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

MINUTES

Tuesday, February 6, 2018
Room 400, City Hall
1 Dr. Carlton B. Goodlett Place

REGULAR MEETING AND CLOSED SESSION
1 P.M.

SFMTA BOARD OF DIRECTORS

Cheryl Brinkman, Chairman,
Malcolm Heinicke, Vice Chairman
Gwyneth Borden
Lee Hsu
Joël 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 1:01 p.m.

2. Roll Call

Present: Cheryl Brinkman
        Gwyneth Borden
        Malcolm Heinicke
        Joél Ramos
        Cristina Rubke
        Art Torres

Absent: Lee Hsu – 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 January 16, 2018 Regular Meeting: unanimously approved (Hsu-absent).

On motion to approve the minutes of the January 23, 2018 Special Meeting: unanimously approved (Hsu-absent).

5. Communications

None.

6. Introduction of New or Unfinished Business by Board Members

Director Borden requested an update on the 6th Street Project.

7. Director’s Report (For discussion only)

   - Special Recognition Award
   - Update on Vision Zero
PUBLIC COMMENT:

Paula Katz thanked Supervisor Yee, Ed Reiskin, and SFMTA staff for working out a proposal that will save the inbound L Taraval stop at 17th Avenue. It’s important to the community.

Tom Gilberti stated that he was glad riders won’t have to cross the busy intersection at the 17th Avenue L Taraval stop. He has a disabled placard that he gives to visitors who drive him in their car. He hopes those people are protected from a disabled placard violation.

Mary Goldman discussed the traffic circles at Euclid Avenue. The intersection is now more difficult to navigate and it’s hard to see pedestrians. More surveys need to be conducted.


No report.

9. Public Comment

Brock Pryor discussed the color curb program. He asked why there is a non-refundable application fee and how citizens can resolve problems when they are denied. He has had an encroachment and egress problem for the past 17 years.

Herbert Weiner discussed Vision Zero non-profits organizations that are backed by bicyclists on the SFMTA Board and which influence decisions. The SFMTA needs more checks and balances.

Tom Gilberti stated that the elevator at the Embarcadero station is grimy. If the SFMTA had a steam cleaner for the underground stations, staff could do a better job of washing the elevator areas. Senior citizens curse the City for removing stops on Van Ness Avenue. They want their voices heard just like those people that opposed the 17th Avenue stop on the L Taraval. The SFMTA can make alternative stops for the 49 Van Ness/Mission and 47 Van Ness lines.

Alex Landsberg stated that the Public Utilities Commission (PUC) is developing three acres with 44 square feet of community space. Some neighbors want housing and the PUC is resistant. The space should be maximized and not wasted. He asked the SFMTA to send their planners to talk with the PUC.

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) Requesting the Controller to allot funds and to draw warrants against such funds available or will be available in payment of the following claims against the SFMTA:

A. Craig Crandall vs. CCSF, U.S. District Court #17CV01583JSC for $0
B. Telitha Ball vs. CCSF, Superior Ct. #CGC16552774 filed on 6/28/16 for $1,250
C. Philip Lawson vs. CCSF, Superior Ct. #CGC17558102 filed on 4/10/17 for $100,000

(Explanatory documents include a resolution.)

RESOLUTION 180206-016

(10.2) Approving the following traffic modifications:

