



# DRAFT MINUTES

## San Francisco County Transportation Authority

Tuesday, December 13, 2022

### 1. Roll Call

Chair Mandelman called the meeting to order at 10:02 a.m.

**Present at Roll Call:** Commissioners Dorsey, Mar, Mandelman, Preston, Peskin, Stefani, and Walton (7)

**Absent at Roll Call:** Commissioners Chan, Melgar (entered during item 2), Ronen (entered during item 2), and Safai (4)

### 2. Chair's Report - INFORMATION

Chair Mandelman began by thanking his colleagues on the board and staff for a highly productive year. He highlighted the passage of Prop L and thanked San Francisco voters for supporting the renewal of the sales tax. He also congratulated all project sponsors for delivering new public infrastructure, both large and small. He recounted that the Board adopted the 30-year county wide San Francisco Transportation Plan and also advanced major capital projects while looking forward to the next generation of projects; held hearings on and recommitted themselves to Vision Zero; and approved allocations for many traffic calming projects. With the city and tax revenue still recovering from the pandemic, the Chair stated that the Transportation Authority continued to steward public dollars with great care, resulting in the Transportation Authority being awarded the highest bond rating of AAA.

Chair Mandelman announced that the Transportation Authority had received two industry awards, the Civic Equity Champion award from the Conference of Minority Transportation Officials and Agency of the Year from the Bay Bridge Chapter of the American Council of Engineering Companies. Chair Mandelman wrapped up his report by thanking his colleagues, their legislative aides, and Transportation Authority staff for their hard work over the past year. Finally, he expressed his special appreciation to Commissioner Mar for his leadership and stated that his legacy would carry on in District 4.

There was no public comment.

### 3. Executive Director's Report - INFORMATION

Tilly Chang, Executive Director, presented the Executive Director's Report and echoed appreciation for Commissioner Mar's work on behalf of staff.

During public comment, Francisco DaCosta suggested that the Transportation Authority give grants to universities for them to conduct needs assessments on Transportation Authority projects, with special focus on the senior population who are greatly impacted by gaps in public transportation.



**4. Approve the Minutes of the December 6, 2022 Meeting - ACTION**

There was no public comment.

Commissioner Melgar moved to approve the minutes, seconded by Commissioner Mar.

The minutes were approved without objection by the following vote:

Ayes: Commissioners Dorsey, Mar, Mandelman, Melgar, Preston, Peskin, Ronen, Stefani, and Walton (9)

Absent: Commissioners Chan and Safai (2)

## Consent Agenda

**5. [Final Approval] Appoint Calvin Ho to the Community Advisory Committee - ACTION\***

**6. [Final Approval] Allocate \$9,122,182 in Prop K Funds, with Conditions, and Allocate \$1,000,000 in Prop AA Funds, for Nine Requests – ACTION\***

**7. [Final Approval] Amend San Francisco's One Bay Area Grant Cycle 3 (OBAG 3) Project Nominations to Shift \$4,899,000 from San Francisco Municipal Transportation Agency's (SFMTA's) Bayview Community Multimodal Corridor Project to San Francisco County Transportation Authority's (SFCTA's) West Side Bridges Seismic Retrofit Project (West Side Bridges); Approve a Fund Exchange, With Conditions, of \$14,899,000 in OBAG 3 Funds From SFCTA's West Side Bridges With an Equivalent Amount of Prop K Funds Allocated to SFMTA's Light Rail Vehicle Procurement Project; and, Appropriate, With Conditions, \$14,899,000 in Prop K Funds for the West Side Bridges – ACTION\***

**8. [Final Approval] Adopt the San Francisco Transportation Plan 2050 – ACTION\***

Commissioner Walton moved to approve the Consent Agenda, seconded by Commissioner Mar.

The Consent Agenda was approved without objection by the following vote:

Ayes: Commissioners Dorsey, Mar, Mandelman, Melgar, Preston, Peskin, Ronen, Stefani, and Walton (9)

Absent: Commissioners Chan and Safai (2)

## End of Consent Agenda

**9. Major Capital Project Update: Caltrain Modernization Program – INFORMATION\***

Michelle Bouchard, Executive Director for Caltrain, and Casey Fromson, Chief Communications Officer, presented the item per the staff memorandum.

