



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

**MINUTES**

Tuesday, January 7, 2020  
Room 400, City Hall  
1 Dr. Carlton B. Goodlett Place

**REGULAR MEETING  
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

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## 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  
Amanda Eaken  
Malcolm Heinicke  
Steve Heminger  
Cristina Rubke  
Art Torres

Absent: Cheryl Brinkman - 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.

### 4. Approval of Minutes

No public comment.

On motion to approve the minutes of the December 3, 2019 Regular Meeting: unanimously approved (Brinkman-absent).

### 5. Communications

None.

### 6. Introduction of New or Unfinished Business by Board Members

Director Heminger requested information regarding the SFMTA's spare ratio for buses.

Director Torres requested information regarding addressing the concerns raised by the Black Employee Alliance.

### 7. Director's Report (For discussion only)

- Update on Vision Zero
- Ongoing Activities

Chair Heinicke welcomed Jeffrey Tumlin.

Jeffrey Tumlin, Director of Transportation, discussed Vision Zero, the Go-Ex letter, parking meters, Muni art, and his key priorities for the next few months.

#### PUBLIC COMMENT:

Herbert Weiner discussed the problem of bullying within the SFMTA. Top management has been guilty. This affects service delivery. The SFMTA isn't the only department that has this problem. He expressed his willingness to assist. With respect to sidewalks, there are too many cyclists and scooters which endanger pedestrians and people with disabilities. People who use alternative forms of transportation should play by the rules.

Howard Strassner stated that a great majority of citizens voted for the Transit First policy and hopes that Mr. Tumlin will work on it. On Presidio Drive, the stops were spaced every other block. This was done because we had more buses making more stops. It's okay to compromise for parking here and there but this reason gets in the way too often. He questioned cars that block sidewalks.

Debbi Quick discussed a car that ran a red light. The city won't reach its safety goal without the cooperation of the police department. Car drivers are unbelievably aggressive. It's not appropriate for bikes nor scooters to ride on sidewalks but the police don't do anything about it. Car drivers need to be held to account.

Vice Chair Borden asked staff for information about how we are treating meters that don't accept cash.

Director Eaken asked that the hiring issues be broken down further to distinguish issues that the SFMTA can change versus those that the SFMTA can't control. She would also like to hear staff's analysis when Vision Zero incidents are evaluated to aid the Board in understanding what the issues are.

#### 8. Citizens' Advisory Council Report

No report.

#### 9. Public Comment

Michael Cheney read an email he sent to the Mayor discussing Muni vehicles and their braking capacity. All Siemens light rail vehicles don't have braking capability.

Herbert Weiner stated that if a problem can't be solved, Muni makes it worse. Issues should be made public. Many programs have been rubberstamped. Van Ness and Taraval streets have been wrecked. He asked for more democracy in the planning and input of projects to avoid catastrophe.

Howard Strassner discussed congestion due to transportation network companies. A congestion fee could have been a solution, but red paint could help. More bus bulbs should be used to help stop traffic. He discussed several long-standing problems such as the stop at Presidio and Fulton. It was decided over two years ago to move the stop, but nothing has changed. 19<sup>th</sup> Ave. was supposed to be fixed but that has dragged on as well.

Christopher Pederson discussed the City's failure to implement the Transit First policy. Doing that will involve some tough battles. The K and M lines are routinely held up at St. Francis Circle to give priority to cars. That impacts the entire Metro system. That intersection needs to be looked at.

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. 7<sup>th</sup> 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. James Smith and Sean Kayode vs. the SFMTA and Tegsco, U.S. District Ct. #4:18-cv-01239 filed on 2/13/18 for \$16,000. (Explanatory documents include a resolution.)

#### RESOLUTION 200107-001

(10.2) Confirming that the terms of settlement approved by Resolution No. 190604-065 regarding Selen Altiock v. CCSF, Superior Court #CGC17-562294, include the payment of a portion of settlement proceeds as periodic payments, pursuant to a qualified assignment within the meaning of Section 130, *et seq.* of the Internal Revenue Code. (Explanatory documents include a resolution.)

#### RESOLUTION 200107-002

(10.3) Approving the following traffic modifications:

- A. ESTABLISH – NO PARKING ANYTIME — Geneva Avenue, south side, from 33 feet to 60 feet east of Ocean Avenue.

