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## SAN FRANCISCO MUNICIPAL TRANSPORTATION AGENCY MULTIMODAL ACCESSIBILITY ADVISORY COMMITTEE

#### MINUTES OF REGULAR MEETING

Thursday, January 19, 2023

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# ORDER OF BUSINESS

1) Call to Order

Meeting called to order at 1:04pm.

2) Attendance

See Roll Call

3) Announcements from Members and City Staff Ms. Brown stated that she was at the Central Subway opening and the SFMTA Board members singled out the SFMTA MAAC for all the work they are doing.

Mr. Kielbus stated that with the new congress federal funding might run out and this is concerning. How will we be prepared for this.

Mr. West announced that the 2023 stickers will be mailed out to everyone. Please update your address if needed.



Mr. Rosen stated that the TJPA has opportunities for people to sit on their advisory committee. For more information, please see info posted in the chat.

4) Acceptance of the Agenda

Mr. Williams motioned, and Ms. Brown seconded the acceptance of the agenda. **Motion Carried.** 

5) Acceptance of Minutes from Previous Meeting Mr. Glock proposed and Ms. Pulliam second the acceptance of the agenda. **Motion Carried.** 

6) Public Comment None.



7) Business of the Afternoon:

## A) 29 Sunset

Steve Boland presented to the committee on the 29 Sunset and plans to improve its performance. It is one of the longest routes in the city and goes past many school campuses in the city. It serves the south and West of the city and does not go downtown. It has always had problems with delays and overcrowding.

Mr. Kielbus stated that there seems to be something missing in the presentation. Which way is the heavy traffic on the 29? In the mornings is it West to North, and the evenings, East to South? What are the peak directions? Also, what is the average speed? Where is the maximum load point? Also, the 18 might be able to assist along parts of the 29 for picking up students.

Mr. Boland replied that there really is no peak direction on the 29. Speeds we do have and can share. We also have loads on the buses and have automated passenger counters to know exactly who's on board at any given time. The maps with the purple dots showed loads. Interesting idea about the 18.



Ms. Brown asked if they were able to get a lot of responses form people with disabilities? Were you able to do in reach to this community?

Mr. Boland stated that yes, they did outreach to this community.

Ms. Brown clarified that one concern is walking a longer distance to the stops as this can be difficult.

Mr. Boland stated that some stops may be father away, but the trade off is that the remaining stop would be made more accessible.

Mr. Fischer stated that some agencies start buses at the actual schools to help serve the bell times. Also, Sunset is three lanes, can we make one lane a diamond lane on weekdays? Also, when removing a stop, will improvements be made at these locations to allow people in wheelchairs to get to the remaining stops?

Mr. Boland stated that Muni does start buses at schools too. These are what we call "School Trippers". As for HOV lanes, we looked at this and transit only lanes; we opted to not do this now given the uncertainty around future travel patterns and plans for vehicle restrictions along the great highway. We may revisit later. Paths of travel wise, we



would likely keep existing access, which is along side streets as much of Sunset is unpaved.

Mr. Rosen liked the idea of a 29R. Near the Janet Pomeroy Center there is no sidewalk. This is a safety hazard and should be addressed.

Mr. Boland said we have not looked at this but should.

Mr. Wong stated that he is a wheelchair user, and it can be challenging to access the stops along Lincoln with their narrow sidewalks. Hopefully this project will widen these sidewalks to make things more accessible. I do like the idea of a 29R.

Mr. Boland stated that improvement the sidewalks along the park side is something that everyone would like to see. Its not in our project as this would cost many millions of dollars and require coordination of many departments.

### 8) Other Business

On January 30<sup>th</sup> SFUSD Access will be testing the accessible scooters.

Mr. Evans Suggested that the cable cars pull up further at the Powell Street Turn around so that they don't block Ellis Street.



Mr. Kielbus stated that he is frustrated. SFMTA seems to be keeping a blind eye to all this bike share and shooter share. Same for cost increases for car rentals. And the shuttles are also bad. Seems we are getting weaker. Can we get a speaker to speak about bike shares and rideshare and what the polices are?

### 9) Adjourn

Meeting adjourned at 2:15pm.