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**SAN FRANCISCO
MUNICIPAL TRANSPORTATION AGENCY
CITIZENS' ADVISORY COUNCIL**

MINUTES

**Thursday, February 1, 2018
Room 7080, Union Square Conference Room
1 South Van Ness Avenue, 7th Floor**

**REGULAR MEETING
5:30 P.M.**

COUNCIL MEMBERS

**Daniel Weaver (Chair), Frank Zepeda (Vice Chair), Neil Ballard, Mark Ballew,
Barbara Bocci, Jarie Bolander, Steve Cornell, Joan Downey, Michael Eshleman, Cesar
Magdaleno, Daniel Murphy, Steve Taber, Susan Vaughan, and Dorris Vincent**

**COUNCIL LIAISON
Roberta Boomer**

**COUNCIL SECRETARY
Keka Robinson-Luqman**

ORDER OF BUSINESS

1. Call to Order

Chairman Weaver called the meeting to order at 5:36 p.m.

2. Roll Call

CAC members present at Roll Call: Neil Ballard, Mark Ballew, Jarie Bolander, Stephen Cornell, Joan Downey, Cesar Magdaleno, Steve Taber, Susan Vaughan, Daniel Weaver, and Frank Zepeda

CAC members absent with notification: Barbara Bocci, Michael Eshleman, and Dorris Vincent

CAC members absent without notification: Daniel Murphy

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

CAC Secretary Robinson-Luqman made the announcement.

4. Approval of Minutes:

No public comment.

Council member Downey requested that Edward Mason's public comment be edited to include the phrase "followed by a 30 minute gap in service" after "three J Church trains back to back."

On motion to approve the minutes of January 4, 2018:

ADOPTED: AYES – Neil Ballard, Mark Ballew, Jarie Bolander, Stephen Cornell, Joan Downey, Cesar Magdaleno, Steve Taber, Susan Vaughan, Daniel Weaver, and Frank Zepeda

ABSENT – Barbara Bocci, Michael Eshleman, Daniel Murphy, and Dorris Vincent

5. Report of the Chair (For discussion only)

No report.

6. Public Comment:

Edward Mason provided an update on Noe Valley corporate commuter shuttle buses. After four months the situation of the buses operating after 10am in the white zone has been corrected. After 10am, the white zone reverts back to a metered parking space. Rail slapping is also an issue at 24th and Church streets. Rail slapping is when vehicles cross the tracks at a perpendicular angle. The stress and pressure causes the rail to separate from the tiles below.

When the rail becomes loose, it then floats and causes a banging sound. The problem is exacerbated by the 50,000-pound commuter shuttle buses.

David Pilpel stated that Supervisor Safai introduced an ordinance that would create an appeals process for decisions made by the SFMTA. It will be heard at one of the committees. It would enact a provision in Proposition A that allowed the Board of Supervisors to create this process. Saturday is the 100th anniversary of Twin Peaks Tunnel and West Portal Station. There's a film that will be shown at the West Portal Library and a walking tour.

REGULAR CALENDAR

7. Presentation, discussion, and possible action regarding Connect SF. (Grahm Satterwhite, Principal Planner. Explanatory documents include a slide presentation.)

Grahm Satterwhite and Linda Meckel, Senior Transportation Planner, San Francisco County Transportation Authority (SFCTA) defined Connect SF as a multi-agency partnership to build an effective, equitable, and sustainable transportation system for San Francisco's future. They provided an overview of Connect SF including a summary of the process, the vision, and next steps.

PUBLIC COMMENT:

Edward Mason asked what assurance the SFMTA has that the Planning Department is going to plan and not create spot zone areas for projects. Scott Weiner is trying to make transit corridors without any pushback. Growth is not funding growth. Current residents have to fund the growth. Anytime there is a transportation project, it's a real estate project also.

David Pilpel stated that over the last few months, he has been intrigued by things that have happened with transportation network companies (TNCs) in regards to the SFMTA's ridership and revenue trends. He stated that his observation over the past several months is that people for whom time is valuable are opting out and are taking TNCs in mass. He's not convinced that the expansion plans for fleet and service will result in replacement riders.

8. Presentation, discussion, and possible action regarding Transportation Taskforce 2045. (Cody Hicks, Transportation Planner. Explanatory documents include a slide presentation.)