- B. ESTABLISH – RED ZONE — Post St., south side, from 6 feet to 29 feet west of Laguna Street.
- C. ESTABLISH – RESIDENTIAL PERMIT PARKING AREA I ELIGIBILITY - 2903 Mission St.
- A. ESTABLISH – TOW-AWAY, NO STOPPING ANYTIME – Lawrence Avenue, south side, from Mission Street to 20 feet westerly.
- B. ESTABLISH – BUS ZONE Fremont St., east side, from 151 feet to 234 feet south of Howard St.
- C. ESTABLISH – NO PARKING VEHICLES OVER SIX FEET HIGH Mariposa Street, south side, between Bryant Street and York Street; and Mariposa Street, north side, between York Street and Bryant Street.
- D. ESTABLISH – RESIDENTIAL PERMIT PARKING AREA U ELIGIBILITY 1586 Folsom St.
- E. RESCIND – GENERAL METERED PARKING 9 AM TO 6 PM, MONDAY THROUGH SATURDAY ESTABLISH – NO PARKING ANYTIME Hawthorne Street, east side, from Harrison Street to 108 feet northerly.
- F. ESTABLISH – NO PARKING, 9 AM TO 6 PM, MONDAY THROUGH FRIDAY Plymouth Avenue, east side, from San Ramon Way to Wildwood Way.
- G. ESTABLISH – TOW-AWAY, NO STOPPING, 7 AM TO 9 AM, MONDAY THROUGH FRIDAY Franklin Street, west side, from Page Street to 265 feet northerly.
- H. ESTABLISH – 2-HOUR PARKING, 8 AM TO 9 PM, MONDAY THROUGH FRIDAY, EXCEPT VEHICLES WITH AREA S PERMITS; Webster Street, east side, between Page Street and Haight Street; Haight Street, north side, between Webster Street and Buchannan Street; and Buchannan Street, west side, between Page Street and Haight Street.
- I. ESTABLISH – 2-HOUR PARKING, 9 AM TO 8 PM, MONDAY THROUGH FRIDAY, EXCEPT VEHICLES WITH AREA S OR AREA Q PERMITS Webster Street, east side, between Fell Street and Oak Street Webster Street, east side, from 77 feet south of Oak Street to Page Street.
- J. ESTABLISH – STREET CLOSURE, 11:30 AM TO 3:30 PM, DAILY – Harlan Place, from Grant Avenue to Mark Lane
- K. ESTABLISH – RED ZONE 3rd Street, west side, from 4 feet to 26 feet south of Mission Street; 3rd Street, west side, from 4 feet to 24 feet south of Folsom Street; 3rd Street, west side, from 4 feet to 27 feet south of Bryant Street.
- L. ESTABLISH – TOW-AWAY, NO STOPPING ANY TIME – Bryant Street, south side, from 3rd Street to 26 feet easterly.
- M. ESTABLISH – BLUE ZONE, DISABLED PARKING ONLY, AT ALL TIMES – Bryant Street, south side, from Ritch Street to 22 feet easterly.
- N. ESTABLISH – YELLOW ZONE, COMMERCIAL LOADING, ONE-HOUR TIME LIMIT, 7 AM TO 6 PM, MONDAY THROUGH SATURDAY – Ritch Street, west side, from Bryant Street to 22 feet southerly.
- O. ESTABLISH – RED ZONE Channel Street, south side, from 160 to 190 feet east of 8th Street.
- P. ESTABLISH – RED ZONE 8th Street, east side, from Carolina Street to 77 feet southerly.
- Q. ESTABLISH – RED ZONE Hooper Street, north side, from 8th Street to 65 feet easterly.
- R. ESTABLISH – RED ZONE Hooper Street, south side, from 8th Street to 30 feet easterly.
- S. ESTABLISH – RED ZONE Clementina Street, south side, from 1st Street to 65 feet westerly, and making environmental review findings. (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.)

(10.4) Awarding Contract No. 1309R, Muni Metro East - Boiler and HVAC Rehabilitation Project, to Cal State Constructors, to replace a boiler and two air condenser units within the Muni Metro East building, in the amount of \$2,587,000, and for a term of 325 days to substantial completion. (Explanatory documents include a staff report, resolution and financial plan.)