A. ESTABLISH – RED ZONE – Hayes Street, north side, from western crosswalk at Pierce Street, to 40 feet easterly.
B. ESTABLISH – STOP SIGNS – Dartmouth Street, southbound, at Felton Street; and Colby Street, southbound, at Felton Street
C. ESTABLISH – STOP SIGNS – Eugenia Avenue, eastbound and westbound, at Folsom Street.
D. ESTABLISH – STOP SIGNS – Irving Street, eastbound and westbound, at 47th Avenue.
E. ESTABLISH – STOP SIGNS – Prague Street, northbound and southbound, at Rolph Street.
F. ESTABLISH – STOP SIGN – Maddux Avenue, westbound, at Scotia Avenue.
G. RESCIND – TOW-AWAY, NO STOPPING ANYTIME – Guerrero Street, east side, from 107 feet to 117 feet south of Cesar Chavez Street.
H. ESTABLISH – ONE-WAY STREET – Naples Street, southeastbound, between Munich Street and Curtis Street.
I. ESTABLISH – BUS ZONE – 19th Ave., east side, from 75 feet to 115 feet south of Wawona St.
J. ESTABLISH – STOP SIGNS – Broderick Street, northbound and southbound, at Bay Street; and Divisadero Street, northbound and southbound, at Bay Street.
K. ESTABLISH – BUS ZONE – Fillmore St., east side, from 120 feet to 158 feet south of Bay St.
L. ESTABLISH – TOW-AWAY, NO STOPPING ANYTIME EXCEPT CITY-OWNED MARKED SAN FRANCISCO POLICE DEPARTMENT VEHICLES – Fillmore Street, west side, from 71 feet to 169 feet south of Turk Street.
M. ESTABLISH – NO PARKING, 12:01 AM to 6 AM, EVERY DAY – Utah Street, both sides, between 15th Street and 16th Street; 15th Street, south side, between Utah Street and San Bruno Avenue; and 15th Street, both sides, between Potrero Avenue and Utah Street.
N. RESCIND – TOW-AWAY, NO PARKING, 10 PM TO 6 AM, EVERY DAY – Galvez Avenue, north side, between 3rd Street and Newhall Street.
O. ESTABLISH – TOW-AWAY, NO PARKING, 3 AM TO 6 AM, EVERY DAY – Galvez Avenue, north side and south side, between 3rd Street and Newhall Street.
P. ESTABLISH – 90 DEGREE PARKING – Newcomb Avenue, north side, from 20 feet to 80 feet east of Lane Street; Newcomb Avenue, south side, from 160 feet to 260 feet east of Lane Street; Newcomb Avenue, north side, from 340 feet to 440 feet east of Lane Street; and Newcomb Avenue, south side, from Keith Street to 78 feet westerly.
Q. ESTABLISH – STOP SIGNS – 18th St., eastbound and westbound, at Pennsylvania Ave.
R. ESTABLISH – STOP SIGNS – Avalon Avenue, eastbound and westbound, at Edinburgh 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.)

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

PUBLIC COMMENT:

Members of the public expressing support: Shannon Wells

Members of the public expressing opposition: Ted Jordan

RESOLUTION 180206-017

On motion to approve:

ADMITTED: AYES – Borden, Brinkman, Heinicke, Ramos, Rubke, and Torres

ABSENT - Hsu

(10.3) Amending the Transportation Code Division II to adopt proposed parking restrictions and approving parking and traffic modifications as follows:

A. ESTABLISH – PERMIT PARKING, 6 AM TO 7 PM, MONDAY THROUGH FRIDAY – Grove Street, north side, between Van Ness Avenue and Polk Street (360-foot zone, accommodating 25 angled parking stalls); Grove Street, south side, from 266 feet to 358 feet east of Van Ness Avenue (92-foot zone, accommodating 4 parallel parking stalls); Dr. Carlton B. Goodlett Place, east side, from 32 feet to 150 feet north of Grove Street (118-foot zone, accommodating 10 angled parking stalls)

B. ESTABLISH – PERMIT PARKING, AT ALL TIMES – Dr. Carlton B. Goodlett Place, west side, between McAllister Street and Grove Street (531-foot zone, accommodating 20 parallel parking stalls); McAllister Street, south side, from 137 feet to 287 feet east of Van Ness Avenue (150-foot zone, accommodating 13 angled parking stalls)

C. ESTABLISH – NO PARKING ANYTIME, EXCEPT CITY-OWNED VEHICLES MAINTAINED BY CENTRAL SHOPS – Selby Street, east side, from Hudson Avenue to Galvez Avenue; Toland Street, west side, from 100 feet to 350 feet north of Jerrold Avenue. (Explanatory documents include a staff report and resolution. The proposed action is the Approval Action as defined by Chapter 31 of the San Francisco Administrative Code.)

