



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

MINUTES

Tuesday, June 30, 2020

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**SPECIAL MEETING
1 P.M.**

SFMTA BOARD OF DIRECTORS

Gwyneth Borden, Chair
Amanda Eaken, Vice Chair
Cheryl Brinkman
Steve Heminger

Jeffrey Tumlin
DIRECTOR OF TRANSPORTATION

Roberta Boomer
SECRETARY

ORDER OF BUSINESS

1. Call to Order

Chair Borden called the meeting to order at 1:00 p.m.

2. Roll Call

Present: Gwyneth Borden
Cheryl Brinkman
Amanda Eaken
Steve Heminger

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

No announcement was made.

4. Approval of Minutes

PUBLIC COMMENT:

David Pilpel pointed out that there was no public comment on the closed session. The minutes should reflect that.

On motion to approve the minutes of the June 16, 2020 Regular Meeting: unanimously approved.

5. Communications

Chair Borden talked about the passing of Art Curtis and asked that the meeting be adjourned in his memory.

Chair Borden discussed the virtual meeting and expressed appreciation to staff for their work to enable the meeting to be held via teleconference. Board Secretary Boomer reviewed how members of the public could watch the meeting and address the Board.

6. Introduction of New or Unfinished Business by Board Members

Vice Chair Eaken requested an update on efforts to make streets in the Tenderloin safer and more accessible to residents.

7. Director's Report (For discussion only)

-Ongoing Activities

Jeff Tumlin, Director of Transportation discussed the transportation recovery plan including building trust with the public, key data analytics, criteria for establishing “Slow Streets”, street sweeping, and applications for “Shared Spaces”.

PUBLIC COMMENT:

Hayden Miller stated that he is looking forward to more “slow streets” but he urged that existing ones be made more successful. Some intersections are lacking signage. Arterial street crossings should be looked at closely as they create safety hazards.

David Pilpel discussed Art Curtis’s passing. He was a wonderful employee and human being. He knew every inch of the system. He suggested naming something after him or putting up a poster to remind people of the importance of public service. Despite the many problems now, Art would have relished the opportunity to solve them.

John Lisovsky discussed the “Slow Streets” program and discussed several locations. He expressed concern about the grade of hills. A car free Columbus would bend the curve in that district. A North Point “slow street” would also be appreciated.

Eric Rozell expressed appreciation for paying attention to the Tenderloin. It’s a difficult neighborhood to work with. The neighbors are grateful for the changes, particularly on Jones and Turk streets. He urged the agency to continue to pay attention to the neighborhood. Having a “Safe Streets” network is a great idea.

Barry Taranto expressed appreciation for the Essential Trip Card (ETC) and essential ride home programs. He hasn’t seen many users at night. He does give rides to essential workers, many of whom work in the Tenderloin. Blocking streets will make it harder for taxi drivers to drop off workers. It’s hard to avoid not going through some “Slow Street” blocks, as taxis need access to pick up passengers. He is waiting for the official “Slow Street” list from the SFMTA. He was given a link to it but it’s not in a form that he can distribute to the taxi industry. He suggested installing signage a block away from every “Slow Street”.

Martin discussed the J and L lines terminating at Church and Market and at West Portal. He supports those changes and urged the SFMTA to figure out how to make those transfers safe for people with disabilities. The Church and Market intersection is difficult. These transfers must be ironed out before the change. He expressed appreciation for the “Slow Streets” program. In the Tenderloin and the South of Market, the Supervisor seems open to closing those streets so the SFMTA should consider making them pedestrian only. He supports mobility access.

Cliff Bargar stated that the Mariposa “Slow Streets” is wonderful. The SFMTA was quick to replace the barriers when they have been moved. People are still driving through Mariposa. He is happy to see the “Shared Spaces” program and urged more repurposing of the parking lane and sidewalks on 18th St. Sidewalks are narrow to the point where people can’t distance themselves. People with mobility issues will have challenges navigating narrow sidewalks.

