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

MINUTES

Tuesday, December 5, 2017
Room 400, City Hall
1 Dr. Carlton B. Goodlett Place

**REGULAR MEETING
1 P.M.**

SFMTA BOARD OF DIRECTORS

Cheryl Brinkman, Chairman,
Malcolm Heinicke, Vice Chairman
Gwyneth Borden
Lee Hsu
Joél Ramos
Cristina Rubke
Art Torres

Edward D. Reiskin
DIRECTOR OF TRANSPORTATION

Roberta Boomer
SECRETARY

ORDER OF BUSINESS

1. Call to Order

Chairman Brinkman called the meeting to order at 1:03 p.m.

2. Roll Call

Present: Cheryl Brinkman
Gwyneth Borden – absent at Roll Call
Malcolm Heinicke
Lee Hsu
Joél Ramos
Cristina Rubke

Absent: Art Torres – with notification

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

Chairman Brinkman announced that the ringing of and use of cell phones, pagers and similar sound-producing electronic devices are prohibited at the meeting. She advised that any person responsible for the ringing or use of a cell phone, pager, or other similar sound-producing electronic devices might be removed from the meeting. She also advised that cell phones that are set on “vibrate” cause microphone interference and requested that they be placed in the “off” position.

4. Approval of Minutes

No public comment.

On motion to approve the minutes of the November 21, 2017 Regular Meeting: unanimously approved (Borden, Torres-absent).

5. Communications

Board Secretary Boomer stated that Item 10.2 had been modified at the request of staff to delete reference to establishing a no-parking provision on the east side of Fillmore Street. The Board will be considering action just on the west side of the street.

Ms. Boomer also announced that translation services for Cantonese speakers were available. She asked anybody who needed translation services to contact the translator.

6. Introduction of New or Unfinished Business by Board Members

None.

7. Director’s Report (For discussion only)

Tom Maguire, Director, Sustainable Streets recognized Alex Valdes, Transit Fare Inspector.

Ed Reiskin, Director of Transportation, discussed Vision Zero updates including the Second Street Improvement Project; the Upper Market Street Project; the General Sign Up for transit operators, the opening of the Salesforce Transit Center, free transit on New Year's Eve, fare increases for passport products, and the launch of the new SFMTA website.

Director Borden arrived.

PUBLIC COMMENT:

David Pilpel said that he was kept outside of the room. He reviewed the website. The Agenda for the meeting is not on the website. He suggested that the Board confer with counsel so he doesn't have to file a complaint. He recognized the fare inspector for his work. He asked for a copy of Director Reiskin's remarks. He asked about the design for Upper Market Street.

Brian Wiedenmeier discussed the design of the Upper Market Street project and expressed disappointment in the process. This project was the result of over two years of public outreach. Now, the SFMTA is considering a design that was reviewed only by the SFMTA, the Fire Department and the Mayor's office. He expressed concern about San Francisco's ability to achieve Vision Zero. The new website is beautiful.

Chairman Brinkman asked that the new design for Upper Market Street be brought to either the Board or to the Policy and Governance Committee. Director Reiskin stated that staff is doing additional outreach and would bring the item to the Board in February.

8. Citizens' Advisory Council Report

No report.

9. Public Comment

Cameron Crockette discussed safety issues with overnight campers near the Marina Safeway. San Francisco has outdated parking laws which promote drug use, loitering, and trash. Parts of the neighborhood are homeless campgrounds. The City needs a comprehensive plan to address safety issues associated with overnight campers. Other cities, such as San Diego, have addressed this issue.

Robert Cesana stated that San Francisco dropped the ball on jurisdiction with Transportation Network Companies (TNCs). Now the SFMTA has a new opportunity but the SFMTA has to work in cooperation with the Board of Supervisors. Sup. Peskin has statistics on TNCs which conclusively proves that these TNCs are operating exclusively as taxis. 70% of all rides are in San Francisco, especially if you include the airport. He suggested working with the Board of Supervisors to do something about this.

