



MINUTES

San Francisco County Transportation Authority

Tuesday, October 08, 2024

1. Roll Call

Chair Mandelman called the meeting to order at 10:05 a.m.

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

Absent at Roll Call: Commissioners Melgar (entered during Item 5), Peskin, Safai, Stefani (entered during Item 2), and Walton (entered during Item 5) (5)

2. Approve the Minutes of the September 24, 2024 Meeting - ACTION

There was no public comment.

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

The minutes were approved without objection by the following vote:

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

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

3. Community Advisory Committee Report – INFORMATION

Kat Siegal, Community Advisory Committee (CAC) Chair, reported that during the September 25 meeting the CAC had voted to support the allocation of \$8 million in Prop L funds for five requests. She stated that there were a lot of questions about the Laguna Honda gondola study in particular, including special consideration for the senior and limited mobility population who needed to access the hospital, whether the study recommendations would be contingent on residential development, ensuring the project would have public access, and consideration of other modes as fallbacks such as a bus or a funicular.

Chair Siegal stated that on the SFMTA 5-minute network request, members had given feedback to consider more segments of the 22 bus line for improvements and to incorporate the 43 and 44 bus lines into the 5-minute network which underscored the importance of cross-town and inter-neighborhood connections to the communities that CAC members represented.

Chair Siegal stated the CAC also had voted to support the Prop K grant amendments for the 1399 Marin Street Maintenance Facility and Fall Protection System projects, as well as the Transportation Authority's Revolving Credit Agreement with U.S. Bank for \$185 million.

Chair Siegal stated most of the meeting's discussion had been on the transit recovery



and fiscal cliff presentations from the Transportation Authority, BART, Caltrain, and SFMTA staff that the Board had heard in September. She said that members offered feedback on attracting riders back into the systems, commenting on the high cost of riding BART to the airport, poor late-night transit, friction associated with cross-system transfers, lack of regional connections to San Francisco's west side in particular, the last mile problem, and concerns about poor user experience with the new BART fare gates for cyclists.

Chair Siegal concluded by saying that several members had expressed a desire to see a more solution-oriented presentation, noting members were already keenly aware of the threat posed by the agencies' operating deficits. She said that CAC members also wanted a deeper dive into the viability of various funding mechanisms under consideration in the regional negotiations and had requested a follow-up presentation.

There was no public comment.

4. State and Federal Legislation Update – INFORMATION

Martin Reyes, Principal Transportation Planner, Government Affairs and Jeal Paul Velez, Principal Transportation Planner, Technology Policy presented the item per the staff memorandum.

There was no public comment.

5. Reappoint Rachael Ortega and Najuawanda Daniels as the District 8 and District 10 Representatives, Respectively, to the Community Advisory Committee – ACTION

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

Chair Mandelman stated that he was pleased to reappoint Rachael Ortega as the District 8 representative. He then invited the CAC applicants to speak to their interests and qualifications in serving on the CAC. Najuawanda Daniels stated that she had been honored to be considered for reappointment as the District 10 community representative and that her goals and objectives were to still to contribute input to the work of the committee and ensure equitable transportation. She stated she was committed to serving the City and community in the role of Vice Chair.

Rachael Ortega spoke to her interests and qualifications for serving on the CAC, stating that she was had learned a lot during her time on the CAC and was excited to keep learning how the City spends its money and aimed to engage with community members as well as young professionals who wanted to ensure the city had transit options, while maintaining a balance for other opportunities in the city.

Commissioner Walton stated he wanted to express 100 percent support for Najuawanda Daniels and for her commitment to serving on the CAC.

There was no public comment.

Commissioner Walton moved to approve the item, seconded by Chair Mandelman.

The item was approved without objection by the following vote:

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



Absent: Commissioners Peskin and Safai (2)

6. Allocate \$8,257,000 and Appropriate \$165,000 in Prop L Funds, with Conditions, for Five Requests – ACTION

Lynda Viray, Transportation Planner and Ahmed Thleiji, Principal Engineer presented the item per the staff memorandum.

Vice Chair Melgar spoke about the Laguna Honda Gondola Study and commented on development plans for affordable senior housing with a subsidized assisted living facility on the Laguna Honda campus. She stated she believed this would be a great addition to the affordable housing stock in District 7 and the west side. She noted that it had been a constant challenge to get people up that last quarter mile of the hill and up the Twin Peaks hill on the District 8 and District 7 side, beyond relying on large polluting tourist buses and private cars. She thought that looking at other cities with hills, large visitor numbers, and workers could provide alternative ways to transport people that last quarter mile. She added that having Forest Hill Station nearby as a transportation hub made this study worth considering.

There was no public comment.

Vice Chair Melgar 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, Stefani, and Walton (9)

Absent: Commissioners Peskin and Safai (2)

7. Amend the Prop K Grant for 1399 Marin Street Maintenance Facility to Allow the San Francisco Municipal Transportation Agency (SFMTA) to Use the Remaining Balance of \$6,551,819 to Fund a Revised Scope of Work and Amend the Prop K Grant for Fall Protection to allow SFMTA to Use \$750,000 in Cost Savings to Expand the Scope of Work – ACTION

Lynda Viray, Transportation Planner, presented the item per the staff memorandum.

There was no public comment.

Commissioner Dorsey moved to approve the item, seconded by Vice Chair Melgar.

The item was approved without objection by the following vote:

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

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

8. Authorize the Executive Director and Other Authorized Representatives to Enter Into a Revolving Credit Agreement for \$185 Million with U.S. Bank National Association; to Borrow Certain Amounts under such Revolving Credit Agreement; to Execute and Deliver Related Documents; and to Take All Necessary or Appropriate Related Actions – ACTION

Cynthia Fong, Deputy Director for Finance and Administration, 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, Stefani, and Walton (9)

Absent: Commissioners Peskin and Safai (2)

Other Items

9. Introduction of New Items - INFORMATION

There were no new items introduced.

10. Public Comment

There was no public comment.

11. Adjournment

The meeting was adjourned at 10:42 a.m.