

SAN FRANCISCO MUNICIPAL TRANSPORTATION AGENCY CITIZENS' ADVISORY COUNCIL

ENGINEERING, MAINTENANCE AND SAFETY COMMITTEE

MINUTES

Wednesday, July 22, 2015 Noe Valley Conference Room, #7075 1 South Van Ness Avenue, 7th Floor

REGULAR MEETING 3:00 P.M.

COMMITTEE MEMBERS
Frank Zepeda, Chairman
Dorris Vincent
Roland Wong

COUNCIL LIAISON Roberta Boomer

COUNCIL SECRETARY
Yvette Torres

ORDER OF BUSINESS

1. Call to Order

Chairman Zepeda called the meeting to order at 3:06 p.m.

2. Roll Call

EMSC members present at Roll Call: Dorris Vincent and Frank Zepeda

EMSC members absent at Roll Call: None

EMSC members absent: Roland Wong (absent with notification)

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

CAC Secretary Torres made the announcement.

4. Approval of Minutes:

No public comment.

On motion to approve the minutes of June 24, 2015:

ADOPTED: AYES – Dorris Vincent and Frank Zepeda ABSENT – Roland Wong

5. Report of the Chairman (For discussion only)

None

6. Public Comment:

David Pilpel commented that he will meet with staff to discuss construction projects that will impact the subway, such as the Blue Light Emergency Phone and Radio System Replacement projects. Mr. Pilpel believes that the Council should receive the Capital Programs & Construction Division's Quarterly Report.

REGULAR CALENDAR

7. Presentation, discussion, and possible action regarding the rehabilitation of historic vehicles. (Louis Maffei, Senior LRV Engineer)

Lee Summerlott, Deputy Director, Rail Maintenance, discussed upgrades to the propulsion system and breaks; the reorganization of maintenance at the Muni Metro East and Green divisions; hard to find spare parts for vehicle maintenance; and staff's visit to the Brookville facility in June. Mr. Summerlott also reviewed his experience in the transportation industry.

PUBLIC COMMENT:

David Pilpel remarked on Mr. Summerlotts' history and discussed streetcar noise; moving historic from Marin; and finding money to fix vehicles.

Edward Mason commented on reducing noise from historic vehicles. He also inquired if there are full sets of drawings for the Milan car; if there are as-built records; and if staff will be in a position to maintain vehicles after Brookville finishes upgrading the historic cars.

MOTION 150722.01

The SFMTA CAC recommends that the overhaul of the Milan car fleet be done with the thought of retaining the car's historic characteristics by minimizing the use of modern technology except in places to ensuring operating safety.

PUBLIC COMMENT:

Edward Mason expressed agreement with the concept of the motion; the technology of component materials and existing parts; and blueprint drawings of the historic vehicles.

On motion to approve Motion 150722.01:

ADOPTED: AYES – Dorris Vincent and Frank Zepeda ABSENT – Roland Wong

8. Presentation, discussion, and possible action regarding the installation of bus bulb-outs and the extension of sidewalks. (Louis Liss, Livable Streets Project Liaison and Jonah Chiarenza, Senior Transportation Planner)

Louis Liss discussed bulb outs as a tool for enhancing safety at intersections. These tools are used to implement the Vision Zero policy.

Jonah Chiarenza discussed materials used to paint curbs that would allow drivers to see pedestrians and discourage drivers from parking at corners. Mr. Chiarenza stated that drivers may make turns slower when curbs are painted red. There is a lot of consideration that goes into the design of a bulb out. Mr. Chiarenza stated that bulb out designs are reviewed by Sustainable Street engineers and staff and the Fire and Police departments. Following public hearings, the designs are then approved by the SFMTA Board of Directors

MOTION 150722.02

The SFMTA CAC recommends that Muni staff relook at the policy of bus zone expansions and curb bulb-outs to ensure that pedestrians are safe from unintended consequences, and that Muni's line performance is not impacted because of delays from rounding bulb-outs.

This motion was continued to the September EMSC meeting.

No public comment.

9. Committee member requests for information. (For discussion only)

Frank Zepeda would like to know if a cover has been placed over the horse car (cable car trailer), which is sitting outdoors at the Marin facility. Mr. Zepeda would like to know if the horse car can be returned to Geneva.

Dorris Vincent mentioned that the SFPD has started to crackdown on bicyclists who disobey bike laws. Ms. Vincent would like to know what violations bicyclists can receive; if they are considered moving violations; and the fine for the violations.

Frank Zepeda would like to know what is being done to enforce pedestrian safety when pedestrians jaywalk. Mr. Zepeda would like to know if there is a plan to enforce pedestrian and bicycle laws.

Schedule upcoming calendar items. (For discussion only)
 Next regular meeting: Wednesday, August 26, 2015 at 3:00 p.m.
 South Van Ness Avenue, 7th Floor, Noe Valley Conference Room, #7075

The meeting was adjourned at 4:41 p.m.

Submitted by:

Yvette Torres

SFMTA CAC Secretary