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ORDER OF BUSINESS

1. Call to Order

Chairman Nolan called the meeting to order at 1:00 p.m.

2. Roll Call

Present:

- Cameron Beach
- Cheryl Brinkman
- Malcolm Heinicke
- Tom Nolan
- Bruce Oka

Absent: Jerry Lee – with notification

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

Chairman Nolan announced that the ringing of and use of cell phones, pagers and similar sound-producing electronic devices are prohibited at the meeting. He 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. He 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 December 7, 2010 Regular Meeting: unanimously approved (Lee-absent).

5. Communications

None.

6. Introduction of New or Unfinished Business by Board Members

None.

7. Executive Director’s Report (For discussion only)

- Special Recognition Award

- Ongoing Activities

Exec. Director/CEO Ford presented Special Recognition Awards to Larry Nichol, transit fare inspector, Transit Services; Raul Alvarez, electrical transit mechanic, Green Division, Transit Services; Albert Fang, fleet engineer, Capital Programs and Construction and Gail Stein, manager, Finance and Technology.

Exec. Director/CEO Ford discussed various infrastructure improvement projects including the temporary Transbay Terminal, Cable Car Infrastructure Improvement Project; St. Francis Circle Rail Replacement Project, Bicycle Sharing Technology

8. Citizens' Advisory Council Report

No report.

9. Public Comment

Frank Sandner spoke about the proposal to charge a parking fee for coming to work. SEIU gave concessions to keep jobs and a 40 hour work week. Worker pay is less and maintaining their life is harder. Please reconsider the fee. Other employers don't charge for parking.

Alex Hodson stated that the parking proposal will severely affect workers at bus yards. It's a severe burden for people who don't make a lot of money. \$960 per year is a lot of money.

Mark Gruberg stated that it has been eight years since the last general meter increase. He urged approval of a taxi meter rate increase as soon as possible. There is an increase in ticketing taxi drivers who often don't have a place to pull over. The simple solution is to give a warning before a ticket is issued. The A-card renewal process has been a terrible mess. Drivers are paying more than \$20 to renew their card. The agency is reaping millions from the sale of taxi medallions.

Carl Macmurdo stated that an annual Public Convenience and Necessity hearing is required by law prior to a meter rate increase. At the last hearing before Board of Supervisors, the Controller recommended an eight percent increase. People wanted to link meter increase to health care. He questioned whether more taxi medallions are needed. There is a need for more part time drivers. He is disturbed to see that there is a plan for peak time medallions but there are no details regarding the plan.

Herbert Weiner asked about the difference between the SFMTA and the 49'ers and responded by saying that the SFMTA has a longer losing streak. People shouldn't buy their pass at the customer service center because of the \$3 fee. The center is crowded, unbearable and is a testimony as to how the SFMTA treats the public. Placing bike lanes in car lanes increases the risk for a bike rider. Eventually someone will be run over by a car.

Joshua Arce, Brightline Defense Project, stated that they have been working to help craft the City's local hiring policy that went into effect on Dec. 25. They are aware that SFMTA staff had concerns about mandatory hiring rather than "good faith efforts". It will be part of all city contracts. Many advocates will be going to departments to make sure the new language is included in all new contracts. It will be exciting to take a project like Central Subway and get local folks working.

Chairman Nolan requested information regarding a taxi meter rate increase and the required hearing.

THE FOLLOWING MATTERS BEFORE THE SAN FRANCISCO MUNICIPAL
TRANSPORTATION AGENCY BOARD OF DIRECTORS ARE RECOMMENDED FOR

ACTION AS STATED BY THE SFMTA EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR/CEO 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) 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. 21st Century Ins. vs. CCSF, Superior Ct. #CGC10499332 filed on 5/3/10 for \$847.37
- B. Manuel Martinez vs. CCSF, Superior Ct. #CGC3424972 filed on 10/10/03 for \$5,214.11
- C. Adriana Touhey vs. CCSF, Superior Ct. #CGC10498975 filed on 4/23/10 for \$7,500.
- D. Kayla Marcus vs. CCSF, Superior Ct. #CGC10502463 filed on 3/24/10 for \$8,000
- E. Andrew Littlefield vs. CCSF, Superior Ct. #476547 filed on 6/19/08 for \$20,000
- F. Marie Romo and Dyllan Lopez vs. CCSF, Superior Ct. #CGC9485884 filed on 3/20/09 for \$50,000
- G. Thomas Petricka vs. CCSF, Superior Ct. #9488638 filed on 3/18/09 for \$50,000
- H. Gwendolyn Daniels vs. CCSF, Superior Ct. #CGC9490999 filed on 7/31/09 for \$52,000
- I. Mehendran Kadannapalli vs. CCSF, Superior Ct. #CGC9490810 filed on 1/20/09 for \$75,000
- J. Karen Najarro vs. CCSF, US District Ct., No. District of California #CV92871CJB filed on 9/24/09 for \$95,000

