



DRAFT MINUTES

SAN FRANCISCO COUNTY TRANSPORTATION AUTHORITY

Tuesday, March 25, 2014

1. **Roll Call**

Chair Avalos called the meeting to order at 11:08 a.m. The following members were:

Present at Roll Call: Commissioners Avalos, Breed, Campos, Chiu, Farrell, Tang, Wiener and Yee (8)

Absent at Roll Call: Commissioners Cohen, Kim and Mar (3)

2. **Approval of Minutes for February 25, 2014 Meeting – ACTION**

There was no public comment.

The minutes were adopted by the following vote:

Ayes: Commissioners Avalos, Breed, Campos, Chiu, Chu, Farrell, Wiener and Yee (8)

Absent: Commissioners Cohen, Kim and Mar (3)

3. **Chair's Report – INFORMATION**

Chair Avalos began his report with a remembrance of Joseph Flanagan, former Citizens Advisory Committee Vice-Chair who had sadly passed away in early March. He noted that Joseph, who represented District 6, had been a committed and thoughtful community leader who looked out for others, and especially ensured attention to issues in the senior and disability community. He said that Commissioner Kim would have remarks as well. He stated that Joseph's gentle and caring manner would be missed by all and the Board and agency honored him today and through its work going forward.

Chair Avalos reported that Vision Zero represented a major initiative – a cultural shift to prioritize safety for all users with the ultimate goal of zero traffic fatalities. He thanked his colleagues for working together on this, in collaboration with the Mayor and various City departments. He said he was pleased to see commitments continue to come in to partner on this initiative as staff worked on budget requests to support the various efforts. He stated that there had been a press event with Mayor Lee to release the WalkFirst list of top high-injury intersections, a hearing at the Board of Supervisors, and now the Commission on Public Health was taking action next month. He highlighted today's agenda item to expand the size of the Vision Zero Committee to add an additional seat. He acknowledged and thanked Commissioners Kim and Yee for leading on the Vision Zero resolutions which passed at the Board of Supervisors meeting last week.

Chair Avalos announced the San Francisco Municipal Transportation Agency (SFMTA) and Transportation Authority's successful partnership on the 19th Ave Transit Study

transitioning from the feasibility planning stage to carry on and expand to a three-way partnership with Caltrans in the next stage. Chair Avalos said that as Commissioner Yee noted at the Plans and Programs Committee meeting the previous week, this project was an excellent example of community engagement and interagency partnership. Chair Avalos added that as he saw first-hand at the new Yerba Buena Ramps that recently broke ground, on, the recent completion of the new pedestrian path and bicycle lanes on Arguello Boulevard in the Presidio, as well as with the coordination related to Balboa Park BART Station area improvement in his district, improving transportation conditions often required deep partnerships between and within agencies and the community.

Chair Avalos highlighted another important piece of work that came forward this month, the Strategic Analysis Report on Bike Sharing. He explained that this was a policy study he had requested to examine organizational options for the development of the local system in the context of the region's transition from a limited initial pilot program to a full-blown permanent regional system. He thanked staff's timely work on this, which included a strong recommendation to move ahead decisively locally while supporting and shaping regional options for developing bike sharing.

Chair Avalos thanked several of his colleagues for traveling to Washington, D.C. to join with other community voices from the City and region to advocate for transportation priorities. He said that he appreciated the coordination that preceded it which allowed them to speak with one voice with the region and the agency's counterparts across the state. He commented that he only wished Congress was more like-minded, instead of being at odds over transportation, which had been traditionally bi-partisan. He added that what this underscored was the importance of local resources, such as Prop K sales tax and Prop AA vehicle registration fee, as well as the revenue measures being considered for transportation this fall. He said he looked forward to continued discussions about moving those forward in the coming month.

