



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

MINUTES

Tuesday, November 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
Amanda Eaken
Lee Hsu
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
Amanda Eaken
Malcolm Heinicke – absent at Roll Call
Lee Hsu
Cristina Rubke
Art Torres

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

On motion to approve the minutes of the October 16, 2018 Regular Meeting: unanimously approved (Heinicke-absent).

5. Communications

Board Secretary Boomer stated that item 10.2 A regarding De Wolf Street had been severed from Consent at the request of staff. It will be heard after item 11.

6. Introduction of New or Unfinished Business by Board Members

None.

Vice Chairman Heinicke arrived.

7. Director’s Report (For discussion only)

-Special Recognition

- Update on Vision Zero
- Ongoing Activities

Kate Breen, Director, Government Affairs recognized Dillon Auyoung, Manager, Local Government Affairs. Ed Reiskin, Director of Transportation recognized Sonali Bose, Director, Finance and Information Technology.

Director Reiskin discussed Vision Zero efforts and media campaign; recent fatalities; Bicycling Magazine recognition; efforts to improve Muni service; Safe Driver Awards dinner; elevator webpage; closure of UCSF/Mission Bay platform; development of the Potrero Yard; open houses for the 27 Bryant Reliability Project, the Valencia Bikeway project, and the Third Street Transit and Safety project.

Vice Chairman Heinicke discussed issues with Nextbus announcements for light rail vehicles and requested a report regarding upgrades to the Nextbus software system.

PUBLIC COMMENT:

Herbert Weiner welcomed Director Eaken to the Board and asked her to always vote her conscience. Muni's approach is to fix the passenger rather than Muni. He discussed waiting a long time for buses over the weekend. The remedies are to transfer the Muni bosses to another city department or fire them. The other solution is to break up the SFMTA. It's too difficult to manage Muni, taxis, and parking and traffic.

Tariq Mehmood stated that he asked Ms. Toran for her budget but she refused to give it to him, so he got the information via a request for public records. He expressed appreciation to Ms. Bose for answering his questions.

Mary McGuire discussed the transit-only red lanes and how e-scooters and cyclists are riding in them, slowing buses and taxis.

Vice Chairman Heinicke expressed appreciation for the information regarding scooters in red transit-only lanes and asked Director Reiskin to make Scoot and Skip aware so they can deal with it.

8. Citizens' Advisory Council Report

Neil Ballard, Chairman, Finance and Administration Committee, Citizen's Advisory Council, presented a recent recommendation from the Council regarding harassment and workplace issues. He also thanked Mr. Auyoung and Ms. Bose on behalf of the CAC.

PUBLIC COMMENT:

Herbert Weiner expressed appreciation for the CAC's recommendation. All agencies have to stop being bystanders and deal with workplace issues. This affects employees.

Taylor Ahlgren asked the Board to consider the CAC's recommendation. There was some inappropriate behavior by the Board at the last meeting concerning the Sixth Street improvements that needs to be addressed. The behavior was unprofessional and inappropriate.

9. Public Comment

Xavier Maltese discussed the GIG car-share company. GIG is the first shared mobility venture operated by the American Automobile Association (AAA) in response to member demand. GIG is a registered San Francisco business and operates out of private parking lots. This service reduces their member's reliance on a car. AAA will continue to work with the SFMTA to identify areas where GIG can park legally in San Francisco.

Mark Gruberg addressed the Board's decision regarding taxis going to the airport. San Francisco has had the greenest taxi industry in the nation so he questioned why the agency would force taxis to circulate empty in the City and drive to and from the airport empty. The harder it is for taxi drivers to make a living, the harder it will be for taxi drivers to serve the public. If the SFMTA doesn't want that to happen, the Board should reverse their decision. He urged the Board to not destroy the livelihoods of taxi drivers and taxi companies.

