



DRAFT MINUTES

SAN FRANCISCO COUNTY TRANSPORTATION AUTHORITY

Tuesday, October 21, 2014

1. **Roll Call**

Chair Avalos called the meeting to order at 11:07 a.m. The following members were:

Present at Roll Call: Commissioners Avalos, Breed, Campos, Chiu, Farrell, Kim, Mar, Tang and Yee (9)

Absent at Roll Call: Commissioners Cohen (entered during Item 3) and Wiener (entered during Item 3) (2)

2. **Approve the Minutes of the September 23, 2014 Meeting – ACTION**

There was no public comment.

The minutes were adopted by the following vote:

Ayes: Commissioners Avalos, Breed, Campos, Chiu, Farrell, Kim, Mar, Tang and Yee (9)

Absent: Commissioners Cohen and Wiener (2)

3. **Chair's Report – INFORMATION**

Chair Avalos reported that four pedestrians were hit by cars in the past couple of days, including 87-year-old Louis van Velzen, who died of his injuries after being hit while crossing Sloat Boulevard as he tried to catch a bus. He underscored that this was unacceptable and policymakers must act decisively to make the streets safer and ask drivers to slow down. He said he appreciated the work of the San Francisco Municipal Transportation Agency, the Police Department, the Department of Public Health and other agencies supporting the city's Vision Zero team. He added that ads had been posted up around town reminding everyone that every intersection was a potential pedestrian crossing route, and enforcement had gone up. He noted that there had been a rise in capital projects as well, with investments funded by the Transportation Authority and other bodies, but it was clear that a quantum increase was needed in pedestrian crossing facilities, dedicated bicycle infrastructure, traffic signal equipment and other basic investments. He said that with the support of San Francisco residents, he hoped to see an acceleration of these projects in the coming months and pledged this body's support in making that happen.

Chair Avalos stated that this past weekend, he joined many community members and organizations on a great bike ride to the last Sunday Streets of the season with Enrique Peñalosa, former mayor of Bogotá, Colombia and a passionate advocate of pedestrianized streets and the use of streets as public spaces. He said that Mr. Peñalosa was a visionary and inspirational international leader in sustainable transportation, having implemented many

transformative improvements in Bogotá in a relatively short amount of time. He highlighted that Mr. Peñalosa created over 200 miles of dedicated bicycle and pedestrian infrastructure in just three years; pioneered Ciclovía – the concept upon which Sunday Streets was conceived; and implemented the largest bus rapid transit (BRT) system in the world, the Transmilenio BRT.

Chair Avalos underscored that given San Francisco’s limited street space and need for more public open space, he very much appreciated Mr. Peñalosa’s message about the importance of making equitable and efficient choices when it came to the use of the city’s streets. He explained that this was one reason for pursuing Vision Zero, supporting BRT and a Better Market Street, and promoting bike-sharing and high occupancy vehicle lanes. Chair Avalos noted that many of these ideas were included in the Transportation Authority’s countywide San Francisco Transportation Plan (SFTP), which staff would be updating in coordination with other city and regional agencies over the coming year as the Metropolitan Transportation Commission and Association of Bay Area Governments update Plan Bay Area. He said that this effort was very important to San Francisco’s ability to advocate effectively for regional, state and federal resources and to develop the projects and policies that would help meet the challenges of safety, affordability and growth, especially in the era of climate change. He said that the 25th anniversary of Loma Prieta served as a reminder to continue to invest in infrastructure for earthquake preparedness and resiliency planning, and this would take sustained levels of investment, and continuous agency coordination and public involvement.

Chair Avalos reported that several key initiatives of the SFTP were already underway, including the Transit Core Capacity Study, Freeway Corridor Management Strategy and the Neighborhood Transportation Improvement Program. He said that on the issue of transit capacity, he wanted to add his support to many other colleagues’, including Commissioners Kim, Cohen, and Wiener, who were calling for Caltrain to purchase compatible electric vehicles with future blended service with California High-Speed Rail. He underscored that this was a very important investment decision that would determine the capacity and operational flexibility of the system for years to come.

There was no public comment.

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

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

There was no public comment.

Items from the Finance Committee

5. **Award a Three-Year Professional Services Contract, with an Option to Extend for Two Additional One-Year Periods, to SPTJ Consulting in an Amount Not to Exceed \$550,000 for Computer Network and Maintenance Services and Authorize the Executive Director to Negotiate the 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,

Items from the Plans and Programs Committee

6. **Amend the Prop K Strategic Plan, Amend the Transit Enhancements and Vehicles 5-Year Prioritization Programs, and Allocate \$131,153,142 in Prop K Funds, with Conditions, for the San Francisco Municipal Transportation Agency's Light Rail Vehicle Procurement, 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)

Tilly Chang, Executive Director, noted that this action was the single largest Prop K allocation in the history of the agency. She congratulated the San Francisco Municipal Transportation Agency on its successful procurement of the light rail vehicles.

7. **Allocate \$496,100 in Prop K Funds, with Conditions, and Appropriate \$150,000 in Prop K Funds, with Conditions, for Three 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)

8. **Adopt the Neighborhood Transportation Improvement Program Planning Guidelines – 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 for Direct Board Consideration

9. **Appoint One Member to the Geneva-Harney Bus Rapid Transit Community Advisory Committee – ACTION**

Chair Avalos moved to appoint candidate Ken Reuther to the Geneva-Harney Bus Rapid Transit Community Advisory Committee, seconded by Commissioner Mar.

There was no public comment.

This motion to appoint Ken Reuther 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

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

There were no new items or public comment.

11. **Public Comment**

There was no public comment.

12. **Adjournment**

The meeting was adjourned at 11:36 a.m.