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

MINUTES

Tuesday, May 21, 2019
Room 400, City Hall
1 Dr. Carlton B. Goodlett Place

REGULAR MEETING AND CLOSED SESSION
1 P.M.

SFMTA BOARD OF DIRECTORS

Malcolm Heinicke, Chair
Gwyneth Borden, Vice Chair
Cheryl Brinkman
Amanda Eaken
Cristina Rubke
Art Torres

Edward D. Reiskin
DIRECTOR OF TRANSPORTATION

Roberta Boomer
SECRETARY
ORDER OF BUSINESS

1. Call to Order

Chair Heinicke called the meeting to order at 1:05 p.m.

2. Roll Call

Present:  Gwyneth Borden
          Amanda Eaken
          Malcolm Heinicke
          Art Torres

Absent:  Cheryl Brinkman – with notification
          Cristina Rubke – with notification

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

Board Secretary Boomer 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 May 7, 2019 Regular Meeting: unanimously approved (Brinkman, Rubke - absent).

5. Communications

None.

6. Introduction of New or Unfinished Business by Board Members

None.

7. Director’s Report (For discussion only)

-Update on transit service including LRV4 design solutions
-Ongoing Activities
Ed Reiskin, Director of Transportation, discussed two recent fatalities, and Muni service changes going into effect on June 15.

Director Eaken requested a presentation on how to make streets safer for pedestrians.

Vice Chair Borden requested a report on the impact of BART’s work on Muni service.

Julie Kirschbaum, Director, Transit, presented the update on transit service.

Chair Heinicke requested information about the plan for system-wide communications at the next report and possible solutions for the pocket design flaw at the Embarcadero in a future presentation.

Supervisor Asha Safai stated that his office had been contacted by neighbors on the 54 Fulton (Item 12). The street the bus runs on is a narrow street where two cars can’t pass. His office initiated a process to reroute the 54 Felton line and has spent the last six months working on a plan with the community. The proposal is solid and he is in support, as it will improve service.

PUBLIC COMMENT:

Herbert Weiner expressed appreciation for the report. He wondered what the net addition of vehicles to the fleet were. People have to walk longer distances. The Board needs to increase the density of buses that are available. There are the same amount of vehicles but people have to walk longer distances. The SFMTA has to add more buses to the lines commensurate with the increased population.

Evie Passimentere expressed appreciation to the SFMTA for the work that’s being done. People are seeing issues at the very start of the purchase of the new light rail vehicles. She wondered whether there was a warranty on the entire purchase. The SFMTA was sold a bill of goods. She discussed the light rail vehicle doors and disabled seats. The vehicles need to be in compliance with the Americans with Disabilities Act.


No report.

9. Public Comment

Helena Sears expressed appreciation for the letter addressing issues that she had raised previously. There hasn’t been a concrete solution. She asked for clear language before the next bike share permits are issued.

Rob Schwartz stated that bike rentals are part of the solution to the bike share program. They serve a large segment of bike riders who want to ride to Sausalito. There’s a complimentary aspect between bike rentals and bike share. Mr. Reiskin wants to reinforce the distinction between bike share and bike rentals. He requested bike share companies prioritize short term rentals.
Herbert Weiner commended the Chair’s efforts to improve the SFMTA but at the last meeting, he was conversing with another member of the board while he was speaking. This was disrespectful. He requested the Board’s undivided attention.

Sean Sears asked the SFMTA to include critical language in upcoming bike share permit program.

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 – STOP SIGN – Lyon Street, northbound, at Turk Boulevard.
B. ESTABLISH – NO PARKING, 6 AM TO 8 AM, MONDAYS – Minnesota Street, west side, from 440 feet to 449 feet north of 22nd Street.
C. ESTABLISH – STOP SIGNS – Cabrillo Street, eastbound and westbound, at 20th Avenue.
D. ESTABLISH – RED ZONES – Judson Avenue, south side, from Foerster Street to 53 feet easterly; Judson Avenue, south side, from Foerster Street to 20 feet westerly; Judson Avenue, south side, from west Gennessee Street curb line to 29 feet easterly; and Judson Avenue, south side, from Gennessee Street to 20 feet westerly.
E. ESTABLISH – TOW AWAY, NO PARKING ANYTIME – California Street, south side, from 16th Avenue to 40 feet easterly. (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 190514-050

(10.2) Authorizing the Director to file a claim with the Metropolitan Transportation Commission for allocation of operating assistance from Transportation Development Act, State Transit Assistance, AB1107 One-Half Cent Sales Tax, and Regional Measure 2 funds for Fiscal Year 2020 to support the operating budget. (Explanatory documents include a staff report and resolution. The proposed action is the Approval Action as defined by S.F. Administrative Code Chapter 31.)
RESOLUTION 190514-051

(10.3) Adopting a Resolution of Local Support for the 6th Street Pedestrian Safety Project, to be funded in part from a 2019 Regional ATP Cycle 4 grant in the amount of up to $6,000,000 from the Metropolitan Transportation Commission and making environmental review findings. (Explanatory documents include a staff report, environmental documents and resolution.)