Herbert Weiner stated that the 1 California line has a real problem. Parking spaces have been removed. Arrival times aren't announced any longer and the message signs are gone. The SFMTA has the resources to fix these issues. He requested contact information for the new Director of Transit. The Transit Effectiveness Project was flawed and is a failure.

David Woo discussed new red lanes in the South of Market (SOMA) and the need to restrict their use to Muni and taxis. The Central Subway won't address the current need. Transit only lanes should not be used by private shuttles.

Lourdes F. expressed concern about the use of red transit-only lanes by private companies. They must not be allowed to use these lanes in SOMA. SOMA is congested. These lanes must be kept clear for public transportation. The SFMTA must legislate the use of red transit only lanes. Supervisor Kim supports this restriction.

Carl Macmurdo discussed a video he sent to the Board showing how Transportation Network Companies (TNC) drivers are renting their user accounts to other drivers who aren't vetted. It's absurd to revoke the Pre-K medallions because of how much people have made off of those medallions. People's lives have been destroyed by the TNC business model. He urged the Board to reconsider the action.

Tariq Mehmood discussed emails sent to the entire board when he didn't want emails to be sent to Vice Chairman Heinicke. He urged the Board to change their vote regarding taxis. He invited Board members to go to the airport with him to see that there is no congestion there. The numbers are wrong. There is a cost to the changes.

Ibrahim Diallo stated that he has been driving a taxi for four months. He spoke about the ban on taxis going to the airport. Social justice is an important pillar of any society. San Francisco is the center for social justice. Taxi drivers have been serving this country. The City shouldn't get rid of people who have been serving the country because of new TNC technology. He doesn't believe that the SFMTA wants to kill the taxi business. Cabdrivers know the City without having to rely on maps.

Ashwani Aeri said that the decision to ban K medallions from the airport was bad and could destroy the entire industry. The issues are not the fault of the taxi industry. The decision makes no sense and the City will suffer. Taxi companies will be destroyed which won't help tourists. The business won't be profitable. He urged the Board to reverse the decision.

Bhajan Singh stated that he's been a taxi driver for 30 years and now he's being kicked out of the airport. He doesn't know where to go. He wondered why the SFMTA was harassing taxi drivers. He waited for nearly two hours for a fare but couldn't get one.

Tony Fletcher stated that the cab industry needs cab stands. Street hails, which used to be a cornerstone of the industry, have dried up. There needs to be cabstands at hotels, tourist attractions and along the main thoroughfares in San Francisco. Cab apps have been unable to compete with TNCs. There is an advantage in preserving the industry. Taxis should have central dispatch. He urged the Board to find another solution for trips to the airport.

Mary McGuire stated that when people see cabs, they take them. She discussed the recommendations from the last meeting. Claims were made about efforts to reduce congestion at the airport but the data wasn't provided when requested. She questioned why a vote was allowed to take place without the data. TNCs back-up traffic going to the airport. The industry is wondering what happened during the break as Directors were viewed talking to each other.

Liz Bradley stated that one conglomerate has purchased the large taxicab companies. Cab drivers paid their dues and have put their lives on the line. Cab drivers paid money to put their name on a list to get a medallion and then were told they had to buy it. That's embezzlement. TNC drivers haven't had a background check. Over 50% of them are felons. It's not fair for taxis to get kicked out of the airport.

Yezihlem Joba wondered whether Board members rode taxis. He wondered what cab drivers can do to fix the problem. Medallions used to be valuable but aren't any longer. Medallions need to be put with TNCs which will make taxis more valuable.

Roan Kattouw stated that election day poll workers were told that car drivers could get a parking pass, but nothing was offered to poll workers who take transit.

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. Samantha Campbell vs. CCSF, Superior Ct. #CGC17561924 filed on 10/17/17 for \$10,000
- B. Elvira Tisnado vs. CCSF, Superior Ct. #CGC17561244 filed on 9/12/17 for \$50,000 (Explanatory documents include a resolution.)