Aleta Dupree discussed the J line termination on Market. It's reasonable but there has to be a seamless connection for people with disabilities. There is an incline towards the station so the elevators must be maintained. Signage is essential at that location.

Sara Ogilvie expressed support for the barriers on the "Slow Streets". She has noticed that cars are pushing through the barriers at some locations and is concerned about safety. She also expressed support for "Shared Spaces" in parking spaces and concern for social distancing on sidewalks. With the growing number of COVID, the City needs to take more action and be more aggressive with using parking spaces to help businesses continue.

Roan Kattouw thanked Director Brinkman for raising the question about Senate Bill 288. He expressed concern about "shared spaces" and restaurant service on the sidewalk. Some areas are the point where there isn't a five-foot path of travel to ensure social distancing.

Sam Deutsch expressed support for the "Shared Spaces" program and implored the SFMTA to think bigger. There's been criticism about space being taken from sidewalks. Other cities have been successful with removing parking and ensuring safe walking and cycling.

Mike Chen is heartened by the progress with "Shared Space", and suggested consideration of a "Slow Wiggle" that would allow people to traverse the City. He also discussed constraints in District 6 and urged consideration of more streets in the South of Market. Now is a great time to make sure City streets serve the people who live there.

Flo Kelly stated that vehicles are being cited for street cleaning. She referred to a letter from Glide Memorial Church that asked the SFMTA not to tow nor cite vehicular dwellings. It has a traumatic impact on people who are living in those vehicles and they usually wind up living on the streets.

8. Citizens' Advisory Council Report

No report.

REGULAR CALENDAR

9. Approving the FY 2021 and FY 2022 revised Operating Budget in the amounts of \$1,251.8 million and \$1,281.1 million respectively for operating expenditures; \$248.3 million and \$111.5 million respectively for capital expenditures; \$2.3 million and \$2.3 million respectively to supplement the existing general liability reserve; and \$15.5 million and \$18.7 million respectively for a new Board Operating Reserve; certifying that the FY 2021 and FY 2022 revised Operating Budget is adequate in making substantial progress towards meeting performance standards; authorizing changes to various fines, fees, fares, rates, and charges, including a waiver of taxi fees, reducing the low-income boot removal fee, creating a new one-time waiver of boot removal for individuals experiencing homelessness, and establishing reduced tow fees for low-income individuals and individuals experiencing homelessness with an operative date of January 4, 2021 with the exception of (1) parking meter rates including rates for special events, Sunday and evening parking enforcement, and demand responsive parking meter caps, (2) SFMTA and Parking Authority garage rates and fees, and (3) waiving taxi permit fees; which will all be effective on July 1, 2020; and (4) vehicle boot removal fee, (5) vehicle

towing, towing subcontract, lien, auction, and storage fees, and (6) community service plan processing fees, which will be effective on August 1, 2020; approving the SFMTA's Title VI Fare Equity Analysis for the fare changes; amending Transportation Code Division II to include various rate, fare, fine and fee increases and decreases; waiving all taxi permit fees, and adding new one-time boot removal fee for individuals experiencing homelessness, tow fees for low-income and HSH-approved individuals experiencing homelessness, ISCOTT permit fee for Community Events, and color curb renewal fee; approving the Title VI analysis; approving a waiver of fares on New Year's Eve 2021, and on New Year's Eve 2022; authorizing the Director to implement short-term experimental fares; retroactively waiving taxi driver permit renewal fees; concurring with the Controller's certification that parking citation processing and collection services; facility security services; paratransit services; parking meter collection and coin counting services; transit shelter maintenance services; and vehicle towing, storage and disposal services can be practically performed by private contractors at a lesser cost than to provide the same services with City employees; and authorizing the Director to make necessary corrections to the revised Operating Budget. (Explanatory documents include a staff report, analysis, budget, amendment, rate changes and resolution.)