Commissioner Yee said that he was able to go to D.C. to advocate for the interest of San Francisco and for federal funding for transportation. He noted that there were a couple of funding sources that needed to be reauthorized, with some uncertainty. He underscored the importance for the Transportation Authority to team up with the Metropolitan Transportation Commission. He commended the Transportation Authority for its good work in seeking funding for not only the Transbay Terminal but also other projects currently underway.

There was no public comment.

4. **Executive Director's Report – INFORMATION**

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

Chair Avalos underscored that he would discuss the cost escalations and next steps for the Van Ness Avenue and Geary Corridor Bus Rapid Transit (BRT) projects in a joint meeting with Transportation Authority leadership, Vice Chair Wiener and Plans and Programs Committee Chair Mar, and the San Francisco Municipal Transportation Agency (SFMTA).

Ms. Chang thanked Chair Avalos for the direction. She stated that she was aware and concerned with that issue as well. She noted that staff was in coordination with the SFMTA and that she would convene the requested meeting the next month.

Chair Avalos noted that last year, a few Board members had taken a special trip visit

Mexico's BRT system to see how San Francisco could advance BRT and other projects more effectively. He expressed concern that even after the added attention, projects were not being moved forward quickly enough.

There was no public comment.

Items for the Finance Committee

5. Adopt Positions on State Legislation – ACTION

There was no public comment. This item was approved without objection.

The item was adopted by the following vote:

Ayes: Commissioners Avalos, Breed, Campos, Chiu, Chu, Cohen, Farrell, Kim, Wiener and Yee (10)

Absent: Commissioners Mar (1)

6. Increase the Amount of the Professional Services Contract with Mark Thomas & Company, Inc. by \$117,231, to a Total Amount Not to Exceed \$598,181, for Planning, Environmental, and Engineering Services for the Folsom Street Off-Ramp Realignment Project During the Construction Phase, and Authorize the Executive Director to Modify Contract Payment Terms and Non-Material Contract Terms and Conditions – ACTION

There was no public comment. This item was approved without objection.

The item was adopted by the following vote:

Ayes: Commissioners Avalos, Breed, Campos, Chiu, Chu, Cohen, Farrell, Kim, Wiener and Yee (10)

Absent: Commissioners Mar (1)

7. Extend the Memorandum of Agreement with the Office of Economic and Workforce Development for an Additional One-Year Period, in an Amount not to exceed \$167,700, for CityBuild Services to Promote Workforce Development for Phase II of the Presidio Parkway Project, and Authorize the Executive Director to Modify Agreement Payment Terms and Non-Material Agreement Terms and Conditions – ACTION

There was no public comment. This item was approved without objection.

The item was adopted by the following vote:

Ayes: Commissioners Avalos, Breed, Campos, Chiu, Chu, Cohen, Farrell, Kim, Wiener and Yee (10)

Absent: Commissioners Mar (1)

8. Amend the Adopted Fiscal Year 2013/14 Budget to Increase Revenues by \$2,907,954, Decrease Expenditures by \$110,932,870, Decrease Other Financing Sources by \$290,324,510 for a Total Net Decrease in Fund Balance of \$176,483,686, and Amend the Prop K Strategic Plan – ACTION

There was no public comment. This item was approved without objection.

The item was adopted by the following vote:

Ayes: Commissioners Avalos, Breed, Campos, Chiu, Chu, Cohen, Farrell, Kim, Wiener and Yee (10)

Absent: Commissioners Mar (1)

Items from the Plans and Programs Committee

9. **Allocate \$4,262,840 in Prop K Funds, Appropriate \$132,626 in Prop K Funds, and Allocate \$1,844,994 in Prop AA Funds, with Conditions, for Nine Requests, Subject to the Attached Fiscal Year Cash Flow Distribution Schedules, and Amend the Prop AA Strategic Plan and Relevant Prop AA and Prop K 5-Year Prioritization Programs – ACTION**

During public comment, Stephen Taber, of SPUR and the Russian Hill Neighbors; Bruce Agit of the South Beach Neighborhood Association; Patrick Valentino, of NexTstop; and Julie Christensen, of SF NexTstop spoke in support of this item, citing a need to conduct a study on an extension to that part of the city to benefit the transit system as a whole.