Item 10.3C was severed from the Consent Calendar at the request of a member of the public.

PUBLIC COMMENT:

Members of the public expressing opposition: Melodie

RESOLUTION 180206-018
On motion to approve:

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

ABSENT - Hsu

(10.4) Adopting a resolution of local support for the programming of State Transportation Improvement Program funds in the amount of $13,752,000 for two Restoration of Light Rail Lines projects in Fiscal Years 2020 and 2021. (Explanatory documents include a staff report and resolution.)

RESOLUTION-180206-019

(10.5) Approving Contract No. SFMTA 2018-27, Transit Signal Priority System, Software License and TSP Maintenance Services, with Global Traffic Technologies to provide transit signal priority system maintenance services for an amount not to exceed $6,347,450, for a five-year term ending June 30, 2023, with optional one-year extensions. (Explanatory documents include a staff report, resolution and contract.)

RESOLUTION 180206-020

(10.6) Authorizing the Director to execute Contract No. CS-174, Professional Project Management and Construction Management Support Services for Van Ness Corridor Transit Improvement Project, with HNTB Corporation, for a total amount not to exceed $5,701,475, and a term not to exceed three years. (Explanatory documents include a staff report, resolution and contract.)

RESOLUTION 180206-021

(10.7) Authorizing the Director to execute Contract Amendment No. 3 to Contract No. 2015-26, with moovel North America, for software development services for the MuniMobile smartphone ticketing application, to increase the total contract amount by $312,500 to $455,000 to cover the SFMTA’s payment obligations for remaining deliverables and commission fees on Muni ticket sales through the remainder of the contract’s term. (Explanatory documents include a staff report, resolution and amendment.)

RESOLUTION 180206-022

(10.8) Authorizing the Director to approve the issuance of a Request for Proposals for Contract No. SFMTA 2018-37 for Vendor Managed Inventory services for a three-year period with two options to extend for an additional two-years to manage and supply parts for its Rail Fleet maintenance program. (Explanatory documents include a staff report, request for proposals and resolution.)

RESOLUTION 180206-023

(10.9) Authorizing the Director to issue a Request for Proposals to solicit proposals to develop the Moscone Center Garage Site into a convention hotel and affordable housing. (Explanatory documents include a staff report, request for proposals and resolution.)

Item 10.9 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: Adam Landsberg and Sam Soho

RESOLUTION 180206-024

On motion to approve:

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

ABSENT - Hsu

On motion to approve the Consent Calendar (Items 10.2R, 10.3C and 10.9 severed):

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

ABSENT - Hsu

REGULAR CALENDAR

11. Presentation and discussion regarding the Transportation Task Force 2045 recommendations. (Explanatory documents include a slide presentation.)

Sarah Jones, Planning Director, Sustainable Streets, presented the item.

No public comment.

12. Presentation and discussion regarding parking management and vehicular habitation. (Explanatory documents include a slide presentation.)

Andy Thornley, Senior Project Analyst, Sustainable Streets Division, presented the item.

PUBLIC COMMENT:

Nicholas Persky, Supervisor Fewer’s office, stated that they hear from neighbors about the impact oversized vehicles have on the community. The issue is ultimately a symptom that comes from a growing wealth divide. In order to make ends meet, lower income communities have to resort to living out of their cars. Enforcement causes a lot of impacts to these communities. We look forward to working with city staff and various agencies to identify sites where these vehicles can park with minimal impacts to surrounding residential areas.