Commissioner Walton thanked the Caltrain team for their hard work and informative presentation recognized that it is a difficult time for transit across the region, headlined by the fiscal concerns facing many agencies.

During public comment, Roland Lebrun pointed out that 10 years ago the budget was



estimated at \$1.25 billion and today it is \$2.4 billion, also that it was supposed to be delivered in 2019, rather than 2024. He also highlighted remaining risks to project delivery.

Chair Mandelman thanked Caltrain staff for their hard work and wished them luck with closing the funding gap.

The Chair asked the clerk to all Items 11 and 12 before item 10 because of concerns that the Board would lose quorum.

**10. Potrero Yard Modernization Update– INFORMATION\***

Jonathan Rewers, Chief Strategy Officer for SFMTA, presented the item per the staff memorandum.

Commissioner Ronen complimented SFMTA staff for their commitment to community engagement and building market rate housing with units for very low income folks. Commissioner Walton echoed these comments.

Commissioner Melgar appreciated Commissioners Ronen and Walton for their work with SFMTA on this project. She then went on to express some nervousness about project delivery given that this is SFMTA's first time delivering a project of this type and scale with so many partner agencies involved and different sources of funding. She asked how project management would be handled. Mr. Rewers answered that 3 years ago the SFMTA signed a memorandum of understanding (MOU) with five other City departments that established the Building Progress Program. This program organized the expertise and resources of these partner departments and will provide SFMTA with the support it will need for this project. Mr. Rewers acknowledged some challenges including the fact that this is their first time attempting this type of infrastructure and that the current economic environment is very challenging. He said that these factors mean that the SFMTA will have to continue to be innovative and rely on the support and expertise of the Board and partners to assist.

Chair Mandelman asked if SFMTA had the staffing resources they needed given the complexity of the interdepartmental coordination that would be required. Mr. Rewers responded that SFMTA put all the needed technical resources and contracts in place before they needed them as part of the MOU. They also secured the necessary staffing resources as a part of this process; however; he noted that several positions remain funded but vacant and they are working to fill them.

During public comment, Francisco DaCosta requested a calculation of how much it cost per square foot to build this project and to then have that information relayed to the taxpayers. He stated that it used to \$650 per square foot but it is now \$1500 per square foot. He then questioned the qualifications of a few of the partner agencies.

## Items from the Personnel Committee

**11. [CLOSED SESSION] Evaluate Public Employee Performance and Approve the Executive Director's Performance Objectives for 2023 - ACTION\***

The Board did not go into closed session. There was no public comment.

The item was approved without objection by the following vote:



Ayes: Commissioners Dorsey, Mar, Mandelman, Melgar, Preston, Peskin, Ronen, Stefani, and Walton (9)

Absent: Commissioners Chan and Safai (2)

**12. Adopt the Revised Salary Structure, Amend the Existing Employment Agreement and Set the Annual Compensation for the Executive Director for 2023 - ACTION\***

There was no public comment.

The item was approved without objection by the following vote:

Ayes: Commissioners Dorsey, Mar, Mandelman, Melgar, Preston, Peskin, Ronen, Stefani, and Walton (9)

Absent: Commissioners Chan and Safai (2)

## Other Items

**13. Introduction of New Items - INFORMATION**

There were no new items introduced.

**14. Public Comment**

During public comment, Roland Lebrun said that the Potrero Project is beautiful and related that he hopes it will be a model for a facility in northern San Jose. He then thanked the Board for the opportunity to address them and wished them happy holidays.

Francisco DaCosta advocated on behalf of elders and people who are physically challenged to provide them with the necessary mobility resources. He did not feel that this was done in San Francisco and said that public transportation was negatively impacted by nonsense in the streets. Finally, he reiterated his earlier request to have a university come in and teach the Transportation Authority how to do a needs assessment.

**15. Adjournment**

The meeting was adjourned at 11:02 a.m.