RESOLUTION 11-001

(10.2) Approving the following traffic modifications:

- A. REVOKE – BLUE ZONE – 500 Cortland Avenue, south side, from 0 feet to 25 feet east of Andover Street.
- B. REVOKE – BLUE ZONE – 400 Moultrie Street, west side, from 3 feet to 18 feet south of Cortland Avenue.
- C. ESTABLISH – BLUE ZONE – “498” Moultrie Street, west side, from 0 feet to 20 feet south of mid-block curb ramp.
- D. REVOKE – BLUE ZONE – “500” Moultrie Street, west side, from 0 feet to 18 feet south of playground gate opening.
- E. REVOKE – BUS ZONE – Parnassus Avenue, south side, from 377.5 feet to 457.5 feet east of 3rd Avenue.

F. ESTABLISH – BUS ZONE – Parnassus Avenue, south side, from 252 feet to 345.5 feet east of 3rd Avenue.

G. ESTABLISH – BLUE ZONE – Parnassus Avenue, south side, from 377.5 feet to 397.5 feet east of 3rd Avenue.

H. REVOKE – BUS ZONE – Parnassus Ave, south side, from 4th Avenue to 75 feet easterly.

I. ESTABLISH – BUS ZONE – Parnassus Avenue, south side, from 4th Avenue to 104 feet westerly.

J. ESTABLISH – BLUE ZONE – Parnassus Avenue, south side, from 5 feet to 25 feet east of 4th Avenue.

K. ESTABLISH – RED ZONE – Parnassus Avenue, south side, from 47 feet to 75 feet east of 4th Avenue.

L. REVOKE – BUS ZONE – Townsend Street, north side, west of 7th Street.

M. ESTABLISH – BUS ZONE – Townsend St, north side, from 7th Street to 148 feet westerly.

N. ESTABLISH – RESIDENTIAL PERMIT PARKING AREA N, 2-HOUR PARKING, 9 AM TO 6 PM, MONDAY THROUGH FRIDAY – Lake Street, both sides, between 16th and 17th Avenues.

O. RESCIND – RPP AREA “U” 2 HOUR PARKING 9AM-5PM MONDAY-FRIDAY AND ESTABLISH – UNMETERED MOTORCYCLE PARKING – Clara Street, south side, from 317 to 337 feet east of 5th Street and Clara Street, south side, from 361 to 390 feet east of 5th Street.

P. REVOKE – 45 DEGREE ANGLE PARKING – Clement Street, north side, from 16th Avenue to 35 feet easterly and Clement Street, north side, from 18th Avenue to 52 feet easterly.

Q. ESTABLISH – 45 DEGREE PARKING AND ESTABLISH – 8 HOUR PARKING FROM 7AM-6PM, MONDAY TO FRIDAY – East side of Jerrold, from 116 feet to 320 feet north of Quint Avenue.

R. RESCIND – 45 DEGREE PARKING AND ESTABLISH – 90 DEGREE PARKING – Oakdale Avenue, north side, between Mendell and Lane Streets.

S. ESTABLISH – RED ZONE – Oakdale Avenue, north side, from Mendell Street to 53 feet easterly.

T. RE-OPEN – CROSSWALK – North Crosswalk at the Intersection of Innes Avenue and Middle Point Road.

U. REVOKE – TOW-AWAY, NO STOPPING 7 AM – 9 AM, MONDAY TO FRIDAY – Bush Street, north side, between Larkin Street and 120 feet west of Leavenworth Street

V. ESTABLISH – TOW-AWAY LANE MUST TURN LEFT – Bush Street, eastbound at Larkin Street.

W. ESTABLISH – TOW-AWAY NO STOPPING 7 AM – 9 AM, MONDAY TO FRIDAY – Bush Street, south side, from Hyde Street to 60 feet westerly.

