

SITE: **Bank of America Building (So. Van Ness @ Market)
One South Van Ness Avenue, 7th Floor
Union Square Conference Room, #7080**

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Minutes: January 16, 2014, 1 to 3 p.m.

Members Present:

Kevin Lee, David Longa, Joseph Flanagan, jakkee bryson, Randall Glock, Daniel Catalan, DeMian Williams, Jean Green, Heidi Seretan, Miro Kielbus, Jeanne Lynch, Marty Smith, Byron Yan, Bruce Morgan, Vernon Smith, Ed Evans, Les Clark

Members Absent:

Roland Wong*, Stu Smith*, Jane Redmond

*Excused

Guests:

Bob Planthold, Bruce Oka, Virginia Rathke, Annette Williams, Sandra Padilla, Jim Lowe, Neal Patel, Carli Paine, Paul Bignardi, Saleta Reynolds, Oliver Gajda, Chester Fung

1. Approval of Agenda and Minutes

A motion was made by Mr. Glock, and seconded to approve the agenda and minutes as written.

Motion carried.

2. Public Comment

Mr. Planthold stated that the consultant team hired to do outreach for WalkFirst is doing a poor job of it – At a recent outreach meeting of WalkFirst, on June 11th, no seniors or people with disabilities were present.

Apparently few people in these two communities even knew of the meeting's occurrence.

Presentations:

3. Update on Geary Bus Rapid Transit (BRT)

Chester Fung, SFCTA

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Chester Fung, of the San Francisco County Transit Agency (SFCTA), presented on plans for a Bus Rapid Transit System (BRT) on Geary. Currently this route is served by the 38 Geary Muni line, which is the busiest bus line in the city. The line has frequent service, but it is very slow and this makes it very unreliable. The line is also very crowded. Plans for BRT hope to place several improvements on this route which will speed up transit and offer passengers a better boarding/riding experience.

Mr. Kielbus asked about Prop. K funding for a light rail line here, what ever happened to it, wasn't it for this project? Also, will the transit only lanes be limited to Muni buses only?

Mr. Fung responded that light rail is very costly – BRT will allow us address these issues in a more effective way, which will allow more money to be invested in transit elsewhere in the city.

Mr. Longa wanted to clarify that in the Richmond the limited and local will stop at all stops. Mr. Longa also wanted to express his concerns that the express buses on Geary need to also be accounted for.

Ms. Bryson suggested that we use Hotel Taxes as a funding source for this project.

Mr. Lowe stated that a slide on current and projected ridership might be needed in this presentation.

Mr. Planthold wanted to make members aware that this proposal calls for a stop to be removed at Laguna and another at 9th Ave. These are near senior centers and schools.

4. WalkFirst

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Ms. Seleta Reynolds presented on WalkFirst, program which is examining pedestrian issues in San Francisco and proposed different treatments which will help to improve the pedestrian environment. The project is data driven.

Mr. Evans asked if anything could be done to get bikes off of the sidewalks.

Ms. Lynch asked if any focus had been given to Arguello and Geary. There have been five pedestrian accidents there and many close calls.

Ms. Reynolds stated that Geary and Arguello is in the program, but it may not be in the first pass of locations with the highest priority.

Mr. Planthold stated that the consultant for this project has not done effective outreach to the senior and disabled community.

For Discussion:

5. Employee Shuttle Pilot Program

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Ms. Carli Paine presented on the proposed commuter shuttle program. This program will allow commuter shuttles to share up to 200 Muni stops on a permit basis.

Mr. M. Smith asked if this was already governed by the CPUC. These are scheduled buses so they should be held to rules of the CPUC, which state that they can stop at any bus stop in the city.

Ms. Paine stated that the CPUC has licensing authority, but the SFMTA controls access to the curb.

Mr. Kielbus agreed that more shuttles are operating in the city. How does one ID shuttle that are problematic under this program?

Ms. Paine stated that the providers will be required to display a unique identifier so that people can report on them if they do not follow SFMTA policies.

Ms. Bryson asked why we need to wait until July to implement.

Mr. Planthold asked for a list of the 200 stops.

Ms. Paine stated that the list of stops has yet to be developed. The list will be based on a public process which will include input from SFMTA Staff, Community Members, and the Shuttle Providers.

6. New Business

Ms. Padilla asked for feedback from the MAAC on back in angled parking. Would this style of parking be acceptable for use in blue zones.

Mr. Evans asked if the meeting time could be moved back to 2pm.

7. Announcements

None.

8. Adjourn

Meeting adjourned at 3:00pm.

The next SFMTA MAAC Meeting is on February 20th.

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