Cody Hicks presented the item.

PUBLIC COMMENT:

Edward Mason stated that a regional expansion business tax is missing. Local decisions that are made have a regional impact. He inquired if San Francisco will be reimbursed for damage to infrastructure. There needs to be a regional perspective on expansion and responsibility should be shared. The SFMTA needs to rethink this process for the future.

David Pilpel stated that at the last Taskforce 2045 meeting he attended, he expressed support for a diversity of funding sources. Some should be property based, user based, and business based. The benefits accrued more broadly to the different tax bases and not a single tax entity. The modeling for the revenue was based on who was covered.

9. Presentation, discussion, and possible action regarding the SFMTA FY 2019-2020 Budget. (Sonali Bose, Director, Finance & Information Technology. Explanatory documents include a slide presentation.)

Sonali Bose, Director, Finance & Information Technology, presented the item.

PUBLIC COMMENT:

Edward Mason stated he is glad there is consideration of a day pass. He has not kept up with what the Santa Clara Valley Transportation Authority has done with the Eco-pass and is not aware if it's still operational. He suggested that the SFMTA create a convention pass which is created by building in the price of riding public transportation into the convention fee. This could be another possible source of revenue.

David Pilpel inquired what the current approximate transaction cost is for cash transactions. He also asked how much it costs to process a cash payment versus a Clipper payment and a Muni Mobile payment. He asked what the relative cost difference is for cable cars versus the rest of the system and, for BART, what is the SFMTA's current revenue for the A pass in total compared to the M pass.

9. Presentation, discussion, and possible action regarding the Engineering, Maintenance, and Safety Committee (EMSC) report and recommendations.

Council member Zepeda reported that there was a presentation on service gaps and bunches. The SFMTA is tracking data from two different sources due to new radios being installed on the buses and light rail vehicles. Management Center. This is causing the service gaps and bunches.

PUBLIC COMMENT:

David Pilpel explained that traditionally supervisors and inspectors were either in trucks or at corners. There was also a separate group at Central Control that monitored radio calls. Everyone did different things but they were all empowered to deal with certain types of incidents. There were also mechanics in the field. Over time, who was responsible for what and who could give orders became unclear. He stated that he is confused about the hierarchy and who is in charge. He inquired as to what the overall line management philosophy is and who is empowered to do anything about it.

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

Joan Downey inquired if staff are looking into lowering the volume of announcements on the new Siemens Cars.

Jarie Bolander requested a presentation on fare enforcement. Chairmen Weaver requested that it be presented to the full CAC.

Joan Downey inquired what neighborhoods are being targeted for crackdown on sidewalk parking, what the difference is in sidewalk parking citations before and since the neighborhoods were targeted, and what are the next neighborhoods that will be targeted.

Sue Vaughan inquired how many commuter shuttle buses have placards.

Sue Vaughan asked what the definition of “minor” is in regards to a minor change in a PTV route.

Sue Vaughan inquired if the SFMTA adopted a final definition of what constitutes a PTV route that duplicates a Muni route. If so, please provide that definition to the CAC.

Joan Downey asked how many bus zone citations have transit fare inspectors (not PCOs) given out in the past year.

Frank Zepeda asked what the approximate transaction cost is for cash fares that result in transfers.

Frank Zepeda asked what the approximate transaction cost is for a Clipper card transaction.

Frank Zepeda asked what the approximate transaction cost is for a Muni Mobile transaction.

Frank Zepeda asked what the approximate difference in cost is for cable car operations versus the average for other Muni modes based on the National Transit Database.

Frank Zepeda inquired what the A pass would have to cost to fully cover BART’s charges to the SFMTA.

Frank Zepeda inquired if staff is testing the functionality of coupling and uncoupling Siemens LRV4 cars at portals.

PUBLIC COMMENT:

David Pilpel asked for a Council member to formally ask his questions from his public comment during the budget presentation as requests for information. He also suggested that someone make an inquiry about Siemens car testing and whether or not they are capable of coupling and uncoupling at the portals.

ADJOURN- The meeting was adjourned at 8:23 p.m.

Submitted by:

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read 'KAR Luqman', with a stylized flourish at the end.

Keka Robinson-Luqman
SFMTA CAC – Secretary

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