Ashley Summers, Supervisor Tang’s office, stated that the illegally parked vehicles lead to a host of issues including illegal dumping, animal and human waste problems, and a general lack of parking. There are many people living in vehicles who present no issues to communities. Supervisor Tang’s office has made only a few requests for no parking signage around playgrounds and parks. They don’t want tow away fees or fines to be the impediment to allowing people to get out of homelessness. She thanked staff for coming up with creative and equitable solutions.
Cameron Crockett suggested that the City explore a solution similar to Los Angeles’ program. Ban campers and recreational vehicles (RVs) unless a special day use permit is purchased and start a safe transition parking area where people can park their RVs without fear of being towed. The City’s homeless department will need to find the right location for this solution to be effective.

Celia Shuman stated that she works in the design district where time limits have helped with the curb space issue. In the last couple months, RV’s have been returning for up to ten days. She asked who the public should call to enforce the parking limits.

April Prosser discussed the plight of those who are having their homes destroyed by city workers. This is the reality of what is happening on the streets and people are vulnerable. There needs to be a moratorium on kicking people out and destroying their homes.

Marc Christensen suggested that locations be identified where RVs can park away from residential property. The City can charge a fee for maintenance. The health and safety issues of RV’s parking in neighborhoods must be addressed in a compassionate way.

Evan Prosser stated that he lived in a school bus to better understand the suffering of the homeless. When homes are destroyed by city workers, the homeless watch as their belongings are torn apart with a sledgehammer.

Sam Lew stated that there are about five or seven navigation centers for the homeless but it’s a revolving door and short-term fix. It’s hard for the homeless to get their car back because of tow fees which rise daily. He urged a moratorium on fees and that there be no ID requirement to get personal items back. Undocumented people can’t access the fee reduction available to low income people.

Gonzalo Hernandez stated that he is homeless and lives in his car which was recently towed. He was desperate to get it back because each day the cost went up. He is grateful to the Coalition on Homelessness who helped him get his car back.

Michael Ignont stated there are over 1200 people living in their cars and RVs, many of them with disabled children and adults. He asked that parking citations fees be waived for all homeless people.

Jason Zhang spoke on behalf of a homeless man who lost his car due to loss of job and injury. The cost to get his car back is over $500. He wants to get off the street but is dragged down by high fees.

Kelly Cutler stated that people living in oversized vehicles are being targeted. The Coalition on Homelessness receives many calls from those living in oversized vehicles. The current waitlist for housing has 1100 people and 111 for families with children. The Coalition is part of a working group to address oversized vehicles. A safe parking program is a good idea. Alternatives need to be provided.

Herbert Weiner stated that in Palo Alto there are vans parked but there is no outcry about them there. He asked if the City would rather have people sleep in cars or in doorsteps. The City homelessness department should be present because this involves more than the SFMTA. It affects
the entire city and many types of people. There is no crackdown on sidewalk bicycling.

Steve Martin-Pinto stated that there is an increase in illegal dumping of human waste and litter in the Sunnyside neighborhood. Residents have rights too as these are health issues. The homeless can make choices but we must follow the laws. We are a civilized society and we can’t be selective in enforcement.

Melodie stated that she is grateful the SFMTA hasn’t posted more no parking signs but she is worried what will happen to her when new signs are posted. The chronic displacement is always carried out brutally by a small army of city officials creating a manmade personal disaster similar to being displaced by a fire.

Emily Cohen, Department of Homelessness, stated that a working group has been formed to discuss pilot programs. The City needs to implement programs and lead with social service providers to connect the homeless to housing resources.

Jennifer Sargent stated that RVs that have moved from other districts are now in the Bayview. She has to walk past many RVs and it’s not safe or hygienic. She urged city officials to connect RV users to social services.

Nick stated that the livelihood of people living in cars is important. They are harassed by police. The AutoReturn contract needs to be reviewed, particularly the requirement for an ID. The certificate of homelessness should be used for reduction in tow fees. There needs to be a moratorium or the fees need to be forgiven.

