



DRAFT MINUTES

San Francisco County Transportation Authority

Tuesday, June 11, 2024

1. Roll Call

Chair Mandelman called the meeting to order at 10:06 a.m.

Present at Roll Call: Commissioners Chan, Dorsey, Engardio, Mandelman, Preston, and Ronen (6)

Absent at Roll Call: Commissioners Melgar (entered during Item 4), Peskin, Safai, Stefani (entered during Item 5), and Walton (entered during Item 7) (5)

2. Approve the Minutes of the May 21, 2024 Meeting - ACTION

There was no public comment.

Commissioner Dorsey moved to approve the minutes, seconded by Commissioner Ronen.

The minutes were approved without objection by the following vote:

Ayes: Commissioners Chan, Dorsey, Engardio, Mandelman, Preston, and Ronen (6)

Absent: Commissioners Melgar, Peskin, Safai, Stefani, and Walton (5)

3. Community Advisory Committee Report – INFORMATION

Kat Siegal, Community Advisory Committee (CAC) Chair, reported that CAC members supported adoption of the Prop L 5-Year Prioritization Programs for Mission Bay Ferry Landing and Transformative Freeway and Major Street Projects, with two members abstaining who had expressed concern about the benefits of the Mission Bay Ferry Landing project to the community and whether large employers in the area should contribute funding.

CAC Chair Siegal stated that CAC members unanimously voted to support the allocation Fillmore-Geary Underpass community planning study. She said the members expressed support for this project, and she was personally glad to hear that there were plans to include members of displaced communities who may no longer be living in the project area.

CAC Chair Siegal reported that unsurprisingly, there was a long discussion on the 11 allocation requests for \$49 million in Prop L and \$2.5 million in Prop AA funding. She said the District 9 representative wanted assurances that the school Walk Audit program selection criteria would not penalize schools with high attrition rates and that the program would consider population characteristics including low-income and no-income children, and multi-ethnic populations. She noted that CAC member's concerns were satisfied by staff's explanation, and ultimately, the item was unanimously passed.

CAC Chair Siegal stated the CAC meeting concluded with a long discussion regarding



Senate Bill (SB) 1031 (Wiener, Wahab), which she said at the time was still an active bill and had not been pulled from consideration by the authors. She said CAC members voted unanimously to urge the San Francisco County Transportation Authority (SFCTA) to seek amendments to SB 1031 to increase the bike commuter subsidy and make highway-related projects ineligible for funding. She said that despite the bill having been pulled, she wanted to elevate that unanimous statement to the Transportation Authority Board. She concluded by stating she believed a similar discussion would be had by CAC members on the next iteration of regional funding they discuss.

Chair Mandelman thanked CAC Chair Siegal and the CAC for their work.

There was no public comment.

4. State and Federal Legislation Update – ACTION

Support: Senate Bill 960 (Wiener)

Mark Watts, Sacramento Advocate, and Martin Reyes, Principal Transportation Planner, presented the item per the staff memorandum.

Commissioner Preston moved to approve the item, seconded by Commissioner Ronen.

There was no public comment.

The item was approved without objection by the following vote:

Ayes: Commissioners Chan, Dorsey, Engardio, Mandelman, Melgar, Preston, and Ronen (7)

Absent: Commissioners Peskin, Safai, Stefani, and Walton (4)

5. Adopt the 2023 Prop L 5-Year Prioritization Programs (5YPPs) for Mission Bay Ferry Landing and Transformative Freeway and Major Street Projects – ACTION

Amelia Walley, Program Analyst, presented the item per the staff memorandum.

There was no public comment.

Commissioner Dorsey moved to approve the item, seconded by Commissioner Preston.

The item was approved without objection by the following vote:

Ayes: Commissioners Chan, Dorsey, Engardio, Mandelman, Melgar, Preston, Ronen, and Stefani (8)

Absent: Commissioners Peskin, Safai, and Walton (3)

6. Appropriate \$601,000 in Prop L Funds, with conditions for the Fillmore-Geary Underpass Community Planning Study, and Approve a Memorandum of Agreement (MOA) with the San Francisco Planning Department (SF Planning) in an amount not to exceed \$150,000, and Approve an MOA with the San Francisco Municipal Transportation Agency (SFMTA) in an amount not to exceed \$190,800, and Authorize the Executive Director to negotiate agreement payment terms and non-material agreement terms and conditions – ACTION

Aliza Paz, Principal Transportation Planner, presented the item per the staff memorandum.