Howard Wang, of Save Muni, spoke in opposition to this item. He commented that the Central Subway was taking valuable and scarce funds from the rest of the MUNI system, resulting in cut services not only in North Beach but throughout the City. He cited other modes that should be studied besides rail, such as bus rapid transit.

Lance Carnes spoke in support of extending transit into Fisherman's Wharf. He expressed concern regarding public outreach and input on the process. He asked that surface options be considered.

Commissioner Chiu thanked the Plans and Programs Committee for its recommendation of this item. He stated that this study to understand the options, benefits and cost of extending a crucial transportation project was long overdue. He added that this project connected the eastern parts of the city where so much growth was expected to occur, and North Beach and Fisherman's Wharf were tourist destinations. He thanked community members, staff, and all involved for their efforts. He asked the commissioners to support this item.

This item was approved without objection.

The item was adopted by the following vote:

Ayes: Commissioners Avalos, Breed, Campos, Chiu, Chu, Cohen, Farrell, Kim, Wiener and Yee (10)

Absent: Commissioners Mar (1)

10. **Adopt the Caltrain Oakdale Station Ridership Study Final Report – ACTION**

There was no public comment. This item was approved without objection.

The item was adopted by the following vote:

Ayes: Commissioners Avalos, Breed, Campos, Chiu, Chu, Cohen, Farrell, Kim, Wiener and Yee (10)

Absent: Commissioners Mar (1)

11. **Adopt John Larson to the Citizens Advisory Committee – ACTION**

There was no public comment. This item was approved without objection.

The item was adopted by the following vote:

Ayes: Commissioners Avalos, Breed, Campos, Chiu, Chu, Cohen, Farrell, Kim, Wiener and Yee (10)

Absent: Commissioners Mar (1)

12. **Appoint Austin Spires to the Geary Corridor Bus Rapid Transit Citizens Advisory Committee – ACTION**

There was no public comment. This item was approved without objection.

The item was adopted by the following vote:

Ayes: Commissioners Avalos, Breed, Campos, Chiu, Chu, Cohen, Farrell, Kim, Wiener and Yee (10)

Absent: Commissioners Mar (1)

13. **Adopt the 19th Avenue Transit Study Final Report – ACTION**

There was no public comment. This item was approved without objection.

The item was adopted by the following vote:

Ayes: Commissioners Avalos, Breed, Campos, Chiu, Chu, Cohen, Farrell, Kim, Wiener and Yee (10)

Absent: Commissioners Mar (1)

Items for Direct Board Consideration

14. **Revise the Structure of the Vision Zero Committee – ACTION**

Chair Avalos stated that he wanted to maximize participation of the Board in the process for Vision Zero, so he requested expanding the Vision Zero Committee membership to add Commissioner Breed as a fifth member on the committee. He noted that he would continue to serve as ex-officio. He added that Commissioner Breed had been a champion of pedestrian safety in District 5, especially in the Japantown and Western Addition areas.

Commissioner Breed thanked Chair Avalos for the opportunity to participate in this capacity and she looked forward to ensuring that projects moved forward sooner rather than later.

There was no public comment. This item was approved without objection.

The item was adopted by the following vote:

Ayes: Commissioners Avalos, Breed, Campos, Chiu, Chu, Cohen, Farrell, Kim, Wiener and Yee (10)

Absent: Commissioners Mar (1)

Other Items

15. **Introduction of New Items – INFORMATION**

There were no new items or public comment.

16. **Public Comment**

There was no public comment.

17. **Adjournment**

Commissioner Kim asked to adjourn the meeting in memory of former CAC Vice Chair Joseph Flanagan. She thanked him for his work on behalf of the City and for his commitment to improving transportation for all residents.

On behalf of Commissioner Kim for the late Mr. Joseph Flanagan, the meeting was adjourned at 11:52 a.m.