X. ESTABLISH – TOW-AWAY, NO STOPPING ANYTIME – Division Street, north side, from Brannan Street to 85 feet easterly.

Y. ESTABLISH – TOW AWAY NO STOPPING ANYTIME – Great Highway, east side, from Fulton Street to 130 feet northerly.

Z. ESTABLISH – RESIDENTIAL PERMIT PARKING AREA Y, 2-HOUR LIMIT, 8 AM TO 10 PM, DAILY – Townsend Street, north side, from 6th Street to 72 feet westerly.

AA. ESTABLISH – ELIGIBILITY FOR AREA F RESIDENTIAL PARKING PERMIT – 3024 Geary Boulevard

BB. ESTABLISH – RESIDENTIAL PERMIT PARKING AREA Z, 2-HOUR LIMIT, 8 AM TO 6 PM, MONDAY THROUGH FRIDAY – Chattanooga Street, both sides, between 23rd and 24th Streets.

CC. ESTABLISH – RESIDENTIAL PERMIT PARKING AREA P, 2-HOUR LIMIT, 8 AM TO 6 PM, MONDAY THROUGH FRIDAY – McAllister Street, both sides, between Divisadero and Broderick Street.

DD. ESTABLISH – RESIDENTIAL PERMIT PARKING AREA N, 2-HOUR LIMIT, 9 AM TO 6 PM, MONDAY THROUGH FRIDAY – 15th Avenue, east side, from Geary Blvd. to Clement St. 15th Avenue, west side, from 103 feet south of Geary Blvd. to Clement Street.

EE. ESTABLISH – RESIDENTIAL PERMIT PARKING ELIGIBILITY – Unit block of Tacoma St.

FF. ESTABLISH – RESIDENTIAL PERMIT PARKING AREA H, 2-HOUR LIMIT, 8 AM TO 6 PM, MONDAY THROUGH FRIDAY – Ocean Ave, both sides, between 19th and 20th Aves.

GG. ESTABLISH – STOP SIGN – Southbound Arkansas Street at 23rd Street.

HH. ESTABLISH – UNMETERED MOTORCYCLE PARKING – 20th Street, north side, from 10 feet to 20 feet easterly of Florida Street.

II. ESTABLISH – RED ZONE – Geary Blvd., 3500 block, north side, from 2 feet to 24 feet east of Palm Ave.

JJ. ESTABLISH – TOW-AWAY NO PARKING ANYTIME – Armstrong Street, south side, from 3rd Street to 450 feet easterly.

KK. ESTABLISH – RESIDENTIAL PERMIT PARKING AREA T (ELIGIBILITY TO PURCHASE PERMIT ONLY) – #270 & #280 Laguna Honda Boulevard.

LL. ESTABLISH – TOW-AWAY NO STOPPING ANYTIME – Laguna Honda Boulevard, west side, from Clarendon Avenue to Plaza Street.

MM. RESCIND – TOW-AWAY NO STOPPING ANYTIME – Laguna Honda Boulevard, west side, from Plaza Street to 200 feet southerly.

NN. ESTABLISH – TOW-AWAY NO PARKING ANYTIME – Laguna Honda Boulevard, west side, from Plaza Street to 200 feet southerly.

OO. RESCIND – 2-HOUR PARKING, 7 AM TO 6 PM, MONDAY THROUGH SATURDAY AND ESTABLISH – RESIDENTIAL PERMIT PARKING AREA T, 2-HOUR LIMIT, 8 AM TO 6 PM, MONDAY THROUGH FRIDAY – Unit block of Plaza Street, north side, between Laguna Honda Boulevard and Magellan Avenue. (Explanatory documents include a staff report and resolution.) (Bond Yee)

RESOLUTION 11-002

(10.3) Authorizing the Executive Director/CEO to execute the Special Transit Fare (Fast Pass®) Agreement with BART, for a term from January 1, 2010 to June 30, 2018 (Explanatory documents include a staff report, resolution and agreement.) (Sonali Bose)

RESOLUTION 11-003

No public comment.

On motion to approve the Consent Calendar:

ADOPTED: AYES – Beach, Brinkman, Heinicke, Nolan and Oka

ABSENT - Lee

REGULAR CALENDAR

11. Approving various traffic and parking modifications related to the Palace of Fine Arts and Doyle Drive construction including:

A. RESCIND – RIGHT TURN ONLY AND ESTABLISH – RIGHT TURN AND LEFT TURN ONLY (NO THROUGH MOVEMENT) – Northbound Lyon Street at Doyle Drive.