Commissioner Preston expressed support for the project, highlighting the transformative nature of the scope, an approach that ensures community involvement, and an



opportunity to correct past harms. He expressed appreciation for staff, agency and community partners.

There was no public comment.

Commissioner Preston moved to approve the item, seconded by Commissioner Dorsey.

The item was approved without objection by the following vote:

Ayes: Commissioners Chan, Dorsey, Engardio, Mandelman, Melgar, Preston, Ronen, and Stefani (8)

Absent: Commissioners Peskin, Safai, and Walton (3)

7. Allocate \$46,724,637 in Prop L Funds and \$2,786,000 in Prop AA Funds, with Conditions, for 11 Requests – ACTION

Amelia Walley, Program Analyst and Anna LaForte, Deputy Director for Policy and Programming presented the item per the staff memorandum.

Vice Chair Melgar noted a previous presentation from the San Francisco Municipal Transportation Agency (SFMTA) on the Active Communities Plan (ACP) and asked SFMTA if there was a connection between the ACP and School Walk Audit Program. Damon Curtis, SFMTA Program Manager, responded that walk audits focus on implementing low-cost improvements, but higher cost efforts could be referred to the ACP program, and both programs would be coordinated to ensure efforts are not duplicated.

Commissioner Engardio questioned why funds were being spent on the Safe Routes to School (SRTS) Non-Infrastructure Program and conducting walk audits rather than improving what was already known as the problem - street safety. He provided the example of students at A.P. Giannini Middle School and Jose Ortega Elementary School conducting their own walk audits and presenting their findings that cars routinely ran stops signs to himself and SFMTA Director Tumlin, and suggested crossing guards could better address these known problems. Deputy Director LaForte responded that education was one of the three legs of the Vision Zero stool, and that the Transportation Authority has been supporting education for decades through SRTS. She added that the walk audit program would result directly in street safety improvements.

During public comment, Josie Dominguez-Chan of WalkSF shared that she finished the school year as WalkSF's school coordinator and said that in her experience, one of parents' biggest concerns when letting their kids walk to school was high traffic speeds and commented that making streets safer was the best way to address this. She added that programs like walking school buses and Walk & Bike to School days also made parents feel safer letting their kids walk. She noted that WalkSF had worked with SFMTA on the walk audit guidelines, particularly around promoting improvements in Equity Priority Communities.

Jodie Medeiros, WalkSF Executive Director, shared that this year's tenth pedestrian death occurred the day prior. She observed that other cities were making strides in coordinating their repaving programs with safety improvements and said that San Francisco needed to move in this direction and said that WalkSF was currently working on what it would take to push the city toward this as part of Vision Zero 2.0.



Francisco Da Costa noted the lack of prior public comment, and said the community needed to give input. He gave the example of Burrows Street and San Bruno Avenue as an intersection the SFMTA needed to focus on. He indicated a lack of leadership at SFMTA and said presentations to the Board were too long.

Commissioner Dorsey moved to approve the item, seconded by Commissioner Preston.

The item was approved without objection by the following vote:

Ayes: Commissioners Chan, Dorsey, Engardio, Mandelman, Melgar, Preston, Ronen, Safai, and Walton (9)

Absent: Commissioners Peskin and Stefani (2)

8. Adopt the Proposed Fiscal Year 2024/25 Annual Budget and Work Program – ACTION

Lily Yu, Finance Manager, presented the item per the staff memorandum.

There was no public comment.

Commissioner Walton moved to approve the item, seconded by Commissioner Preston.

The item was approved without objection by the following vote:

Ayes: Commissioners Chan, Dorsey, Engardio, Mandelman, Melgar, Preston, Ronen, Safai, and Walton (9)

Absent: Commissioners Peskin and Stefani (2)

9. Approve Revised Administrative Code; Debt and Fiscal Policies; and Ratify the Investment Policy – ACTION

Cynthia Fong, Deputy Director for Finance and Administration, presented the item per the staff memorandum.

There was no public comment.

Commissioner Engardio moved to approve the item, seconded by Commissioner Chan.

The item was approved without objection by the following vote:

Ayes: Commissioners Chan, Dorsey, Engardio, Mandelman, Melgar, Preston, Ronen, Safai, and Walton (9)

Absent: Commissioners Peskin and Stefani (2)

Other Items

10. Introduction of New Items - INFORMATION

There were no new items introduced.

11. Public Comment

There was no public comment.

12. Adjournment

The meeting was adjourned at 11:15 a.m.