

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

# **MINUTES**

Tuesday, April 7, 2020

Due to the COVID-19 health emergency and to protect our Board Members, SFMTA staff, and members of the public, the Board's Meeting Room (Room 400) is closed.

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REGULAR MEETING AND CLOSED SESSION 1 P.M.

#### SFMTA BOARD OF DIRECTORS

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

Jeffrey Tumlin
DIRECTOR OF TRANSPORTATION

Roberta Boomer SECRETARY

## ORDER OF BUSINESS

## 1. Call to Order

Chair Heinicke called the meeting to order at 1:00 p.m.

#### 2. Roll Call

Present: Gwyneth Borden – absent at Roll Call

Cheryl Brinkman Amanda Eaken Malcolm Heinicke Steve Heminger Cristina Rubke Art Torres

Chair Heinicke expressed appreciation to staff for all their efforts during the public health emergency and for enabling the SFMTA Board meeting to be held via teleconference.

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

There was no announcement made.

4. Approval of Minutes

Director Borden joined the meeting.

No public comment.

On motion to approve the minutes of the March 17, 2020 Regular Meeting: unanimously approved.

5. Communications

Board Secretary Boomer reviewed how members of the public could watch and address the Board during the meeting.

6. Introduction of New or Unfinished Business by Board Members

Director Eaken discussed how the SFMTA can recover from the crisis and return stronger than before.

- 7. Director's Report (For discussion only)
  - -Update on Vision Zero
  - -Update on Covid-19 Response

- -Update on the Central Subway Project
- -Ongoing Activities

Jeff Tumlin, Director of Transportation, discussed the SFMTA's COVID-19 response, and Vision Zero.

## PUBLIC COMMENT:

Hayden Miller expressed appreciation for the work that staff has been doing but noted that there's room for improvement. He urged the agency to make sure transit operators are safe and suggested a physical barrier could be put in the front of the bus to protect them.

Jennifer Jorrie suggested how to make the buses safer such as the use of clear plastic curtains similar to buses in Taiwan. There's a manufacturer in San Francisco who would be willing to make them for Muni operators.

Joel Kamisher discussed the agency's decision to not fund the school crossing guards in this budget. He expressed that funding can be found after the emergency is over.

Aleeta Dupree stated that she is concerned that the 28 line has been taken out of service. That bus serves an area with steep hills that lead to Sunset Boulevard. The hills are a difficult climb for people with shopping bags. She hopes the SFMTA can serve 19<sup>th</sup> Avenue as it is a busy route.

Herbert Weiner wondered whether the service cuts aren't a means of balancing the budget and expressed hope that the cuts are not permanent.

8. Citizens' Advisory Council Report

Roberta Boomer, Staff Liaison to the CAC, presented the CAC's recommendation from their April 2 meeting.

No public comment.

9. Public Comment

(Chair Heinicke asked that general public comment be taken after Item 12.)

None.

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 ANY TIME Mission Street, west side, from Admiral Avenue to 18 feet northerly; Geneva Avenue, south side, from Athens Street to 22 feet easterly; Geneva Avenue, south side, from Moscow Street to 147 feet easterly.
- B. ESTABLISH RED ZONE Mission Street, east side, from Seneca Avenue northern crosswalk to 17 feet southerly; Geneva Avenue, north side, from Prague Street western crosswalk to 20 feet east of Prague Street.
- C. ESTABLISH GENERAL METERED PARKING, 2-HOUR TIME LIMIT, 8 AM TO 6 PM, MONDAY THROUGH SATURDAY France Avenue, north side, from 20 feet to 82 feet east of Mission Street; France Avenue, south side, from 4 feet to 82 feet east of Mission Street.
- D. ESTABLISH GENERAL METERED PARKING, 2-HOUR TIME LIMIT, 8 AM TO 6 PM, MONDAY THROUGH SATURDAY London Street, west side, from 10 feet to 70 feet north of Geneva Avenue.
- E. ESTABLISH 2-HOUR PARKING, 8 AM TO 6 PM, MONDAY THROUGH SATURDAY London Street, west side, from Amazon Avenue to 100 feet north of Geneva Avenue.
- F. ESTABLISH WHITE PASSENGER LOADING ZONE, DURING POSTED EVENTS Mission Street, east side, from Seneca Avenue to 44 feet northerly.
- G. ESTABLISH BUS ZONE Mission Street, west side, from Ocean Avenue to Persia Avenue, Geneva Avenue, north side, from Naples Street to 101 feet westerly.
- H. ESTABLISH NO LEFT TURN, ANY TIME Mission Street southbound onto Ney Street.
- I. RESCIND METERED GREEN ZONE, 15-MINUTE TIME LIMIT, 8 AM TO 6 PM, MONDAY TO SATURDAY — Mission Street, west side, from 254 feet to 298 feet south of Leo Street.
- J. ESTABLISH BLUE ZONE Mission Street, west side, from 50 feet north to 72 feet north of Admiral Avenue.
- K. ESTABLISH NO STOPPING FIRE LANE Sussex Street, north side, from 53 feet to 153 feet east of Diamond Street.
- L. ESTABLISH MIDBLOCK CROSSWALK Highland Avenue at Bernal Cut Path.
- M. ESTABLISH RESIDENTIAL PERMIT PARKING AREA I 3410 3424 25th Street, 2884 2890 Mission Street.
- N. ESTABLISH BUS ZONE Mission Bay Boulevard North, north side, from 61 feet to 246 feet west of 3rd Street.
- O. ESTABLISH PASSENGER LOADING ZONE Mission Bay Boulevard North, north side, from 41 feet to 61 feet west of 3rd Street.