B. RESCIND – RIGHT TURN ONLY; ESTABLISH – NO LEFT TURN AND RESCIND – STOP SIGN, PLACE MOVEMENT UNDER SIGNAL CONTROL – Southbound Lyon Street at Doyle Drive.

C. RESCIND – RIGHT TURN ONLY – Southbound Lyon Street at Richardson Avenue.

D. RESCIND – LEFT TURN OR RIGHT TURN ONLY – Northbound Gorgas Avenue at Richardson Avenue, from east (right) lane of Gorgas Avenue to allow through movement onto northbound Lyon Street.

E. EXEMPT- SCHOOL PUPIL ACTIVITY BUSES FROM TRANSPORTATION CODE SECTION 501 (NO VEHICLES OVER 3 TONS) AND TRANSPORTATION CODE SECTION 503 (NO COMMERCIAL VEHICLES WITH NINE OR MORE SEATS) – Lyon Street between Francisco and Lombard Streets; Chestnut Street between Lyon Street and Richardson Avenue (Temporary Restriction from January 2011 until items A-D are constructed, estimated to be no later than September 30, 2011); (Explanatory documents include a staff report and resolution.) (Bond Yee)

Bond Yee, director, Sustainable Streets, presented the report.

PUBLIC COMMENT:

Mark Helmbrecht expressed support for the item. It will provide direct access to parking lots on the Presidio. The changes reduce the impact on neighborhoods, the distance of travel and they support “Transit First” by bringing visitors to facilities by bus.

Max Delle Sedie stated that neighbors don’t have a problem with Items A, B or C. D should be further clarified to enable them to make meaningful comment. Drawings don’t show dimensions. Neighbors have no problem with school buses and understand their right to go to the facilities but they have an issue with the remaining buses.

Jean Strunsky stated that she lives in the area. Some spaces are being removed but neighbors need to know how many. They don't know how wide the streets will be. They would appreciate getting the information and requested that the item be postponed.

George Cogan, Exploratorium, expressed appreciation for work on the proposals. This is an issue of great concern to the Exploratorium Board of Directors. Over 70,000 students, many from underserved communities, visit the Exploratorium. Their ability to provide safe access for thousands of school students depends on these modifications. They will allow safe paths of travel to and from the Exploratorium. This is a temporary suspension that isn't expected to last more than nine months. He expressed appreciation to the neighbors for their patience and involvement and urged approval.

Payson Smith, Exploratorium, stated that the transition must be managed well. The removal of the parking lot and Doyle Drive greatly affects the Exploratorium's financing. Maintaining a robust field trip program is important. He urged approval.

Dennis Bartels, Exec. Director, Exploratorium, stated that they have been working with various city agencies to mitigate the hardship that the Doyle Drive project will have on the facility and to create the best plan possible. They dropped a request to change Baker St. into angled parking because it would be too hard on the neighbors. They also sped up the work on the two intersections from two and a half years to nine months. The neighbors have legitimate concerns but these changes are essential.

Jennifer Fragomeni, Youth Program, Exploratorium, stated that she has been involved with the school bus issue for years. Many schools don't have school buses and they have to charter a bus. There is a logistics and coordination issue with unloading students safely. These changes are important and should be approved.

Kenya Thomas stated that the Youth Program helps build job skills.

Lorenzo Bartolo stated that he supports the proposal.

Ana Ortiz stated that her school didn't have school buses. She loves the Exploratorium and thinks that everybody should have a chance to go.

Ralph Taylor stated that the Exploratorium is a gem. If traffic changes aren't improved, it will be impossible for school field trips to get to the Exploratorium. These changes will ensure that the museum will continue to operate while Doyle Drive is being built. He urged approval.

Kevin O'Brien, Palace of Fine Arts Theater, expressed support for the temporary lifting of bus restrictions. They use the Lair lot to turn around large trucks. These changes are critical to their operation.

Jann Dickerson, neighbor, stated that they're not trying to stop people from coming to the Exploratorium but are trying to protect the neighborhood and neighborhood children. They are concerned about how the city is going to keep two-wheelers and non-student buses out of the area. They want to work to find other solutions to the trailers and large buses.

