 1. Call to Order
- 2. Roll Call
- 3. Announcement of prohibition of sound producing devices during the meeting.
- 4. Approval of Minutes:
  - December 3, 2020
- 5. Report of the Chair (For discussion only)
- 6. Public Comment:

Members of the public may address the Citizens' Advisory Council on matters that are within the CAC's jurisdiction and are not on today's calendar.

## **REGULAR CALENDAR**

7. Presentation, discussion, and possible action regarding Council member recommendation. (Michael Chen, District 2 Representative, Citizens' Advisory Council. No explanatory documents.)

The SFMTA CAC recommends that the SFMTA permanently eliminate poverty tows for unpaid parking tickets, expired registration, or leaving a vehicle parked for longer than 72 hours. These types of tows can severely harm people in poverty and are not cost-effective.

8. Presentation, discussion, and possible action regarding Scooter Share Program update. (Sarah Hellman, Regulated Mobility Permit Manager, Taxis and Accessible Services. Explanatory documents include a slide presentation.)

9. Presentation, discussion, and possible action regarding Better Market Street update. (Britt Tanner, Senior Engineer and Cristina Olea, Better Market Street Project Manager, San Francisco Department of Public Works (SFDPW). Explanatory documents include a slide presentation.)

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

## AOCSC Motion 210121.01

The SFMTA CAC recommends the restoration of service of the Powell-Hyde cable car line beginning service in the fourth quarter 2021. Utilizing a pre-pandemic schedule of 10 cars at an 8-minute headway would be sufficient service for locals and the limited number of tourists. Carloads should be limited to 10 to 12 passengers to maintain safe distancing and permitted in the outdoor sections only. Suggested hours of operation can be 8am to 10pm. The great numbers of people asking about service and taking pictures of displayed cable cars during the past three months at Powell-Market and Beach-Hyde indicates there is a call for the iconic cars to return to service. As more of the population gets inoculated, as more businesses reopen as the health restrictions are lifted, the return of the cable cars can be the symbol of the city's return to normalcy.

#### AOCSC Motion 210121.02

The SFMTA CAC recommends the restoration of service of the E Embarcadero line beginning service in the fourth quarter 2021. The route recommended is a short route from the Ferry Building to Pier 39/Jones Beach as it is the most populated part of the line, the most visible to visitors and locals alike, and is a link to many businesses on the northern waterfront that are in need of visitors. Three or 4 open-air cars on a 15 to 20minute headway should be sufficient to accommodate up to 12 passengers per car. To ensure maximum safety for the passengers and operators, only open-air cars such as the two 'boats', or open-air sections of the historic cars such as 1, 130, 496, 578 should be used.

### AOCSC Motion 210121.03

The SFMTA CAC recommends that all restoration of historic rail cars be done in-house utilizing the willing and skilled craftsmen at SFMTA. Over the years, skilled craftsmen have turned out completely restored cable cars from the wheels up. The same process can be applied to the historic rails. By restoring cars in-house, it will allow for funds to stay inhouse thus saving jobs should the need to trim at the crafts level arise.

#### AOCSC Motion 210121.04

Whereas the COVID-19 pandemic has caused an unprecedented civic funding crisis, therefore be it resolved the SFMTA CAC recommends that the SFMTA seek critical financial operating support from the federal government of the United States to ensure the restoration and augmentation of transit service, to avert job losses, to ensure San Francisco's economic recovery, and help avert climate catastrophe by offering San Franciscans a robust and healthy transit system, and be it further resolved that the CAC authorizes Chair Ballard to send a letter stating this position to President Biden, Transportation Secretary Buttigieg and Congressional leaders Pelosi and Schumer.

## AOCSC Motion 210121.05

The SFMTA CAC recommends that the SFMTA prioritize the front-line delivery of revenue service and not pursue deferred maintenance as a strategy to address capital or operating shortfalls.

### AOCSC Motion 210121.06

SFMTA CAC recommends fully developing all the land the SFMTA owns with the goal of financial independence, excellent service, and livable wages for its unionized workforce. AOCSC Motion 210121.07

The SFMTA CAC recommends that SFMTA explore all available avenues to maximize existing revenue streams (e.g., fines, Sunday meters, developing real estate, etc.).

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

# ADJOURN

Next regular meeting: Thursday, March 4<sup>th</sup> at 5:30pm | Online via Microsoft Teams

# **Upcoming CAC Agenda Items**

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<b>Meeting Date</b>	Scheduled Items
March 4, 2021	• Housing and Land Use Committee priorities and recommendations as related
	to the SFMTA

\* Scheduled items are subject to change\*

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