RESOLUTION 181106-144

(10.2) Approving the following traffic modifications:

- A. ESTABLISH – OVERSIZE VEHICLE RESTRICTION (NO PARKING, MIDNIGHT TO 6 AM, DAILY FOR VEHICLES MORE THAN SEVEN FEET TALL OR 22 FEET LONG) – De Wolf Street, north side, between Alemany Boulevard and Lawrence Avenue – Lawrence Avenue, west side, between De Wolf Street and Alemany Boulevard.
- B. ESTABLISH – BLUE ZONE, DISABLED PARKING ONLY, AT ALL TIMES – 455 9th Street, east side, from 3 feet to 23 feet north of McLea Street.
- C. ESTABLISH – STOP SIGN – Mabini Street at Bonifacio Street; Mabini Street, southbound, at Bonifacio Street.
- D. ESTABLISH – PERPENDICULAR PARKING – San Bruno Avenue, between 25th Street and southern terminus; San Bruno Avenue, west side, between 25th Street and southern terminus.
- E. ESTABLISH – STOP SIGN – Moreland Street at Farnum Street; Moreland Street, eastbound, at Farnum Street.
- F. ESTABLISH – NO PARKING ANYTIME – San Bruno Avenue at Campbell Avenue; San Bruno Avenue, west side, from Campbell Avenue to 25 feet northerly.
- G. ESTABLISH – NO VEHICLES GREATER THAN 6 FEET TALL – Mississippi Street at 16th Street; Mississippi Street, west side, from 16th Street to 100 feet southerly.
- H. ESTABLISH – TOW-AWAY, NO PARKING ANYTIME – Terminus of Keith Street at Le Conte Avenue; Keith Street terminus, north of Le Conte Avenue.
- I. ESTABLISH – STOP SIGN – Ingalls Street at La Salle Avenue; Ingalls Street, northbound and southbound, at La Salle Avenue.
- J. ESTABLISH – 15 MILES PER HOUR SCHOOL SPEED LIMIT WHEN CHILDREN ARE PRESENT — Bryant Street, between 25th Street and 26th Street; Bryant Street, between 25th Street and 26th Street.
- K. ESTABLISH – RESIDENTIAL PARKING PERMIT EXTENSION, AREA Q, 2-HOUR PARKING, 8 AM TO 6 PM, MONDAY THROUGH FRIDAY, EXCEPT VEHICLES WITH AREA Q PERMITS – 1000 block of Masonic Avenue; 1000 block of Masonic Avenue, east side, between Oak Street and Page Street.
- L. RESCIND – TOW-AWAY, NO STOPPING, 4 PM TO 6 PM, MONDAY THROUGH FRIDAY – ESTABLISH – GENERAL METERED PARKING, 4 PM TO 6 PM, MONDAY THROUGH FRIDAY; Bay Street, between Powell Street and Taylor Street; and Bay Street, north side, from

Powell Street to Taylor Street.

- M. RESCIND – TOW-AWAY, NO STOPPING ANYTIME – ESTABLISH – YELLOW METERED LOADING ZONE, 8 AM TO 6 PM, MONDAY THROUGH SATURDAY; Chestnut Street, between Pierce Street and Steiner Street; and Chestnut Street, south side, from 61 feet to 83 feet west of Steiner Street.
- N. RESCIND – BUS ZONE – 8th Street at Bryant Street – Transit Boarding Island; 8th Street, west side, from Bryant Street to 92 feet northerly.
- O. ESTABLISH – MUNI STOP – 8th Street, on median, from Bryant Street to 92 feet southerly.
- P. RESCIND – GENERAL METERED PARKING, 4-HOUR TIME LIMIT, 7 AM TO 6 PM, MONDAY THROUGH SATURDAY; Drumm Street, between Washington Street and Clay Street; and Drumm Street, west side, from 20 feet to 150 feet south of Washington Street.
- Q. RESCIND – METERED MOTORCYCLE PARKING, 10-HOUR TIME LIMIT, 7 AM TO 6 PM, MONDAY THROUGH SATURDAY; Drumm Street, west side, from 13 feet to 121.5 feet north of Clay Street.
- R. ESTABLISH – TOW-AWAY, NO STOPPING ANY TIME EXCEPT SAMTRANS BUSES; Drumm Street, west side, between Washington Street and Clay Street.
- S. ESTABLISH –METERED MOTORCYCLE PARKING, 10-HOUR TIME LIMIT, 7 AM TO 6 PM, MONDAY THROUGH SATURDAY; Drumm Street, east side, from 10 feet south of Washington Street to 123 feet north of Clay Street.
- T. RESCIND – TOW-AWAY, NO PARKING ANYTIME EXCEPT SAMTRANS BUSES; Beale Street, east side, from Bryant Street to approximately 200 feet northerly.
- U. RESCIND – PERPENDICULAR PARKING – ESTABLISH – PARALLEL PARKING; Beale Street, east side, from Bryant Street to Harrison 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.A was severed from the Consent Calendar at the request of staff and was considered following Item 11.