Patricia Vaughey stated that there was a group of meetings with everybody except the neighbors. The neighborhood found out about the changes in October. They suggested the light change. They also suggested turning the buses around further and along commercial streets rather than on residential streets. She stated that no one is against the Exploratorium but Lyon and Chestnut streets have been inundated with cross traffic from the Presidio.

Ariel Ungerleider stated that 75% of the buses are school buses. The neighborhood is facing a daily epidemic of non-school charter buses such as employee buses with no enforcement. Neighbors fear that school buses won't have enforcement and that this creates a loophole that will allow employer buses to come into the neighborhood. They would like to know who neighbors can talk to regarding keeping the neighborhood happy and safe.

Jan Barroca stated that her street will go from a one-way road to two-way and is concerned about enforcement. There is no enforcement now so having a two-way street will complicate matters more. She inquired as to the plans after construction is complete. She noted that the Exploratorium is moving to the Embarcadero where there is no free parking.

Chairman Nolan requested an update on what's happening with employer charter buses and tour buses.

RESOLUTION 11-004

On motion to approve:

ADOPTED: AYES – Beach, Brinkman, Heinicke, Nolan and Oka

ABSENT – Lee

12. Presentation and discussion regarding the FY11 year end budget projection. (Explanatory documents include a slide presentation.) (Sonali Bose)

Sonali Bose, director, Finance and Information Technology, presented the report.

Chairman Nolan requested a chart that shows what actions have been taken over the years to balance the budget and which stakeholders were impacted by those actions.

No public comment.

13. Discussion and vote pursuant to Administrative Code Section 67.10(d) as to whether to conduct a closed session and invoke the attorney-client privilege.

On motion to invoke the attorney-client privilege: unanimously approved (Lee-absent).

RECESS REGULAR MEETING AND CONVENE CLOSED SESSION

CLOSED SESSION

1. Call to Order

Chairman Nolan called the closed session to order at 3:05 p.m.

2. Roll Call

Present:

- Cameron Beach
- Cheryl Brinkman
- Malcolm Heinicke
- Tom Nolan

- Bruce Oka

Absent: Jerry Lee – with notification

Also present:

- Nathaniel Ford, executive director/CEO
- Roberta Boomer, board secretary
- Julia Friedlander, deputy city attorney
- Sonali Bose, director, Finance and Information Technology
- John Haley, director, Transit Services
- Reggie Mason, director, Safety and Training
- Carter Rohan, director, Capital Projects and Construction
- Rumi Ueno, manager, Labor Relations
- Gina Roccanova, deputy city attorney

3. Pursuant to Government Code Section 54956.9 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 in the following case:

CONFERENCE WITH LEGAL COUNSEL

Existing Litigation:

A. Alma Del Bosque vs. CCSF, Superior Ct. #CGC9484208 filed on 1/20/09 for \$2,026,848

RESOLUTION 11-005

On motion to approve:

ADOPTED: AYES – Beach, Brinkman, Heinicke, Nolan and Oka

ABSENT – Lee

Absent: Gina Roccanova, deputy city attorney

B. John Gainor v. CCSF, Superior Ct. #CGC10496454 filed on 1/29/10

4. Pursuant to Government Code Sections 54956.9, and Administrative Code Section 67.8 (a) (3) the Municipal Transportation Agency Board of Directors will meet in closed session to discuss attorney-client matters in the following cases:

CONFERENCE WITH LEGAL COUNSEL

Anticipated Litigation:

 X As defendant or X As plaintiff

Absent:

- Malcolm Heinicke
- Nathaniel Ford, executive director/CEO
- Gina Roccanova, deputy city attorney

Also present: Bond Yee, director, Sustainable Streets

5. 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: Debra Johnson and/or her designees

Employee Organizations:

TWU, Local 250-A and TWU, Local 200

To discuss:

☒ Wages

☒ Hours

☒ Benefits

☒ Working Conditions

☒ Other

ADJOURN CLOSED SESSION AND RECONVENE OPEN SESSION - The closed session was adjourned at 4:18 p.m.

14. Announcement of Closed Session.

Chairman Nolan announced that the SFMTA Board of Directors met in closed session to discuss the Del Bosque and Gainor cases with the City Attorney. The Board of Directors voted unanimously to settle the Del Bosque case and took no action on the Gainor case. They discussed anticipated litigation and labor negotiations 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 (Lee-absent).


ADJOURN - The meeting was adjourned at 4:19 p.m.

A tape 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

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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.

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