Eileen Boken discussed how the implementation of the Transit Effectiveness Project was incompatible with the City's General Plan. It fails to conform with policies about conserving neighborhood character and local uses. These could be fatal flaws.

Donna Parker discussed the 8th Ave. Neighborway meetings. She presented a letter to the Board. At a meeting, staff presented a new proposal that doesn't say it's a bike and pedestrian safety improvement project. She asked the Board to implement the stop sign at 9th Ave. and Cabrillo immediately. This would have a direct relationship to traffic on 8th Ave. She has 650 signatures for the project to not have the diversion aspect. Neighbors want everything but the diversion aspect. Staff doesn't have a date for a vote. She said there was no overflow room.

Howard Strassner discussed medians at Geary and Masonic. There is a big project there but there is no median. People can't cross the street quickly. Buses can't be slowed down just to allow people to get across. Maybe the green light could be held until everyone has crossed the street. An advanced start could be installed on Van Ness so pedestrians get a walk signal before cars turn.

Tariq Mehmood asked whether there was a plan to save taxis. In the last three months, 23 more medallions have come back for a total of 77 medallions returned. In 2010, he fought with the airport to get taxis back into the system. Last year he fought with the airport over taxi parking lots. This isn't his job. It's the SFMTA's but the SFMTA doesn't care. Paratransit business doesn't give any business to most taxi companies. Taxi drivers are paying extra but are not getting anything out of it. This should be changed back to the old way.

David Pilpel stated that he was precluded from hearing Mr. Mehmood's comments by the sheriffs. The agenda was not on the website and he will file a complaint if this meeting continues. The Transportation Task Force 2045 group are discussing revenue measures. He urged the Board to have a presentation on what they've discussed. There are tradeoffs for revenue measures. The Metropolitan Transportation Commission is considering putting a regional measure on the ballot which may be complimentary or in conflict. He recognized Larry Martin and expressed support for naming the first light rail vehicle after him. He suggested that the Board ask for a report on Muni's history, milestones, and passing of notable individuals.

Tom Gilberti expressed appreciation for the elevator at Van Ness Ave. He would love to hear that it is designed to be steam cleaned. Staff has told him that new elevators are being designed. The Castro and Powell stations will get the first new elevators. He can't push his wheelchair uphill to Van Ness any longer.

Vice Chairman Heinicke asked staff to come to the Board with a proposal for oversized vehicles.

THE FOLLOWING MATTERS BEFORE THE SAN FRANCISCO MUNICIPAL TRANSPORTATION AGENCY BOARD OF DIRECTORS ARE RECOMMENDED FOR ACTION AS STATED BY THE SFMTA DIRECTOR OF TRANSPORTATION OR CITY ATTORNEY WHERE APPLICABLE. EXPLANATORY DOCUMENTS FOR ALL CALENDAR ITEMS ARE AVAILABLE FOR REVIEW AT 1 SOUTH VAN NESS AVE. 7th FLOOR.

CONSENT CALENDAR

10. All matters listed hereunder constitute a Consent Calendar, are considered to be routine by the San Francisco Municipal Transportation Agency Board of Directors and will be acted upon by a single vote. There will be no separate discussion of these items unless a member of the Board of

Directors or the public so requests, in which event the matter shall be removed from the Consent Calendar and considered as a separate item.

(10.1) Approving the following traffic modifications:

- A. ESTABLISH – TOW-AWAY, NO STOPPING ANYTIME – Mississippi Street, east side, from 17 feet to 45 feet north of 22nd Street.
- B. ESTABLISH – STOP SIGN – Pico Avenue, eastbound, at Ashton Avenue.
- C. ESTABLISH – STOP SIGN – Greenwich Street, westbound, at Hyde Street.
- D. ESTABLISH – 1-HOUR PARKING, 9 AM TO 7 PM, MONDAY THROUGH FRIDAY, AND 9 AM TO 6 PM, SATURDAY – Lowell Street, south side, between Mission Street and Morse Street.
- E. ESTABLISH – TOW-AWAY, NO STOPPING ANY TIME – Potrero Avenue, east side, from 120 feet to 135 feet north of 16th Street.
- F. ESTABLISH – STOP SIGNS – Persia Street, eastbound and westbound, at Paris Street.
- G. EXTEND – RED ZONE – Stanyan Street, east side, from 7 feet to 22 feet south of the northerly marked crosswalk at McAllister Street.
- H. ESTABLISH – 45 DEGREE ANGLE PARKING – Lisbon Street, west side, from Peru Avenue to 10 feet north of Avalon Avenue
- I. ESTABLISH – NO PARKING ANYTIME – Carroll Avenue, north side, from 295 feet to 338 feet west of Third Street; and Carroll Avenue, north side, from 490 feet to 533 feet west of Third Street.
- J. ESTABLISH – PERPENDICULAR PARKING – Carroll Avenue, north side, from 338 feet to 490 feet west of Third Street; and Carroll Avenue, north side, from 533 feet west of Third Street to Mendell Street.
- K. ESTABLISH – NO PARKING ANYTIME – Mission Street, west side, from 222 feet to 280 feet north of 22nd Street.
- L. ESTABLISH – BLUE ZONE, DISABLED PARKING ONLY, AT ALL TIMES
“698” 18th Avenue, east side, from 1 foot to 21 feet north of Cabrillo Street. (Explanatory documents include a staff report and resolution. For every parking and traffic modification that received a categorical exemption, the proposed action is the Approval Action as defined by Chapter 31 of the San Francisco Administrative Code.)

RESOLUTION 171205-152

(10.2) Amending the Transportation Code, Division II to prohibit parking on both sides of Fillmore Street between Turk Street and Golden Gate Avenue at nine general metered parking spaces except for SFPD vehicles displaying an SFMTA permit and approving parking and traffic modifications as follows:

- A. ESTABLISH – TOW-AWAY, NO STOPPING ANYTIME EXCEPT CITY-OWNED MARKED SAN FRANCISCO POLICE DEPARTMENT VEHICLES – Fillmore Street, east side, from 69 feet to 151 feet south of Turk Street, and Fillmore Street, west side, from 71 feet to 169 feet south of Turk Street, except for City-owned SFPD vehicles displaying a permit issued by the SFMTA. (Explanatory documents include a staff report, amendment and resolution. The proposed action listed above is the Approval Action as defined by S.F. Administrative Code Chapter 31.)

Item 10.2 was severed from the Consent Calendar at the request of a member of the public.

PUBLIC COMMENT:

Members of the public expressing opposition: Roman Baldwin and David Pilpel.

Director Borden asked staff to reach out to neighborhood businesses and restaurants and report back to the Board regarding the impact of this change on those businesses including deliveries and traffic flow.

At the request of staff, this item was revised to delete reference to establishing this provision on the east side of Fillmore Street. The Board approved establishing this tow away zone on the west side of Fillmore Street only.

RESOLUTION 171205-153

On motion to approve as amended:

ADOPTED: AYES – Borden, Brinkman, Heinicke, Hsu, Ramos, and Rubke

ABSENT - Torres

(10.3) Approving parking and traffic modifications to reconfigure northbound 7th Street between 16th Street and Townsend Street as follows:

- A. ESTABLISH – TOW AWAY, NO STOPPING ANYTIME - 7th Street, east side, from King Street to 100 feet northerly; 7th Street, east side, from King Street to 365 feet southerly and 7th Street, east side, from 16th Street to 978 feet northerly. (Explanatory documents include a staff report and resolution. The proposed action listed above is the Approval Action as defined by S.F. Administrative Code Chapter 31.)

RESOLUTION 171205-154

(10.4) Authorizing the Director to execute the 2017 Memorandum of Understanding with the Recreation and Park Commission to facilitate the Phase I renovation of the historic Geneva Car Barn; and approving the Master Lease to allow the Recreation and Park Commission to lease the Powerhouse as a recreation and arts facility for 55 years. (Explanatory documents include a staff report, MOU, lease and resolution.)

