



# DRAFT MINUTES

## SAN FRANCISCO COUNTY TRANSPORTATION AUTHORITY

Tuesday, June 24, 2014

### 1. **Roll Call**

Chair Avalos called the meeting to order at 11:09 a.m. The following members were:

Present at Roll Call: Commissioners Avalos, Breed, Chiu, Mar, Tang, Wiener and Yee (7)

Absent at Roll Call: Commissioners Campos, Cohen, Farrell and Kim (4)

### 2. **Approve the Minutes of the May 20, 2014 Meeting – ACTION**

There was no public comment.

The minutes were adopted by the following vote:

Ayes: Commissioners Avalos, Breed, Chiu, Cohen, Mar, Tang, Wiener and Yee (8)

Absent: Commissioners Campos, Farrell and Kim (3)

### 3. **Chair's Report – INFORMATION**

Chair Avalos reported that this fiscal year-end had been another busy month at the Transportation Authority. He said that Transportation Authority and San Francisco Municipal Transportation Agency (SFMTA) staff conducted community meetings in each district to discuss transportation investment and revenue measures proposed for this fall and next year, including a \$500 million general obligation bond for transportation that all 11 members of the Board of Supervisors voted to place on the ballot for this November, as well as measures in 2015 and 2016 related to the restoration of the vehicle license fee. He noted that if passed, these funds would build on the Prop K sales tax that the Transportation Authority administered and would leverage several times their value in other federal, state and regional funds, to improve pedestrian and bicycle safety, smooth roads, and add capacity to an over-burdened transit system.

Chair Avalos stated that to prepare for these new investments, staff worked closely with sponsoring agencies on the update of the Prop K 5-year transportation programs that the Board would review next month. He said that neighbors in several districts also gave their input into participatory budgeting and planning processes, prioritizing transportation consistently across the city. He added that at both the Vision Zero Committee and Plans and Programs Committee meetings, SFMTA and other implementing agencies presented on the many ways that city departments were working to boost transportation project delivery. He said as an example of this, the road diet, landscaping and buffered bike lane on San Jose and Guerrero Street – advocated by Commissioners Wiener, Campos and himself, whose districts adjoin the street – represented the kind of improvements that these programs could

fund when communities and agencies came together.

Chair Avalos highlighted that transit would also figure largely over the next several years with the implementation of the Muni Rapid Transit network lines citywide, and improvements on regional systems, namely Bay Area Rapid Transit and Caltrain. He congratulated SFMTA for completing the tunneling portion of the Central Subway, on-time and on-budget, and thanked Vice-Chair Wiener and Commissioner Chiu for representing the Transportation Authority at the milestone celebration event. He said they were proud to support the project with \$126 million in Prop K revenues. He added he was also pleased this month to host a delegation from Catalonia, Spain with Vice-Chair Wiener, where he learned of Spain's extensive high-speed rail program and both sides shared a lively discussion of best practices for transportation funding and sustainable transportation programs.

Chair Avalos also reported that the legislature came together to establish a multi-year, pro-transit budget agreement on greenhouse gas emissions cap and trade auction proceeds. He explained that out of a total \$872 million in cap and trade revenues, transportation investments received the lion's share at \$630 million – for high-speed rail, inter-city and local transit, and for sustainable communities projects and affordable housing. He said that the Transportation Authority would track and support this package and hope for the Governor's signature, as all of these investments were good news for San Francisco and for the state.

There was no public comment.

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

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

Commissioner Wiener noted that the first meeting of the Late Night Transportation Working Group was productive. He said that late night transportation was an important topic to examine, as nightlife industries accounted for \$4.2 billion in spending, and the group would be considering costs and improvements in both the short-term and the long-term and providing a policy framework through its recommendations.

There was no public comment.

**Items from the Finance Committee**

5. **Adopt Positions on State Legislation – ACTION**

There was no public comment. This item was approved without objection by the following vote:

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

Absent: Commissioner Farrell (1)

6. **Authorize the Executive Director to Execute Annual Contract Renewals with City and County of San Francisco Departments and Exercise Contract Options for Various Annual Professional Services, in an Amount Not to Exceed \$2,350,000, and to Modify Contract Payment Terms and Non-Material Contract Terms and Conditions – ACTION**

There was no public comment. This item was approved without objection by the following vote:

Ayes: Commissioners Avalos, Breed, Campos, Chiu, Cohen, Farrell, Kim, Mar, Tang, Wiener and Yee (11)

7. **Award an 18-Month Contract to Parsons Brinckerhoff, Inc. in an Amount Not to Exceed \$372,000, for Planning and Engineering Services for the 19th Avenue/M-Ocean View Project Pre-Environmental Study Phase and Authorize Executive Director to Negotiate Contract Payment Terms and Non-Material Contract Terms and Conditions – ACTION**

There was no public comment. This item was approved without objection by the following vote:

Ayes: Commissioners Avalos, Breed, Campos, Chiu, Cohen, Farrell, Kim, Mar, Tang, Wiener and Yee (11)

8. **Award a Construction Contract to the Lowest Responsible and Responsive Bidder, O.C. Jones & Sons, Inc., in an Amount Not to Exceed \$1,984,468, Authorize the Executive Director to Negotiate Contract Payment Terms and Non-Material Contract Terms and Conditions for the Construction Contract, Authorize the Executive Director to Execute All Other Supporting Agreements, and Authorize an Additional Construction Allotment of \$187,000 for the Folsom Street Off-Ramp Realignment Project – ACTION**

There was no public comment. This item was approved without objection by the following vote:

Ayes: Commissioners Avalos, Breed, Campos, Chiu, Cohen, Farrell, Kim, Mar, Tang, Wiener and Yee (11)

#### **Items from the Plans and Programs Committee**

9. **Commit \$2,000,000 in Fiscal Year 2015/16 Prop K Funds, with Conditions, to the Bayshore Caltrain Pedestrian Connections Project – ACTION**

Commissioner Cohen introduced and spoke in support of this item. She stated that the action before the Board was the result of a 13-year public process following the closing of the Schlage Lock factory in the 1999. She said that Visitacion Valley residents partnered with city agencies and Universal Paragon to develop a plan to revitalize and reuse the former factory site in the community. She reported that after several years of analysis and extensive community planning, the process recently concluded with the adoption of the redevelopment plan changes and a master plan, but with the dissolution of the Redevelopment Agency in 2012, the loss of tens of millions of dollars in tax increment funding for this project had required a reassessment. She acknowledged that while it had been challenging to move forward without redevelopment funds, community members worked with the Mayor's Office and city agencies, including the Transportation Authority, to come up with creative and thoughtful solutions to close the funding gap, resulting in the current request to commit \$2 million in Prop K funds for the Bayshore Caltrain Pedestrian Connections Project. She noted that the Transportation Authority's Bi-County Transportation Study that was adopted in March of 2013 had identified a connection to the Bayshore Station as one of the highest community priorities. She added that transportation improvements and access continue to be a priority for the residents of the southeast, and this action would be an opportunity to address the need for transportation investment. She

stated that this project includes a new grocery store, new public parks and open space, and affordable housing, specifically addressing the restoration of the historic office building and payment of impact fees and infrastructure fees. She underscored that this was a significant investment in a community that historically had lacked little attention from City Hall. She asked the commissioners to support this item.

During public comment, Fran Martin, member of the Geneva-Harney Community Advisory Committee, urged the Board to approve this item.

This item was approved without objection by the following vote:

Ayes: Commissioners Avalos, Breed, Campos, Chiu, Cohen, Farrell, Kim, Mar, Tang, Wiener and Yee (11)

10. **Adopt the Final Report of the Balboa Park Station Area Circulation Study – ACTION**

Chair Avalos introduced and spoke in support of this item. He said that was glad that this study had been completed, and noted that there had Balboa Park Station had had decades of discussion to address the congestion in the area.

Commissioner Yee said he was looking forward to implementation of improvements recommended by this study. He noted that in the last few years he had witnessed worsening traffic conditions. He spoke in support of this item.

Commissioner Mar stated that he had toured the Muni facilities in the project area and saw firsthand how dangerous the traffic and pedestrian conditions were.

There was no public comment. This item was approved without objection by the following vote:

Ayes: Commissioners Avalos, Breed, Campos, Chiu, Cohen, Farrell, Kim, Mar, Tang, Wiener and Yee (11)

11. **Allocate \$53,539,150 in Prop K Funds, with Conditions, Appropriate \$39,000 in Prop K Funds, and Allocate \$1,804,206 in Prop AA Funds, with Conditions, for Seven Requests, Subject to the Attached Fiscal Year Cash Flow Distribution Schedules – ACTION**

There was no public comment. This item was approved without objection by the following vote:

Ayes: Commissioners Avalos, Breed, Campos, Chiu, Cohen, Farrell, Kim, Mar, Tang, Wiener and Yee (11)

12. **Approve Six 2014 Prop K 5-Year Prioritization Programs – ACTION**

Commissioner Cohen asked if private property owners or the Department of Public Works was responsible for the tree maintenance work funded through Prop K.

Anna LaForte, Deputy Director for Policy and Programming, responded that the tree maintenance locations in the 5-Year Prioritization Program for the Tree Planting and Maintenance category were trees under the jurisdiction of the Department of Public Works.

There was no public comment. This item was approved without objection by the following vote:

Ayes: Commissioners Avalos, Breed, Campos, Chiu, Cohen, Farrell, Kim, Mar, Tang, Wiener and Yee (11)

**Other Items**

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

There were no new items or public comment.

14. **Public Comment**

There was no public comment.

15. **Adjournment**

The meeting was adjourned at 11:45 a.m.