RESOLUTION 190514-052

(10.4) Authorizing the Director to accept and expend up to $486,169 in Fiscal Year 2020 Transportation Development Act, Article 3 funds for Vision Zero Bike and Pedestrian Improvements. (Explanatory documents include a staff report, and resolution.)

RESOLUTION 190514-053

(10.5) Approving the Fourth Amendment to Agreement No. CS-159, an Intergovernmental Agreement between the Transbay Joint Powers Authority and the San Francisco Municipal Transportation Agency, to reallocate funding within existing task budgets and extend the term of the Agreement from June 30, 2018 to December 31, 2019 at no additional cost. (Explanatory documents include a staff report, agreement and resolution.)

RESOLUTION 190514-054

No public comment.

On motion to approve the Consent Calendar:

ADOPTED: AYES – Borden, Eaken, Heinicke, and Torres

ABSENT – Brinkman and Rubke

REGULAR CALENDAR

11. Amending Transportation Code, Division II, Section 601 to designate a Muni- and Taxi-only lane on West Portal Avenue, northbound, from Vicente Street to Ulloa Street on weekdays from 6:00am to 10:00am, making environmental review findings and approving parking and traffic modifications, in the vicinity of West Portal Station as a part of the West Portal Transit Delay Reduction Project as follows:

A. ESTABLISH – NO LEFT TURN, 6 AM TO 10 AM, MONDAY THROUGH FRIDAY, EXCEPT MUNI AND TAXIS – West Portal Avenue, northbound, at Ulloa Street; Lenox Way, southbound, at Ulloa Street
B. ESTABLISH – LEFT LANE MUST TURN LEFT, 6 AM TO 10 AM, MONDAY THROUGH FRIDAY, EXCEPT MUNI AND TAXIS – West Portal Avenue, northbound, at Vicente Street
C. ESTABLISH – BUS ZONE – Ulloa Street, south side, from West Portal Avenue to 75 feet easterly
D. ESTABLISH – YELLOW METERED LOADING ZONE, 9 AM TO 3 PM, MONDAY THROUGH FRIDAY – Ulloa Street, south side, from 75 to 100 feet east of West Portal Avenue
E. RESCIND – MUNI FLAG STOP – Portola Drive, south side, at Claremont Boulevard (relocated east); Vicente Street, south side, east of West Portal Avenue
F. ESTABLISH – MUNI FLAG STOP – Portola Drive, south side, east of Claremont Boulevard
G. ESTABLISH – PASSENGER LOADING ZONE, 7 AM TO 6 PM, MONDAY THROUGH FRIDAY – Ulloa Street, south side, from 20 feet to feet 70 feet west of West Portal Avenue
H. ESTABLISH – NO LEFT TURN, 6 AM TO 10 AM, MONDAY THROUGH FRIDAY, EXCEPT MUNI – Lenox Way, southbound, at Ulloa Street
I. ESTABLISH – NO U-TURN AT ALL TIMES – West Portal Avenue, Northbound at Ulloa Avenue. (Explanatory documents include a staff report, amendment and resolution. For every modification that received a categorical exemption, the proposed action is the Approval Action as defined by Chapter 31 of the San Francisco Administrative Code.)

Liz Brisson, Project Manager, presented the item.

Vice Chair Borden asked staff to pull sales tax data before the project is implemented so there is a basis for comparison post project.

PUBLIC COMMENT:

Members of the public expressing support: Rachel Hyden

Members of the public expressing opposition: Karl Aguilar, Matt Rogers and Maryo Mogannam

Erica Maybaum, aide to Supervisor Yee discussed various concerns with the pilot project including community outreach, and the location of the 48 Quintara line. The supervisor supports certain aspects of the plan but urged that the pilot be delayed for 90 days. The area was impacted by the closure of the tunnel and merchants are still experiencing reduced revenues. She requested performance metrics and a cost-benefit analysis for each aspect of the pilot.

Chair Heinicke stated that the Board expects ongoing dialogue with the community throughout the pilot.