13. Making environmental findings for the Mission Rock Project and consenting to the Development Agreement between the City, the Port, and the Developer, for the Mission Rock Project and consenting to the Interagency Cooperation Agreement. (Explanatory documents include a staff report, agreements, plan and resolution.

Carli Paine, Land Use Development and Transportation Integration Manager, Sustainable Streets and Fran Weld, Vice President of Development, San Francisco Giants presented the item.

PUBLIC COMMENT:

Members of the public expressing support: Charles Deffarges

Members of the public expressing neither support nor opposition: Tom Gilberti

RESOLUTION 180206-25

On motion to approve:

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

ABSENT - Hsu
14. Awarding Contract No. 1282R1, Twin Peaks Tunnel Trackway Improvement Project to Shimmick/Con-Quest to replace the track structure and perform seismic strengthening and structural repairs in the Twin Peaks Tunnel, between the West Portal and old Eureka Valley Stations, in the amount of $40,980,000, and for a term of 240 calendar days. (Explanatory documents include a staff report, financial plan and resolution.)

Dee Appel, Project Manager, Capitol Programs and Construction, presented the item.

No public comment.

RESOLUTION 180206-26

On motion to approve:

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

ABSENT - Hsu

15. Discussion and vote pursuant to Administrative Code Section 67.10(d) as to whether to invoke the attorney-client privilege and conduct a closed session conference with legal counsel.

On motion to invoke the attorney-client privilege: unanimously approved (Hsu-absent).

RECESS REGULAR MEETING AND CONVENE CLOSED SESSION

CLOSED SESSION

1. Call to Order

Chairman Brinkman called the closed session to order at 4:40 p.m.

2. Roll Call

Present: Cheryl Brinkman
Gwyneth Borden
Malcolm Heinicke
Joël Ramos
Cristina Rubke
Art Torres

Absent: Lee Hsu – with notification

Also present: Ed Reiskin, Director of Transportation
Caroline Celaya, Acting Assistant Board Secretary
Susan Cleveland-Knowles, Deputy City Attorney
John Kennedy, Deputy City Attorney
Jamie Parks, Livable Streets Section Leader
Tom Maguire, Director, Sustainable Streets
3. Pursuant to Government Code Sections 54956.9 (d) (2), and Administrative Code Section 67.10 (d) (2), the Municipal Transportation Agency Board of Directors will meet in closed session to discuss attorney-client matters in the following case(s):

CONFERENCE WITH LEGAL COUNSEL

Anticipated Litigation:

__2__ As defendant or ____ As plaintiff

ADJOURN CLOSED SESSION AND RECONVENE OPEN SESSION - The closed session was adjourned at 4:53 p.m.


Chairman Brinkman announced that the SFMTA Board of Directors met in closed session to discuss anticipated litigation with the City Attorney but took no action.

17. Motion to disclose or not disclose the information discussed in closed session.

On motion to not disclose the information discussed: unanimously approved (Hsu-absent).

ADJOURN - The meeting was adjourned at 4:54 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.

Caroline Celaya
Acting Assistant 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 within 30 calendar days. For information on filing a CEQA appeal, contact the Clerk of the Board of Supervisors at City Hall, 1 Dr. Carlton B. Goodlett Place, Room 244, San Francisco, CA 94102, or call (415) 554-5184. Under CEQA, in a later court challenge, a litigant may be limited to raising only those issues previously raised at a hearing on the project or submitted in writing to the City prior to or at such hearing, or as part of the appeal hearing process on the CEQA decision.

The Ethics Commission of the City and County of San Francisco has asked us to remind individuals and entities that influence or attempt to influence local legislative or administrative action may be required by the San Francisco Lobbyist Ordinance [S.F. Campaign and Governmental Conduct
Code section 2.100 et seq.] to register and report lobbying activity. For more information about the Lobbyist Ordinance, please contact the Ethics Commission at 415.581.2300; fax: 415.581.2317; 25 Van Ness Avenue, Suite 220, SF, CA 94102-6027 or the web site: sfgov.org/ethics.