Leo Levenson, Director, Finance and Information Technology and Jonathan Rewers, Senior Budget Manager, presented the item.

PUBLIC COMMENT:

Members of the public expressing support: David Pilpel, John Lisovsky, Aleta Dupree, Hayden Miller, Bob Allen, Barry Taranto, Martin, Trevor Adams, and Robert Bruckman

Members of the public expressing support for the BackFirst program: Laura Chalfont, Sylvia Alvarez-Lynch, Michael Leary, Glenna, Anthony Ballester, and Jan

Members of the public expressing neither support nor opposition: Roger Marengo, Roan Kattouw, Zack, Sam Deutsch, Herbert Weiner, and Matt Brezina

Director Heminger requested a monthly report on the budget.

Vice Chair Eaken asked staff to work with the Transportation Authority to present congestion pricing the Board.

RESOLUTION 200630-061

On motion to approve:

ADOPTED: AYES – Borden, Brinkman, Eaken, and Heminger

10. Amending the Transportation Code, Division II, to add Section 602 to designate temporary transit-only areas at: Laguna Honda Boulevard, both directions, from Clarendon Avenue to Dewey Boulevard; O'Shaughnessy Boulevard, both directions, from Portola Drive to 800 feet southerly; Mission Street, both directions, from 11th to 1st Street; 7th Street, northbound, from Townsend to Market Street; 8th Street, southbound, from Market to Townsend Street; Masonic Avenue, both directions, from Haight to

Geary Boulevard; Woodside Avenue, both directions, from Laguna Honda Boulevard to Portola Drive; Bosworth Street, both directions, from Elk to Arlington Street; and Presidio Avenue, both directions, from Sacramento to Geary Boulevard; to also add to Section 602 a temporary authorization to the City Traffic Engineer to approve temporary transit-only lanes and tow away lanes; and approving temporary parking and traffic modifications as follows:

- A. ESTABLISH - BUS AND TAXI-ONLY LANE - Laguna Honda Boulevard, both directions, from Clarendon Avenue to Dewey Boulevard; O'Shaughnessy Boulevard, both directions, from Portola Drive to 800 feet southerly; Mission Street, both directions, from 11th to 1st Street; 7th Street, northbound, from Townsend to Market Street; 8th Street, southbound, from Market to Townsend Street; Masonic Avenue, both directions, from Haight to Geary Boulevard
- B. ESTABLISH - BUS, TAXI, BICYCLE-ONLY LANE - Woodside Avenue, both directions, from Laguna Honda Boulevard to Portola Drive; Bosworth Street, both directions, from Elk to Arlington Street; Presidio Avenue, both directions, from Sacramento to Geary Boulevard
- C. RESCIND - TOW-AWAY NO STOPPING 4 PM TO 6 PM MONDAY THROUGH FRIDAY - Mission Street, north side, from 11th to 9th streets; Mission Street, north from side, from 8th Street to 274 feet easterly; Mission Street, north side, from 6th to 5th streets
- D. RESCIND - TOW-AWAY NO STOPPING 7 AM TO 9 AM AND 4 PM TO 6 PM MONDAY THROUGH FRIDAY - Mission Street, south side, from 9th to 8th streets; Mission Street, south side, from 7th Street to 443 feet westerly; Mission Street, south side, from 7th to 6th streets; Mission Street, south side, from 3rd to 1st streets
- E. ESTABLISH - TOW-AWAY NO STOPPING ANYTIME - Mission Street, south side, from 11th to 9th streets; Mission Street, north side, from 9th to 8th streets Mission Street, south side, from 8th Street to 363 feet east of 8th Street ; Mission Street, north side, from 6th Street to 539 feet west of 7th Street; Mission Street, south side, from 6th Street to 5th Street; Mission Street, north side, from 3rd Street to 1st Street
- F. ESTABLISH - NO LEFT TURN EXCEPT MUNI - Masonic Avenue, between Haight Street and Ewing Terrace
- G. ESTABLISH - YELLOW COMMERCIAL METERED ZONE, 7 AM TO 6 PM, MONDAY THROUGH FRIDAY – Mission Street, north side, from 84 feet to 128 feet east of 11th Street; Mission Street, south side, from 126 feet to 170 feet east of 9th Street; Mission Street, south side, from 323 feet to 343 feet east of 7th Street; Mission Street, south side, from 131 feet to 151 feet west of 6th Street
- H. ESTABLISH - YELLOW COMMERCIAL METERED ZONE, 7 AM TO 6 PM, MONDAY THROUGH SATURDAY – Mission Street, south side, from 139 to 161 feet east of Julia Street; Mission Street, south side, from 84 feet to 218 west of 7th Street ; Mission Street, north side, from 78 feet to 98 feet east of 6th Street; Mission Street, north side, from 230 feet to 252 feet east of 6th Street; Mission Street, north side, from 325 to 347 feet east of 6th Street; Mission St., north side, from Mint Street to 46 feet westerly; Mission Street, south side, from 38 feet to 98 feet west of New Montgomery Street; Mission Street, south side, from 46 feet to 69 feet east of New Montgomery Street; Mission Street, south side, from 30 feet to 50 feet west of 1st Street;
- I. ESTABLISH - WHITE PASSENGER ZONE, 7 AM TO 10 PM, DAILY – Mission Street, north side, from 108 to 196 feet east of 10th Street
- J. ESTABLISH - WHITE PASSENGER ZONE, AT ALL TIMES - Mission Street, south side, from 105 feet to 126 feet east of 9th Street Mission Street, north side, from 102 feet to 144 feet east of 8th Street; Mission Street, south side, from 161 feet to 216 east of Julia Street; Mission