- P. RESCIND 1-HOUR PARKING, 9 AM TO 6 PM, MONDAY THROUGH SATURDAY, EXCEPT VEHICLES WITH AREA I PERMITS Lucky Street, west side, from 15 feet to 30 feet north of 25th Street.
- Q. ESTABLISH NO PARKING ANYTIME Lucky Street, west side, from 15 feet to 30 feet north of 25th Street.
- R. ESTABLISH GENERAL METERED PARKING, 2-HOUR TIME LIMIT, 9 AM TO 6 PM, MONDAY THROUGH SATURDAY 12th Street, both sides, between South Van Ness Avenue and Harrison Street.
- S. ESTABLISH METERED MOTORCYCLED PARKING, NO TIME LIMIT, 9 AM TO 6 PM, MONDAY THROUGH SATURDAY 12th Street, south side, from 389 feet to 410 feet east of Howard Street, 12th Street, north side, from 190 feet to 212 feet west of Folsom Street, 12th Street, south side, from 79 feet to 94 feet east of Folsom Street.
- T. ESTABLISH METERED YELLOW ZONE, COMMERCIAL LOADING, 30-MINUTE TIME LIMIT, 7 AM TO 6 PM, MONDAY THROUGH SATURDAY 12th Street, south side, from 127 feet to 168 feet east of Howard Street, 12th Street, south side, from 427 feet to 450 feet east of Howard Street, 12th Street, north side, from 17 feet to 48 feet west of Folsom Street, 12th Street, north side, from Kissling Street to 60 feet west, 12th Street, north side, from 46 feet to 94 feet east of Folsom Street, and 12th Street, north side, from 110 feet to 144 feet east of Folsom Street.
- U. ESTABLISH GREEN METERED ZONE, 30-MIN TIME LIMIT, 9 AM TO 6 PM, MONDAY THROUGH SATURDAY 12th Street, south side, from 95 feet to 135 feet east of South Van Ness Avenue, 12th Street, north side, from 81 feet to 121 feet west of Kissling Street.
- V. ESTABLISH RED ZONES 12th Street, south side, from Howard Street to 20 feet west 12th Street, north side, from Howard Street to 20 feet east.
- W. ESTABLISH CLASS IV BIKEWAY (PARKING PROTECTED BIKEWAY) Division Street, eastbound, south side, between San Bruno Avenue and Vermont Street, Division Street, westbound, north side, between 8th Street and Vermont Street.
- X. ESTABLISH TOW-AWAY, NO STOPPING ANYTIME Division Street, south side, from San Bruno Avenue to 123 feet easterly.
- Y. ESTABLISH TOW-AWAY, NO PARKING ANYTIME Division Street, south side, from Vermont Street to 56 feet westerly Division Street, north side, from 8th Street to 178 feet westerly
- Z. ESTABLISH CROSSWALK Visitacion Avenue at Visitacion Valley Middle School, north crossing.
- AA. ESTABLISH MEDIAN ISLANDS Visitacion Avenue at Visitacion Valley Middle School, north and south of new crosswalk.
- BB. ESTABLISH RECTANGULAR RAPID FLASHING BEACON Visitacion Avenue at Visitacion Valley Middle School, north crossing.
- CC. ESTABLISH CLASS IV PROTECTED BIKEWAY Berry Street, westbound, north side, between 3rd Street and 4th Street.
- DD. ESTABLISH TOW-AWAY, NO STOPPING ANYTIME Berry Street, north side, from 4th Street to 449 feet easterly, Berry Street, north side, from 3rd Street to 278 feet westerly.
- EE. ESTABLISH TOW-AWAY, NO PARKING ANYTIME Berry Street, south side, from 331 feet to 258 feet west of 3rd Street.

- FF. ESTABLISH METERED YELLOW ZONE, COMMERCIAL LOADING, 7 AM TO 6 PM, MONDAY THROUGH FRIDAY Berry Street, south side, from 168 feet to 208 feet west of 3rd Street.
- GG. ESTABLISH METERED YELLOW ZONE, TRUCK LOADING, 7 AM TO 6 PM, MONDAY THROUGH FRIDAY Berry Street, south side, from 228 feet to 258 feet west of 3rd Street.
- HH. ESTABLISH WHITE ZONE, PASSENGER LOADING, AT ALL TIMES Berry Street, north side, from 449 feet to 515 feet east of 4th Street.
- II. ESTABLISH CROSSWALK Berry Street, north side, between 3rd Street and 4th 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 200407-034**

(10.2) Authorizing the SFMTA to use a joint development procurement method for the Potrero Yard Modernization Project. (Explanatory documents include a staff report and resolution.)

