

SFMTA Municipal Transportation Agency

# City and County of San Francisco Municipal Transportation Agency Citizens' Advisory Council

Engineering, Maintenance and Safety Committee Wednesday, January 22, 2014 at 3:00 p.m. 1 South Van Ness Avenue, 6<sup>th</sup> Floor, Candlestick Conference Room

# MINUTES

## 1. Call to Order

Chairman Zepeda called the meeting to order at 3:16 p.m.

## 2. Roll Call

EMSC members present at Roll Call: Frank Zepeda and Dorris Vincent EMSC members absent: None SFMTA CAC members not on this committee, but also present: Joan Downey

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

The CAC Secretary made the announcement.

## 4. Approval of Minutes:

• October 23, 2013

# **Public Comment:**

None

On motion to approve the minutes of October 23, 2013: Approved Ayes – Vincent and Zepeda Nayes - None Absent – None

# 5. Report of the chairman (For discussion only):

Chairman Zepeda wished everyone a Happy New Year.

## 6. Public Comment:

None

# 7. Presentation, discussion and possible action regarding traffic flow in the vicinity of Lombard and Hyde Streets. (Ricardo Olea, City Traffic Engineer, Sustainable Streets)

Ricardo Olea discussed traffic flow; pedestrian congestion; and residents' concerns in the vicinity of Lombard and Hyde Streets. Mr. Olea stated that during summer and heavy traffic periods, eight

Parking Control Officers (PCOs) have been assigned to make sure pedestrian and vehicle traffic is kept safe and moving.

### **Public Comment:**

None

8. Presentation, discussion and possible action regarding pedestrian safety at the corner of **Powell and Post Streets for Powell Street Cable Car customers.** (John Haley, Director, Transit Services and Liliana Ventura, Assistant Engineer, Sustainable Streets)

Liliana Ventura presented a slide diagram of the boarding island at the corner of Powell and Post Streets for Powell Street Cable Car customers. Ms. Ventura stated that in 2012, the boarding island was widened and narrowed for accessible boarding passengers, but overlooked the SFFD's access to the fire hydrant valve adjacent to the boarding island. Ms. Ventura stated that staff is planning to make the boarding island safer and are working with the SFFD to ensure their access to the fire hydrant valve is not obstructed.

#### **Public Comment:**

Edward Mason inquired about the SFFD getting around the bulb out located at the right-hand turn on Powell and Post Streets.

**9. Presentation, discussion and possible action regarding the Masonic Avenue project.** (Neal Patel, Project Liaison, Livable Streets, Sustainable Streets)

Neal Patel discussed an overview of the Masonic Avenue project; recent improvements to Masonic Avenue; and outreach to the community regarding the design selected for the project.

Council Member Downey expressed concern that the 43 Masonic line may be affected by the project.

#### **Public Comment:**

David Pilpel commented that the Masonic Avenue project is an extremely controversial project. Mr. Pilpel suggested to the Committee to recommend a proposed pilot to eliminating a third lane for a period of time to evaluate traffic and safety concerns.

Edward Mason commented on trees that have buckled sidewalks; the increase of population; and reckless bicyclists in the City.

#### Motion 140122.01

The SFMTA CAC recommends that the peak hour restrictions be repealed on Masonic Avenue between Geary and Fell Streets, with the objective to measure traffic impacts on the 43 Masonic prior to the implementation of the Masonic Avenue street design project. On motion to approve Motion 140122.01: Approved Ayes – Vincent and Zepeda Nayes - None Absent – None

#### 10. Committee members' requests for information. (For discussion only)

Frank Zepeda would like a copy of the EIR addendum for the Masonic Avenue project.

#### **Public Comment:**

David Pilpel commented on the upcoming 15 weekend shutdowns on the N Judah line for the Sunset Tunnel Track Improvement Project.

**11.** Schedule upcoming Meeting and Agenda Items. (For discussion only) Next regular meeting: Wednesday, February 26, 2014 at 3:00 pm 1 South Van Ness Avenue, 6<sup>th</sup> Floor, Candlestick Conference Room #6052

ADJORN: The meeting was adjourned at 4:57 p.m.

Respectfully submitted by: Yvette Torres SFMTA – CAC Secretary