PUBLIC COMMENT:

Members of the public expressing opposition: Ann Worth, Kelley Cutler, and Melodie

On motion to approve Item 10.2A:

ADOPTED: AYES –Brinkman, Heinicke, Hsu and Torres

NAYES – Borden, Eaken and Rubke

RESOLUTION 181106-145

(10.3) Authorizing the Director to execute Contract No. 1301, Job Order Contract for Locally Funded Projects with Mitchell Engineering to perform minor construction and maintenance work, for an amount of

\$5,000,000, and for a term not to exceed five years. (Explanatory documents include a staff report and resolution.)

RESOLUTION 181106-146

(10.4) Authorizing the Director of Transportation to execute Contract No. 1302, Job Order Contract for Locally Funded Projects, with Yerba Buena Engineering and Construction, to perform minor construction and maintenance work for an amount of \$5,000,000, and for a term not to exceed five years. (Explanatory documents include a staff report and resolution.)

RESOLUTION 181106-147

On motion to approve the Consent Calendar (Item 10.2A severed):

ADOPTED: AYES – Borden, Brinkman, Eaken, Heinicke, Hsu, Rubke, and Torres

REGULAR CALENDAR

11. Approving the Policy Guidelines for restricting the parking of oversized vehicles overnight on the streets of San Francisco. (Explanatory documents include a staff report, guidelines and resolution.)

Andy Thornley, Senior Analyst, Sustainable Streets, presented the item. Jeff Kozitsky, Director, Dept. of Homelessness and Supportive Housing, discussed efforts to address homelessness in San Francisco.

Director Borden requested that calendar items to restrict oversize vehicles include language discussing outreach efforts offered to people who live in their vehicles.

PUBLIC COMMENT:

Members of the public expressing opposition: Ann Worth and Kelley Cutler

Members of the public expressing neither support nor opposition: Herbert Weiner, Melodie, Flo Kelly and David Woo

Director Borden asked staff to look into parking storage areas for commercial vehicles.

Following discussion regarding options for intervention, limiting the number of vehicles per block, restrictions around schools and parks, the Board referred the matter to staff for additional work.

12. Approving a protected bikeway and parking and traffic modifications, along Townsend Street between 3rd Street and 8th Street associated with the Townsend Corridor Improvement Project as follows:

- A. ESTABLISH – CLASS IV BIKEWAY (PROTECTED BIKEWAYS) – Townsend Street, eastbound, between 8th Street and 4th Street; Townsend Street, westbound, between 4th Street and 8th Street