#### RESOLUTION 2200107-004

(10.5) Authorizing the Director to execute Modification No. 2 to Contract No. 1293, Fall Protection and Disconnect Switch Project, with Cal State Constructors, for design changes to the catwalk platforms in the amount of \$610,545.94; for adjustment of the final bid quantities, resulting in a net reduction of \$189,247.81, for a final Contract amount of \$6,780,705.14; and retroactively extending the term by 121 days. (Explanatory documents include a staff report, resolution, modification and financial plan.)

#### RESOLUTION 200107-005

No public comment.

On motion to approve the Consent Calendar:

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

ABSENT - Brinkman

#### REGULAR CALENDAR

11. Presentation and discussion regarding the Municipal Transportation Quality Review of transit operations and performance for Fiscal Years 2017 and 2018. (Explanatory documents include a report and a slide presentation.)

Travis Fox, Manager, Performance; Samantha Erickson, Nelson/Nygaard; and Julie Kirschbaum, Director, Transit, presented the item.

#### PUBLIC COMMENT:

Herbert Weiner stated that he supports the findings, but he would like to see subjective responses. He wanted to know whether walking a longer distance influenced a persons' decision to take transit or drive. He questioned all surveys done by the SFMTA because most don't leave room for comment.

Vice Chair Borden asked that the charts include the goal for each metric.

Chair Heinicke asked staff to report on why ridership in the Metro was down during this period.

Director Rubke requested an appendix that explains each metric in future reports.

12. Approving parking time limits and transit improvements, including bus stop consolidation and the extension of tow-away zone hours associated with the Inner Sunset Curb Management Project as follows:

- A. ESTABLISH – BUS ZONE – 9<sup>th</sup> Avenue, east side, from Irving Street to 80 feet northerly; 9<sup>th</sup> Avenue, east side, from Lincoln Way to 100 feet southerly; and Lincoln Way, north side, from 9<sup>th</sup> Avenue to 100 feet westerly.
- B. RESCIND – BUS ZONE – Lincoln Way, south side, from 7<sup>th</sup> Avenue to 82 feet easterly; Lincoln Way, north side, from 7<sup>th</sup> Avenue to 62 feet westerly; Lincoln Way, south side, from 11<sup>th</sup> Avenue to 76 feet westerly; Lincoln Way, north side, from 11<sup>th</sup> Avenue to 75 feet westerly.
- C. ESTABLISH – TOW-AWAY, NO STOPPING 3 PM TO 7 PM, MONDAY THROUGH FRIDAY – Lincoln Way, north side, from 6<sup>th</sup> Avenue to 14<sup>th</sup> Avenue.
- D. ESTABLISH – 2-HOUR LIMIT, 9 AM TO 6 PM, DAILY – Lincoln Way, north side, from 7<sup>th</sup> Avenue to 11<sup>th</sup> Avenue. (Explanatory documents include a staff report, maps and resolution. The proposed action is the Approval Action as defined by Chapter 31 of the San Francisco Administrative Code.)

Hank Willson, Manager, Curb Management and Alex Jonlin, project manager, presented the item.

Vice Chair Borden asked staff to report on why the 44 O’Shaughnessy line stops twice in one block in that area.

PUBLIC COMMENT:

Members of the public expressing opposition: Herbert Weiner

RESOLUTION 2200107-006

On motion to approve:

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

ABSENT - Brinkman

13. Presentation and discussion regarding subway performance and a future train control upgrade project. (Explanatory documents include a slide presentation.)

Dan Howard, Manager, Technology Systems, Transit Division, presented the item.

PUBLIC COMMENT:



Howard Strassner discussed his experience with the Metro system. It's crazy to run single car trains in the subway. He suggested in-route coupling which can be done now. The advantage is longer trains. On weekends, the system doesn't have problems because only 30 cars per hour are being run. Nobody runs 40 cars per hour.

14. Presentation and discussion regarding the legal responsibilities of the SFMTA. (Explanatory documents include a slide presentation. Fulfills Charter Section 8A.102 (c) (3) training requirements.)

Susan Cleveland-Knowles, deputy city attorney, presented the item.

No public comment.

ADJOURN - The meeting was adjourned at 3:45 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.

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