RESOLUTION 171205-155

(10.5) Authorizing the Director to provide incentive pay for SFMTA service critical operators who begin work on New Year's Eve 2017 and continued into New Year's Day for 2018. (Explanatory documents include a staff report and resolution.)

Item 10.5 was severed from the Consent Calendar at the request of a member of the public.

PUBLIC COMMENT:

Members of the public expressing neither support nor opposition: David Pilpel

RESOLUTION 171205-156

On motion to approve Item 10.5:

ADOPTED: AYES – Borden, Brinkman, Heinicke, Hsu, Ramos, and Rubke

ABSENT - Torres

On motion to approve the Consent Calendar (Items 10.2 and 10.5 severed):

ADOPTED: AYES – Borden, Brinkman, Heinicke, Hsu, Ramos, and Rubke

ABSENT – Torres

REGULAR CALENDAR

11. Making environmental review findings and approving various parking and traffic modifications along the L Taraval Muni transit corridor as follows:

- A. RESCIND – TRANSIT STOP - Taraval Street, south side, west of 35th Avenue; Taraval Street, north side, east of 44th Avenue; Taraval Street, south side, west of 44th Avenue.
- B. RESCIND – TRANSIT BOARDING ISLAND AND TOW-AWAY NO STOPPING ANYTIME - Taraval Street, north side, from 44th Avenue to 220 feet easterly; Taraval Street, south side, from 44th Avenue to 220 feet westerly.
- C. ESTABLISH – UNMETERED GENERAL PARKING, 2 HOUR TIME LIMIT, 8 AM TO 6 PM MONDAY THROUGH SATURDAY - Taraval Street, north side, from 33rd Avenue to 34th Avenue; Taraval Street, south side, from 33rd Avenue to 34th Avenue; Taraval Street, north side, from 34th Avenue to 35th Avenue; Taraval Street, south side, from 34th Avenue to 35th Avenue; Taraval Street, north side, from 25 feet to 140 feet west of 35th Avenue; Taraval Street, south side, from 35th Avenue to 36th Avenue.
- D. ESTABLISH – UNMETERED GENERAL PARKING, 4 HOUR TIME LIMIT, 8 AM TO 6 PM MONDAY THROUGH SATURDAY - Taraval Street, north side, from 43rd Avenue to 44th Avenue; Taraval Street, south side, from 43rd Avenue to 44th Avenue; Taraval Street, north side, from 44th Avenue to 45th Avenue; Taraval Street, south side, from 44th Avenue to 45th Avenue; Taraval Street, south side, from 45th Avenue to 46th Avenue; Taraval Street, north side, from 46th Avenue to 47th Avenue; Taraval Street, south side, from 46th Avenue to 47th Avenue.
- E. ESTABLISH – GREEN METERED PARKING, 30-MINUTE TIME LIMIT, 9 AM TO 6 PM MONDAY THROUGH SATURDAY AND RESCIND – TRANSIT BOARDING ISLAND AND TOW-AWAY NO STOPPING ANYTIME - Taraval Street, north side, from 25th Avenue to 24 feet westerly. (Explanatory documents include a staff report, environmental documents and resolution.)

Michael Rhoades, Transit Planner, presented the item.

Ashley Summers, Office of Supervisor Katy Tang, expressed appreciation for the amount of public outreach. The SFMTA has conducted many public meetings. Supervisor Tang's office has heard feedback from many. It is difficult to weigh all concerns. Overall, Supervisor Tang believes this item will improve transit reliability and safety. Boarding islands are the best solution.