Street, north side, from 46 feet to 134 west of Mint Street; Mission Street, south side, from 165 to 222 feet east of 3rd Street; Mission Street, south side, from 291 feet to 354 feet east of 2nd Street. (Explanatory documents include a staff report, amendments and resolution.)

Sean Kennedy, Manager, Transit Planning and Michael Rhodes, Project Manager, Temporary Emergency Transit Lanes, presented the item.

PUBLIC COMMENT:

Members of the public expressing support: Michael Balsama, David Pilpel, Martin, Zack Deutsch-Gross, Dan Federman, Ken T., Christopher Petersen, Daly Chin, Regina Islas, Simone Manganelli, Robin, Cliff Bargar, Simon Chan, Peter Straus, Nick, Amy O'Hare, Hayden Miller, Anonymous, Barry Taranto, Kevin Burke, Daniel Tahara, Milo Trauss, Nishon Keterphal, Ken Deutsch, Aleta Dupree, Mike Chen, Elliot Schwartz, Shahin Shahinajad, and Elias Zamaria

Members of the public expressing opposition: Anonymous and Anonymous

Members of the public expressing neither support nor opposition: Herbert Weiner

At the Board's request, Director Tumlin will provide reports on the SFMTA's transit initiatives.

RESOLUTION 200630-062

On motion to amend the resolution to remove the prohibition against turning left onto Ewing Terrace and establishing no left turns except Muni on Masonic Avenue between Haight and Turk streets:

ADOPTED: AYES – Borden, Brinkman, Eaken, and Heminger

On motion to approve as amended:

ADOPTED: AYES – Borden, Brinkman, Eaken, and Heminger

ADJOURN - The meeting was adjourned at 6:14 p.m. in honor of Art Curtis.

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

California Environmental Quality Act (CEQA) Appeal Rights under S.F. Admin. Code Chapter 31: For identified Approval Actions, the Planning Department or the SFMTA has issued a CEQA exemption determination or negative declaration, which may be viewed online at the Planning Department's website. Following approval of the item by the SFMTA Board, the CEQA determination is subject to appeal within the time frame specified in S.F. Administrative Code Section 31.16 which is typically

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