



DRAFT MINUTES

SAN FRANCISCO COUNTY TRANSPORTATION AUTHORITY

Tuesday, January 27, 2015

1. **Roll Call**

Chair Avalos called the meeting to order at 11:05 a.m. The following members were:

Present at Roll Call: Commissioners Avalos, Breed, Campos, Christensen, Cohen, Farrell, Tang, Wiener and Yee (9)

Absent at Roll Call: Commissioners Mar (entered during Item 2) and Kim (2)

2. **Approve the Minutes of the December 16, 2014 Meeting – ACTION**

There was no public comment.

The minutes were approved without objection by the following vote:

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

Absent: Commissioner Kim (1)

Chair Avalos called Items 3 and 4 together.

3. **Chair's Report – INFORMATION**

Chair Avalos reported that this was the Silver Anniversary of the Transportation Authority, which was created by voters in the fall of 1989 to administer Prop B, now known as Prop K. He said the week prior he joined past and present community leaders to celebrate the work of the Transportation Authority for the past 25 years in planning, funding, and implementing projects. He said these transportation investments were critical to neighborhood livability, environmental quality, and economic vitality across the city. Chair Avalos recognized the agency's tradition of public involvement, and noted the work of its four Citizens Advisory Committees that advise the Board. He said the agency's mission continued to be rooted in its core values of transparency, performance-based analysis, inter-agency collaboration and citizen involvement.

Chair Avalos commented that the legacy of the Transportation Authority carried on through pioneering policy work such as the citywide Vision Zero traffic safety initiative, which was the focus of the new Vision Zero Committee. He said the committee would be boosted by the new transportation revenue measures, Props A and B, that voters approved in November. Chair Avalos thanked the San Francisco Municipal Transportation Agency (SFMTA) for its adoption of an equity-framework for transportation investment, and for its landmark approval of free Muni for disabled riders and low-income seniors earlier in the month. He said this was a great follow-on to Muni's successful pilot of free Muni for low-

income youth and put San Francisco at the forefront of transit policy and practice nationwide.

Chair Avalos said he appreciated the work of the Citizens Advisory Committee in guiding the Prop K Strategic Plan and Five-Year Prioritization Programs and was proud to oversee the Board's approval of the new Neighborhood Transportation Improvement Program. He added that the Transportation Authority made the single largest Prop K allocation ever of \$131 million to help the SFMTA replace and expand its fleet of light rail vehicles. He said the Transportation Authority also became the Treasure Island Mobility Management Agency and undertook forward-looking policy work on bike-sharing through a Strategic Analysis Report.

Chair Avalos concluded his remarks by saying he supported the organizational development of the new Executive Director Tilly Chang, and that her hard work ensured the agency's work program was implemented collaboratively and effectively. He thanked the leadership team and the Board for their hard work on the business of the Transportation Authority.

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

Tilly Chang, Executive Director, thanked Chair Avalos for his leadership of the agency over the past two years and welcomed Commissioner Christensen to the Board. She said she would forego the Executive Director's Report and would instead be presenting the Annual Report, Item 14 on the agenda.

There was no public comment.

5. **Election of Chair and Vice Chair – ACTION**

Commissioner Cohen moved to nominate Commissioner Wiener for Chair of the Transportation Authority, seconded by Commission Farrell. Commissioner Campos moved to nominate Commissioner Avalos, seconded by Commissioner Mar. There were no additional nominations for chair.

There was no public comment.

Commissioner Wiener was elected Chair by a 7 to 3 vote:

For Commissioner Wiener: Commissioners Breed, Christensen, Cohen, Farrell, Tang, Wiener and Yee (7)

For Commissioner Avalos: Commissioner Avalos, Campos and Mar (3)

Absent: Commissioner Kim (1)