RESOLUTION 190514-055

On motion to approve:

ADOPTED: AYES – Borden, Eaken, Heinicke, and Torres

ABSENT – Brinkman, and Rubke
12. Approving parking, transit and traffic modifications, associated with an inbound (northbound) route realignment for the 54 Felton along Moscow Street between Geneva and Avalon avenues as part of the 54 Felton Project as follows:

   A. RESCIND – MUNI FLAG STOP - Naples Street, east side, 80 feet north of Geneva Avenue; Naples Street, east side, 60 feet north of Amazon Avenue; Naples Street, east side, south of Italy Avenue; Naples Street, east side, south of France Avenue; Naples Street, east side, south of Russia Avenue; Russia Avenue, south side, west of Moscow Street; Persia Avenue, north side, east of Athens Street (54 Felton only); Athens Street, east side, south of Brazil Avenue; Athens Street, east side, south of Excelsior Avenue; Athens Street, east side, south of Avalon Avenue

   B. ESTABLISH – MUNI FLAG STOP - Moscow Street, east side, 80 feet north of Geneva Avenue; Moscow Street, east side, south of Italy Avenue; Moscow Street, east side, south of France Avenue; Moscow Street, east side, south of Brazil Avenue; Moscow Street, east side, south of Avalon Avenue

   C. ESTABLISH – NO PARKING ANY TIME - Moscow Street, west side, from Russia Avenue to 28 feet southerly; Russia Avenue, south side, from Moscow Street to 18 feet easterly; Moscow Street, east side, from Persia Avenue to 15 feet northerly

   D. ESTABLISH – RED ZONE - Persia St., south side, from 15 feet to 34 feet east of Moscow Ave.

   E. ESTABLISH – STOP SIGNS - Moscow Street, northbound and southbound, at Excelsior Ave.

   F. RESCIND – NO PARKING ANY TIME - Moscow Street, east side, from Excelsior Avenue to 33 feet southerly; Moscow Street, west side, from Excelsior Avenue to 36 feet southerly. (Explanatory documents include a staff report and resolution. For every modification that received a categorical exemption, the proposed action is the Approval Action as defined by Chapter 31 of the San Francisco Administrative Code.)

Tracey Lin, Project Manager, presented the item.

No public comment.

RESOLUTION 190514-056

On motion to approve:

   ADOPTED: AYES – Borden, Eaken, Heinicke, and Torres

   ABSENT – Brinkman, and Rubke

13. 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 (Brinkman, Rubke–absent).

RECESS REGULAR MEETING AND CONVENE CLOSED SESSION
CLOSED SESSION

1. Call to Order

Chair Heinicke called the closed session to order at 3:39 p.m.

2. Roll Call

Present: Gwyneth Borden
        Amanda Eaken
        Malcolm Heinicke
        Art Torres

Absent: Cheryl Brinkman – with notification
        Cristina Rubke – with notification

Also present: Ed Reiskin, Director of Transportation
              Roberta Boomer, Board Secretary
              Susan Cleveland-Knowles, Deputy City Attorney
              Katie Porter, Deputy City Attorney

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:

    Hale Guerra vs. CCSF, Superior Ct. #CGC19574719 filed on 3/22/19 for $800,000

RESOLUTION 190514-057

On motion to approve:

    ADOPTED: AYES – Borden, Eaken, Heinicke, and Torres

    ABSENT – Brinkman and Rubke

Also present: Tom Maguire, Director, Sustainable Streets

4. Pursuant to Government Code Section 54957.6(a) and Administrative Code Section 67.8, the Municipal Transportation Agency Board of Directors shall meet in closed session for:
CONFERENCE WITH LABOR NEGOTIATOR

CCSF Representative: Janie Richardson and/or his designees

Employee Organizations:

1. Transportation Workers Union Local 250-A
2. Transportation Workers Union Local 200
3. International Brotherhood of Electrical Workers Local 6
4. International Association of Machinists & Aerospace Workers Local 1414
5. Service Employees International Union Local 1021
6. Municipal Executives Association
7. Service Employees International Union City Wide Contract
8. The International Federation of Professional and Technical Engineers, Local 21

To discuss:

- [X] Wages
- [X] Hours
- [X] Benefits
- [X] Working Conditions
- [X] Other

Also present: Janie Richardson, Lead Negotiator
Gina Roccanova, Negotiator
Leo Levinson, Director, Finance and Information Technology
Derek Kim, acting Director, Human Resources
Julie Kirschbaum, Director, Transit
Tom Maguire, Director, Sustainable Streets
Candace Sue, Director, Communications

5. Pursuant to Government Code Section 54957 (b) and Administrative Code Section 67.10 (b), the Municipal Transportation Agency Board will meet in Closed Session to discuss the appointment of a successor to the incumbent, Edward D. Reiskin.

PUBLIC EMPLOYEE APPOINTMENT/HIRING: Director of Transportation

ADJOURN CLOSED SESSION AND RECONVENE OPEN SESSION - The closed session was adjourned at 4:07 p.m.

Chair Heinicke announced that the SFMTA Board of Directors met in closed session to discuss the Guerra case with the City Attorney. The Board of Directors voted to settle the case. The Board also discussed labor negotiations but took no action. The Board also discussed a successor to the Director of Transportation but took no action.

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

On motion to not disclose the information discussed: unanimously approved (Brinkman, Rubke – absent).

ADJOURN - The meeting was adjourned at 4:08 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: 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.