PUBLIC COMMENT:

Members of the public expressing support: Wyland Chu, Morgan Sue, Natasha Apfell, Howard Strassner, Rachel Hyden, Mary Andersen, Lance Harriman, Jimmy Lu, Laura Tam, Maelig Morvan,

Members of the public expressing opposition: Herbert Weiner, Christina Magee, Tulio Bran, Michael Magee, Alyse Ceirante, Diego Sardante, Teri Fowler, Mari Eliza, Nancy Wuerffel, Yuha Shum, Yan Ji Wong, John Gregson, Irene Gregson, Marshall Newman, Eileen Boken, Nancy Rubin, Paula Katz, Peggy Deitz, Lynn Miller, Barry Hermanson, Albert Chow, Grace Garza, Elizabeth Murphy, David Pilpel, Vivian Sakovich, Barbara Hughes, Michael O'Rourke, Seth St. Martin, Connell Craig, Francisco Saldana, Inge Horton, Tom Gilberti, Brenda Peralta, Grant Bartone, and Donna Parker

Director Rubke left the meeting.

Director Hsu asked staff to conduct a short term pilot with respect to the 17th Ave. stop to further evaluate the impact that removing the stop would have and report back to the Board prior to the start of construction.

Vice Chairman Heinicke asked staff to look at the terminus of the L Taraval to see what can be done to mitigate the loss of time.

Due to missing information related to Chapter 31 of the Administrative Code, the Board deferred action on all traffic modifications dealing with establishing a time limit (Items C, D, and E).

The Board asked staff to remove the 17th Ave. stop as a short term pilot project and to report back to the Board prior to the start of construction. The Board expressed consensus on removing the stop on 35th Ave. and building a boarding island and keeping the 44th Ave. stop. They asked staff to report back to the Board about how to mitigate the loss of time savings due to keeping the 44th Ave. stop.

RESOLUTION 171205-157

On motion to approve as amended:

ADOPTED: AYES – Borden, Brinkman, Heinicke, Hsu, and Ramos

ABSENT – Rubke and Torres

12. Presentation and discussion of the SFMTA's Fiscal Year 2017 year-end financial audit. (Explanatory documents include a staff report, resolution and audit. Fulfills Charter Section 8A.102 (c) (3) training requirements.)

Sonali Bose, Director, Finance and Information Technology and Lisa Avis, Managing Director, KPMG presented the item.

No public comment.

13. Amending Transportation Code, Division II to revise the definition of “Downtown Core”; establish a citywide parking meter zone with variable parking meter rates; establish citywide variable motorcycle parking meter rates; provide a description and maps of the area in the parking meter zone; establish criteria for periodically adjusting parking meter rates; modify Special Event parking meter rates and areas; and eliminate Parking Meter Zone Numbers One through Four. (Explanatory documents include a staff report, amendment, maps, policies and resolution.)

Hank Willson, Manager, Parking Policy, presented the item.

Chairman Brinkman asked staff to add links to parking apps on the new website so people can see where they can park before they start their trip.

PUBLIC COMMENT:

Members of the public expressing support: Kristy Wang, Jim Lazarus, and Howard Strassner

Members of the public expressing neither support nor opposition: Stephen Cornell

RESOLUTION 171205-158

On motion to approve:

ADOPTED: AYES – Borden, Brinkman, Heinicke, Hsu, and Ramos

ABSENT – Rubke and Torres

14. Presentation and discussion regarding the “Better Market Street” project. (Explanatory documents include a slide presentation.)

Simon Bertrang, Project Manager, Better Market Street, Public works, presented the item.

Vice Chairman Heinicke asked staff to provide information about the timeline and any possible parking and traffic changes than could be done quickly, once the environmental review is complete.

No public comment.

15. Adopting the 2017 Transportation Sector Climate Action Strategy which provides a framework for the reduction of greenhouse gas emissions from the transportation sector and for increasing the resilience of the transportation system in advance of future climate impacts. (Explanatory documents include a staff report, resolution and strategy.)

Tim Doherty, Sustainability and Climate Planner, presented the item.

No public comment.

RESOLUTION 171205-159

On motion to approve:

ADOPTED: AYES – Borden, Brinkman, Heinicke, Hsu, and Ramos

ABSENT – Rubke and Torres

ADJOURN – The meeting was adjourned at 6:17 p.m.

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:

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