Item 10.2 was severed from the Consent Calendar at the request of a member of the Board. Director Heminger discussed requesting a general grant of authority from the Board of Supervisors for other projects. Director Tumlin stated that staff would present the Real Estate Strategy to the Board.

## **RESOLUTION 200407-035**

(10.3) Approving the elimination of the 83X Mid-Market Express and the Title VI Service Equity Analysis of the impacts of eliminating the 83X Mid-Market Express Service. (Explanatory documents include a staff report, resolution and analysis. The proposed action is the Approval Action as defined by S.F. Administrative Code Chapter 31.)

## **RESOLUTION 200407-036**

(10.4) Adopting the Muni Equity Strategy Report for Fiscal Years 2021 and 2022. (Explanatory documents include a staff report, resolution and report.)

**RESOLUTION 200407-037** 

No public comment

On motion to approve the Consent Calendar:

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

#### REGULAR CALENDAR

11. Presentation and discussion regarding the San Francisco Municipal Transportation Agency's Fiscal Year 2021-2025 Capital Improvement Program in the amount of \$2.5 billion for 155 projects within ten capital programs, including transit reliability, street safety, state of good repair, facilities, taxi, system safety, and accessibility. (Explanatory documents include a staff report, description, summary and program.)

Jonathan Rewers, Senior Budget Manager, Finance and Information Technology, presented the item.

#### PUBLIC COMMENT:

John Thomas expressed concern about traffic safety issues. The Tenderloin has been a high priority neighborhood and needs more money for quick-build projects as they have been devastated by congestion. He requested more money for things such as raised crosswalks.

Claire Amable discussed her experience of walking and biking on city streets and thanked the agency for prioritizing the Tenderloin for traffic upgrades. People would like to see more raised crosswalks and signs as they are chronically underfunded. Five years is too long to wait for changes. She urged the SFMTA to move projects forward quicker. Because the budget will be reduced after the virus, the SFMTA must make smart, effective decisions.

12. Presentation and discussion of the FY 2021 and FY 2022 Operating and Capital Budget, including use of the contingency reserve; proposals on fare policy and pricing; review of new and existing fees and fines; authorizing Sunday and evening parking meter enforcement and service changes. (Explanatory documents include a slide presentation.)

Jonathan Rewers, Senior Budget Manager, presented the item.

## PUBLIC COMMENT:

Alex Kinerell discussed stabilizing employment. She requested a review of all bids in the coming months including those for parking meter services. Replacing contractors will cost millions of dollars. The Teamsters are requesting stability and a return to work for employees.

PJ wondered why the SFMTA needs to raise fares especially during this time. Working class families are already struggling and this will be a big burden on families. A fare increase won't mean improved service. He urged the Board to not raise fares on any of the payment options. They are not needed. The postcards that were presented previously are the voices of the low- and middle-income families who depend on Muni.

Aleeta Dupree stated there is an "Equity Clipper" but she fails to see how it promotes equity. She uses a Clipper and gets a discount. It's a safer way for her to pay her fare. The Lifeline and the reduced fare monthly passes should be the same price. She expressed concern about eliminating the fare differential

for the passport. She wondered why the agency was still using a paper passport as it is an expensive way to do business.

Hayden Miller stated that Clipper needs to be accessible in various neighborhoods. The Day Pass must be available on Clipper.

Isabelle Tyge stated that the pandemic will have crippling effects on a local, state, and federal level. Many people are struggling to pay rent and put food on the table. The fare policy needs to be equitable.

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.

## RECESS REGULAR MEETING AND CONVENE CLOSED SESSION

#### CLOSED SESSION

#### 1. Call to Order

Chair Heinicke called the closed session to order at 4:11 p.m.

#### 2. Roll Call

Present: Gwyneth Borden

Cheryl Brinkman Amanda Eaken Malcolm Heinicke Steve Heminger Cristina Rubke Art Torres

Also present: Jeffrey Tumlin, Director of Transportation

Roberta Boomer, Board Secretary

Susan Cleveland-Knowles, Deputy City Attorney Tom Maguire, Director, Sustainable Streets

Leo Levenson, Director, Finance and Information Technology Taheem Nadir, Project Manager, Central Subway Project

Rob Stone, Deputy City Attorney Randy Parent, Deputy City Attorney

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:

X As defendant or X As plaintiff

ADJOURN CLOSED SESSION - The closed session was adjourned at 5:08 p.m.

The SFMTA Board will report out on the Closed Session, including reporting on any action taken in Closed Session and a Motion to disclose or not to close the information discussed in closed session at the beginning of its next meeting.

ADJOURN - The meeting was adjourned at 5:08 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.

R. Boomer
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.

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