



DRAFT MINUTES

San Francisco County Transportation Authority

Tuesday, May 21, 2024

1. Roll Call

Chair Mandelman called the meeting to order at 10:01 a.m.

Present at Roll Call: Commissioners Dorsey, Engardio, Mandelman, Melgar, Peskin, Preston, Ronen, Stefani, and Walton (9)

Absent at Roll Call: Commissioners Chan and Safai (2)

2. Chair's Report – INFORMATION

Chair Mandelman announced that this month the Transportation Authority joined the Transbay Joint Powers Authority (TJPA) in celebrating the Federal Transit Administration's (FTA's) proposed commitment of \$3.4 billion to The Portal, through its Capital Investment Grant (CIG) program. He added that in addition to being rated Medium-High in its performance and granted entry to the Engineering phase of FTA's CIG program, The Portal has been recommended for \$500 million in President Biden's Fiscal Year 2025 budget.

Chair Mandelman expressed appreciation for the FTA's strong funding partnership to deliver The Portal, which will help realize the project's extensive regional, statewide and national benefits, in the areas of connectivity, climate, and economic development. He also stated the Portal will bring Caltrain and High Speed Rail to the heart of downtown at Salesforce Transit Center, connecting 11 different public transportation services at the region's premier transit hub.

Chair Mandelman commented that the FTA's funds leverage and build upon the Transportation Authority's prior investment and in the broader Transbay and Peninsula Rail Corridor program. He added that funding included \$500 million, or 20%, of the funds for Salesforce Transit Center, \$41 million toward Caltrain Electrification, and a \$340 million commitment for The Portal, from the Transportation Authority's Prop K and L sales tax and other funds it programs.

Chair Mandelman said that the Transportation Authority celebrated these exciting milestones yesterday with the TJPA and Caltrain Chair Jeff Gee, Speaker Pelosi, State Senator Scott Wiener, and Mayor Breed, and many other state and regional partners. He stated the event culminated the work of several people including former Transportation Authority Chair and now President Peskin for his leadership to re-set and regionalize The Portal project 4 years ago with the creation of the 6-agency integrated team. Chair Mandelman said he had issued them a challenge at the time to undertake a 3-year accelerated work program to seek Federal funds, and with a lot of hard work and collaboration, they completed it.



Chair Mandelman recognized Transportation Authority staff Jesse Koehler, along with Carl Holmes, Anna Laforte, and Director Chang. He said the \$3.4 billion federal commitment now brings the project to **two-thirds** funded and positions the project well for the Metropolitan Transportation Commission's highest regional endorsement as a Tier 1 project, as well as for seeking further state and federal grants to complete the funding plan.

Chair Mandelman congratulated Commissioner Dorsey, the San Francisco Municipal Transportation Agency (SFMTA), and SF Public Works on the Folsom Streetscape Groundbreaking last week. He said this project will realize the community's vision for a two-way protected bicycle lane, dedicated transit lane, raised crosswalks, and loading and parking improvements to optimize curb space. He added the project will also beautify the public realm with pedestrian-scale lighting and civic amenity zones. He noted the Transportation Authority will provide \$11.4 million for this transformative project and looked forward to seeing the finished result.

There was no public comment.

3. Executive Director's Report – ACTION

Tilly Chang, Executive Director, presented the Executive Director's Report.

There was no public comment.

4. Approve the Minutes of the May 14, 2024 Meeting – ACTION

There was no public comment.

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

The minutes were approved without objection by the following vote:

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

Absent: Commissioners Chan, Safai (2)

Consent Agenda

5. [Final Approval] Allocate \$140,000 in Prop L Funds, with Conditions, and Allocate \$1,021,021 in Prop AA Funds for Two Requests – ACTION

6. [Final Approval] Approve Programming Priorities for Up to \$5,342,905 in San Francisco's Estimated Fiscal Year 2024/25 State Transit Assistance County Block Grant Funds – ACTION

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

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



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

Absent: Commissioners Chan, Safai (2)

End of Consent Agenda

Other Items

7. Introduction of New Items - INFORMATION

There were no new items introduced.

8. Public Comment

Harry Breaux recounted that he had been excited to hear that city forces worked to fill many of the potholes at Jane Warner plaza; however, when he visited the plaza, he was disappointed to see that the repair work was mediocre and that the white striped crosswalks were not repainted. He suggested that the crosswalks be re-painted in rainbow colors similar to crosswalks at Castro and 18th street and asked that Jane Warner Plaza be repaired and enhanced on par with Harvey Milk Plaza.

9. Adjournment

The meeting was adjourned at 10:22 a.m.