- B. ESTABLISH – RAISED ISLANDS – Townsend Street, south side, between 4th Street and 5th Street
- C. ESTABLISH – MIDBLOCK CROSSWALK – Townsend Street, south side, between 4th Street and 5th Street; Townsend Street, south side between 7th Street and 8th Street
- D. ESTABLISH – RIGHT LANE MUST TURN RIGHT EXCEPT MUNI – Townsend Street, eastbound, at 4th Street
- E. ESTABLISH – NO RIGHT TURN ON RED EXCEPT BICYCLES – Townsend Street, westbound, at 4th Street; 7th Street, northbound, at Townsend Street; 7th Street southbound, at Townsend Street
- F. ESTABLISH – NO LEFT TURN AND NO U-TURN – 7th Street, northbound, at Townsend Street
- G. RESCIND – BACK-IN ANGLED PARKING – Townsend St., south side, from 5th Street to 7th St.
- H. ESTABLISH – PARALLEL PARKING – Townsend Street, south side, from 5th Street to 7th St.
- I. RESCIND – BUS ZONE – 4th Street, west side, from 25 feet to 170 feet south of Townsend Street.
- J. ESTABLISH – WHITE ZONE, PASSENGER LOADING, AT ALL TIMES - 4th Street, west side, from 25 feet to 170 feet south of Townsend Street
- K. ESTABLISH – BUS ZONE – Townsend Street, north side, from 20 feet to 120 feet east of 4th Street; Townsend Street, south side, from 5th Street to 200 feet easterly
- L. ESTABLISH – TAXI ZONE – Townsend Street, south side, from 30 feet to 150 feet west of 4th St.
- M. ESTABLISH – TOW AWAY NO STOPPING ANYTIME – Townsend Street, south side, from 150 feet to 290 feet west of 4th Street.
- N. RESCIND – BUS ZONE – Townsend Street, north side, from 5th Street to 100 feet easterly.
- O. ESTABLISH – MUNI FLAG STOP – Townsend Street, north side, 10 feet east of 5th Street.
- P. RESCIND – MUNI FLAG STOP – 4th Street, west side, north of Townsend Street.
- Q. RESCIND – BUS ZONE – Townsend Street, north side, from 110 feet to 330 feet west of 4th Street
- R. ESTABLISH – TOW AWAY NO STOPPING ANYTIME – Townsend Street, north side, between 4th Street and 5th Street.
- S. RESCIND – BUS ZONE – 5th Street, east side, from Brannan Street to 109 feet southerly
- T. RESCIND – MUNI FLAG STOP – Townsend Street, south side, 10 feet west of 7th Street
- U. ESTABLISH – TOW AWAY NO STOPPING ANYTIME – Townsend Street, south side, from 252 feet to 302 feet west of 7th Street.
- V. RESCIND – PART TIME BUS ZONE – Townsend Street, north side, from 8th Street to 110 feet easterly.
- W. ESTABLISH – TOW AWAY NO STOPPING ANYTIME – Townsend Street, north side, from 8th Street to 110 feet easterly.
- X. ESTABLISH – WHITE ZONE, PASSENGER LOADING, AT ALL TIMES, EXCEPT 6 AM TO 9 AM, MONDAY THROUGH FRIDAY – Townsend Street, north side, from 120 feet to 245 feet east of 4th Street.
- Y. ESTABLISH – WHITE ZONE, PASSENGER LOADING, AT ALL TIMES – Townsend Street, south side, from 295 feet to 620 feet west of 4th Street.
- Z. ESTABLISH – TOW AWAY NO STOPPING ANYTIME – Townsend Street, north side, from 6th Street to 108 feet easterly; Townsend Street, north side, from 7th Street to 158 feet easterly; Townsend Street, south side, from 7th Street to 259 feet easterly; Townsend Street, north side, from 7th Street to 500 feet westerly; Townsend Street, south side, from 7th Street to 168 feet westerly; Townsend Street, south side, from 8th Street to 432 feet easterly
- AA. ESTABLISH – METERED YELLOW ZONE, COMMERCIAL LOADING, 9 AM TO 6 PM, MONDAY THROUGH SATURDAY – Townsend Street, north side, from 14 feet to 53 feet west

of Lusk Street; 5th Street, east side, from 21 feet to 77 feet north of Townsend Street; 5th Street, east side, from 48 feet to 89 feet south of Brannan Street; Townsend Street, south side, from 341 feet to 401 feet west of 7th Street; Townsend Street, north side, from 272 feet to 332 feet east of 8th Street

