



# DRAFT MINUTES

## TREASURE ISLAND MOBILITY MANAGEMENT AGENCY COMMITTEE

Thursday, October 4, 2018

### 1. Roll Call

Chair Kim called the meeting to order at 10:45 a.m.

**Present at Roll Call:** Commissioners Kim and Ronen (2)

**Absent at Roll Call:** Commissioner Yee (1)

### Consent Agenda

#### 2. Approve the Minutes of the June 19, 2018 Meeting – ACTION

There was no public comment.

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

The minutes were approved without objection by the following vote:

Ayes: Commissioners Kim and Ronen (2)

Absent: Commissioner Yee (1)

#### 3. Approve a Three-Year Professional Services Contract with HNTB Consulting in an Amount Not to Exceed \$250,000 for Conceptual System Design, Operations Oversight, and Evaluation Services for the Treasure Island Autonomous Vehicle Shuttle Pilot Project – ACTION

Mike Tan, Administrative Engineer, presented the item per the staff memorandum.

Chair Kim asked for additional information regarding the Smart Columbus Shuttle Program.

Mr. Tan said the program was an autonomous vehicle (AV) pilot project in Columbus, Ohio with the goal of having AV shuttle service in the downtown area.

Chair Kim asked if the AV shuttles were already on the streets.

Mr. Tan said the AV shuttles would be street-ready later this year.

Chair Kim said she supported the pilot program on Treasure Island and felt it was important to test out new technology that could help better serve residents, particularly areas that did not have access to standard public transportation services. She asked if staff had met with the Department of Labor to discuss the parameters of autonomous vehicles within the lines of the city and county.

Eric Cordoba, Deputy Director for Capital Projects, said that as part of the first phase of work, staff and the Department of Labor would be meeting. He added that the Transportation Authority would also be actively involved with the San Francisco Municipal Transportation Agency (SFMTA).

Chair Kim asked for additional information regarding the Transportation Authority and the SFMTA's efforts to develop AV policy for the city moving forward. She said she wanted to ensure there would be criteria the city could follow when studying and utilizing AVs.

Executive Director Tilly Chang said the pilot program would be guided by the recently adopted emerging mobility services and technology framework. She said a working group would be developed and would include the Transportation Authority, the SFMTA and the Mayor's Office of Economic Working Development (OEWD). She said OEWD would provide the economic development angle to ensure the new industry was as inclusive as possible. Director Chang said the working group would look to bring the workforce along and noted that there was already work happening around rebalancing some of the new mobility company services.

Chair Kim asked if there were ways to mandate or develop apprenticeship programs that contractors would need to abide by.

Director Chang said she was in favor of the idea and that Transportation Authority staff was looking at ways to get ahead of the industry. She said one way to develop apprenticeship programs was to set out policy principles that would be led by the city or TIMMA. She mentioned SFMTA's AV sector guidance as a way to guide the work of the contractor and city agencies.

Chair Kim said it was important to bring along the workforce as the city moved forward with new technology that would enhance transportation and public transit benefits for all residents. She suggested working with the Treasure Island Development Agency (TIDA) to develop space for maintenance on site on Treasure Island. She said it could be a place to repair autonomous vehicles and also bring residents and youth in as apprentices.

During public comment a member of the public questioned how funds were being utilized and asked for a more in-depth analysis. He said more collaboration was needed to provide adequate reasons for funding and suggested vocational training be provided for residents of Treasure Island.

After public comment Chair Kim asked if the \$250,000 contract was strictly for the initial conceptual system design and evaluation service or if it also put vehicles on the streets.

Mr. Tan said the \$250,000 grant was strictly for the planning phase and business plan and that actual deployment of the vehicles would not occur until 2021.

Chair Kim asked if the same contractor would develop the shuttles or if another request for proposal (RFP) would be issued.

Mr. Tan said HNTB Corporation would develop the operation plan and that a separate RFP would be issued when selecting a vendor for the AV shuttles.

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

The item was approved without objection by the following vote:

Ayes: Commissioners Kim and Ronen (2)

Absent: Commissioner Yee (1)

### **End of Consent Agenda**

**Chair Kim called Items 4, 5 and 6 together.**

- 4. Transit Service, Toll policies and Affordability Program Update – INFORMATION**
- 5. Introduction of New Items – INFORMATION**

## 6. Public Comment

Rachel Hiatt, Principal Planner, presented the item per the staff memorandum.

Chair Kim requested additional information regarding the feedback that was received from Treasure Island residents.

Ms. Hiatt said she had not been able to look at all the survey and written feedback but was hearing that residents wanted more options for transit and higher transit service levels in general. She said the residents requested support for difficult trips like getting to school and buying groceries. She said on the toll side, people were concerned about the affordability of transportation and affordable housing.

Chair Kim stated that a member of her staff attended a Treasure Island community meeting and reported that the residents were unhappy about the toll policies and affordability program. She said she was concerned and that residents felt they were not provided adequate transportation services. She highlighted her office's Youth Commissioner, a Treasure Island resident, who wakes up three hours before the start of school to arrive on time as an example of the need for better public transportation on the island. Chair Kim said there was a distrust for the current services and the thought of having to pay to get off the island to receive better public transit did not sit well with the residents. She said she was glad there was no tolling at night and still believed that off-peak hours should be free.

Chair Kim said policymakers should think about the appropriate revenue sources to pay for services. She said she supported congestion pricing, but only if it was for the whole city and not just one neighborhood. She said she was on board with mobility management and noted it was an important policy area. She hoped that by 2026 the state will have allowed San Francisco to have a full mobility management program.

Chair Kim said that those who drive in the city needed to contribute to a better public transit infrastructure throughout all of the neighborhoods and the region. She was glad to see the city exploring innovative transportation methods through bike share, car share and autonomous vehicles to see how public transit could work through many different modes. She praised all of the study work that had happened thus far and thanked staff.

Commissioner Ronen thanked staff for organizing a Treasure Island tour for her office and mentioned that they took a commuter ferry to the island. She agreed with Chair Kim's comments that affordable public transit options were imperative for low-income Treasure Island residents and that congestion pricing should not fall solely on one neighborhood. She said she looked forward to accompanying Transportation Authority staff on an upcoming tour of Los Angeles Metro's managed lanes program. She also asked for the frequent transit trips for toll credit to be lower than the 20 trips requirement.

There was no public comment on Items 4, 5 or 6.

## 7. Adjournment

The meeting was adjourned at 11:23 a.m.