- BB. ESTABLISH – RED ZONE – Townsend Street, north side, from 218 feet to 238 feet west of 5th Street; Townsend Street, north side, from 254 feet to 259 feet west of 5th Street; Townsend Street, north side, from 347 feet to 367 feet west of 5th Street; Townsend Street, north side, from 383 feet to 388 feet west of 5th Street; Townsend Street, north side, from 225 feet to 230 feet east of 6th Street; Townsend Street, north side, from 257 feet to 277 feet east of 6th Street; Townsend Street, south side, from 5th Street to 22 feet westerly; Townsend Street, south side, from 195 feet to 200 feet west of 5th Street; Townsend Street, south side, from 234 feet to 254 feet west of 5th Street; 5th Street, east side, from Brannan Street to 20 feet southerly; Townsend Street, south side, from 223 feet to 228 feet east of 6th Street; Townsend Street, south side, from 161 feet to 181 feet east of 6th Street; Townsend Street, south side, from 6th Street to 9 feet easterly; 6th Street, west side, from Townsend Street to 25 feet northerly
- CC. RESCIND – METERED MOTORCYCLE PARKING, 7 AM TO 6 PM, MONDAY THROUGH SATURDAY – Townsend Street, south side, in the 5th Street intersection
- DD. ESTABLISH – WHITE ZONE, TOUR BUS LOADING, AT ALL TIMES – Townsend Street, south side, from 22 feet to 195 feet west of 5th Street
- EE. ESTABLISH – WHITE ZONE, SHUTTLE BUS LOADING, 7:30 AM TO 10:30 PM, MONDAY THROUGH SATURDAY – Townsend Street, north side, from 142 feet to 225 feet east of 6th Street
- FF. ESTABLISH – METERED MOTORCYCLE PARKING, 9 AM TO 6 PM, MONDAY THROUGH SATURDAY – Townsend Street, south side, from 254 feet to 354 feet west of 5th Street; Townsend Street, north side, from 150 feet to 168 feet east of 8th Street
- GG. ESTABLISH – WHITE ZONE, PASSENGER LOADING, 7 AM TO 8 PM, MONDAY THROUGH FRIDAY – Townsend Street, south side, from 168 feet to 252 feet west of 7th Street; Townsend Street, north side, from 188 feet to 272 feet east of 8th Street
- HH. ESTABLISH – TOW-AWAY, NO STOPPING EXCEPT PERMITTED CAR SHARE VEHICLES – Townsend Street, north side, from 168 feet to 188 feet east of 8th Street
- II. ESTABLISH – GREEN METER, 15-MINUTE PARKING LIMIT, 9 AM TO 6 PM, MONDAY THROUGH SATURDAY – Townsend Street, north side, from 110 feet to 150 feet east of 8th Street. (Explanatory documents include a staff report, graphics and resolution. The proposed action is the Approval Action as defined by the S. F. Administrative Code Chapter 31.)

Cameron Beck, Project Manager, Townsend Corridor Improvement Project, presented the item.

Supervisor Jane Kim spoke in support of the Townsend Street Improvement Project. She expressed appreciation to staff for fast tracking the project and working with the community. She also thanked staff for their work on the 6th Street, Howard Street, and Taylor Street projects. The vast majority of high injury corridors are in District 6. Improving South of Market streets will help the City achieve its' Vision Zero goals. There is a rich mix of modes of people traveling on Townsend including eight bus routes. Townsend Street also has the highest bike share station use west of the Mississippi. It's critical to move this project forward as it will save lives and minimize injuries and collisions. Any improvement will be a

huge “win” for San Francisco. She also commented about red transit-only lanes noting that District 6 constituents have asked that they be limited to public vehicles. She has introduced legislation to eliminate the minimum parking requirement and would love to get support from the SFMTA Board.

PUBLIC COMMENT:

Members of the public expressing support: Charles Deffarges, Kyle Grochmal, Kevin Burke, Lucas Oswald, Roan Kattouw, Jon Long, Jennifer Wong, and Mark Gruberg

Members of the public expressing opposition: Herbert Weiner,

Vice Chairman Heinicke asked staff to make clearing up the taxi zone a priority.

RESOLUTION 181106-148

On motion to approve:

ADOPTED: AYES – Borden, Brinkman, Eaken, Heinicke, Hsu, Rubke, and Torres

Director Hsu left the meeting.

13. Presentation and discussion regarding the Transportation Authority’s “TNCs and Congestion” report. (Explanatory documents include a report and slide presentation.)

Drew Cooper, Senior Transportation Planner, Transportation Authority, presented the item.

PUBLIC COMMENT:

Mark Gruberg stated that the report is welcome and reflects things that taxi drivers have been saying for years. The TNCs touted their environmental credentials but this sheds light on that. Transit ridership and safety aren’t covered. There was an article in Forbes magazine saying that TNCs may increase road deaths. There are more fatalities on the roadways due to TNCs so it’s not just congestion. The City must have the power to deal with their own streets.

David Woo stated that he is happy that the report is out. TNCs dramatically increase congestion, especially in SOMA and District 6. Vehicle miles travelled is hugely significant. The increase in cars has had dramatic impacts including safety, environmental, and the physical and mental health of families, children, and workers. It’s unacceptable that SOMA streets are clogged by TNCs. This should be about community health including children, seniors, and people with disabilities. There is a need for aggressive regulation of TNCs.

Carl Macmurdo stated that the report has led to a ballot measure to put a congestion tax on TNCs. That fee will be passed to the passengers. The fee won’t address some core issues that TNCs have. Saudi Arabian royalty owns a large percent of Uber. The City must find a way to get them off city streets.

14. Presentation and discussion regarding the replacement of the Light Rail Fleet. (Explanatory documents include a slide presentation.)

Julie Kirschbaum, acting Director, Transit, presented the item.

No public comment.

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 5:32 p.m.

2. Roll Call

Present: Cheryl Brinkman
Gwyneth Borden
Amanda Eaken
Malcolm Heinicke
Cristina Rubke
Art Torres

Absent: Lee Hsu

Also present: Ed Reiskin, Director of Transportation
Roberta Boomer, Board Secretary
Susan Cleveland-Knowles, Deputy City Attorney
Jonathan Rolnick, Deputy City Attorney
Candace Sue, Director, Communications

3. Pursuant to Government Code Section 54956.9(d)(1) and the Administrative Code Section 67.8 (a)(3), the Municipal Transportation Agency Board of Directors will meet in Closed Session to discuss and take action on attorney-client matters on the following:

CONFERENCE WITH LEGAL COUNSEL

Existing Litigation:

Sabrina Suzuki vs. CCSF, Superior Ct. #CGC18570023, filed on 9/21/18

ADJOURN CLOSED SESSION AND RECONVENE OPEN SESSION – The closed session was adjourned at 5:44 p.m.

16. Announcement of Closed Session.

Chairman Brinkman announced that the SFMTA Board of Directors met in closed session to discuss existing 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 5:45 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

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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.

Board of Supervisors review of certain SFMTA Decisions: Certain parking and traffic modifications as well as Private Transportation Programs that involve certain parking modifications can be reviewed by the Board of Supervisors. These decisions are subject to review within 30 calendar days after they are made by the SFMTA Board of Directors. For information on requesting a review, contact the Clerk of the Board of Supervisors at City Hall, 1 Dr. Carlton B. Goodlett Place, Room 244, San Francisco, CA 94102, call (415) 554-5184. Ordinance No. 127-18 specifying which SFMTA decisions are reviewable by the Board of Supervisors can be accessed on-line: <https://sfbos.org/sites/default/files/o0127-18.pdf>.

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.