Chair Wiener thanked the Board and Commissioner Avalos for his service as chair. He stated that the originally planned Bay Area Rapid Transit (BART) system from 1956 was a cautionary lesson of what could happen when people didn't think boldly about public transportation. He said the planned BART system would have gone north past Santa Rosa, south past San Jose, and deep into the East Bay and would have made the Bay Area a greater place. He continued that this was an important lesson because San Francisco and the region were currently at a crossroads in transportation, regarding whether high-speed rail and the downtown extension would be made a reality, whether the Central Subway would not just be completed but extended to Fishermans Wharf, with the addition of more subways, whether bus rapid transit would be made a reality, whether another BART tube under the bay would be built to expand BART'S capacity, whether Caltrain would be electrified, and whether the

city would move aggressively with efforts to make streets safer for all users, including pedestrians, cyclists, drivers and Muni riders. He stated there was a lot of work to be done and many choices to be made, and that is was a question of whether there was political will as a city and as a region to make these difficult projects a reality. Chair Wiener said the Transportation Authority had a key role in moving the city in that direction, and that it played an important role as a coordinator with other city agencies as well as a representative of San Francisco to the region, and that an even greater role would be necessary. He said the region was projected to grow by two million people over the next 25 years and the city by 150,000, and that it would take bold steps to make sure the transit and road systems would be able to keep He concluded by saying that he looked forward to working with the city and regional partners to move forward in a positive direction.

Commissioner Breed moved to nominate Commissioner Cohen for Vice Chair of the Transportation Authority, seconded by Commissioner Farrell.

There was no public comment.

Commissioner Cohen was elected Vice Chair by the following vote:

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

Absent: Commissioner Kim (1)

Items from the Finance Committee

6. **Exercise the Second One-Year Option of the Consultant Contracts with Arup North America Limited, Nelson\Nygaard Consulting Associates, and Stantec Consulting Services Inc. and Increase the Contract Amounts by \$836,000, to a Combined Total Amount Not to Exceed \$1,736,000, for On-Call Transportation Planning Services, and Authorize the Executive Director to Modify Contract Payment Terms and Non-Material Contract Terms and Conditions – ACTION**

There was no public comment.

The item was approved without objection.

Chair Avalos called Items 7 and 8 together.

7. **Approve the Revised Administrative Code – ACTION**
8. **Approve the Revised Rules of Order; the Revised Debt, Fiscal, Investment and Procurement Policies; and the Revised Travel, Conference, Training and Business Expense Reimbursement Policy – ACTION**

There was no public comment.

The items were approved without objection.

9. **Increase the Amount of the Professional Services Contract with Mark Thomas & Company, Inc. by \$66,841 to a Total Amount Not to Exceed \$665,022 for Planning, Environmental, and Engineering Services; Increase the Amount of the Professional Services Contract with S&C Engineers, Inc. by \$130,000, to a Total Amount Not to Exceed \$550,700, for Construction Management Services; Increase the Amount of the Construction Contract with O.C. Jones & Sons, Inc. by \$348,000 to a Total Amount Not to Exceed \$2,369,468; Authorize the Executive Director to Modify**

Payment Terms and Non-Material Contract Terms and Conditions for All Three Contracts; and Authorize an Additional Construction Allotment of \$213,800 to a Total Amount Not to Exceed \$400,800 for the Folsom and Fremont Street Off-Ramp Realignment Project – ACTION

There was no public comment.

The item was approved without objection.

10. **Approve the Scope of Work for the Improving West Side Transit Access Strategic Analysis Report – ACTION**

There was no public comment.

The item was approved without objection.

Commissioner Tang commented that she appreciated staff conducting a more in-depth analysis on transit options from the West Side and that it was important to improve transportation for all of the city's outer neighborhoods.

Items from the Plans and Programs Committee

11. **Allocate \$3,815,332 in Prop K Funds, with Conditions, and Allocate \$1,201,000 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.

The item was approved without objection.

Items from the Personnel Committee

Chair Wiener called Items 12 and 13 together after Item 16 and called the closed session to order.

12. **[Possible CLOSED SESSION] Public Employee Performance Evaluation and Adopt the Executive Director's Performance Objectives for 2015 – ACTION**

13. **Fix Annual Compensation for the Executive Director for the Period October 1 through September 30, 2015 – ACTION**

Chair Wiener reconvened the meeting in open session.

During open session, Chair Wiener reported that no actions were taken by the Board.

Chair Wiener stated that the Board had decided not to disclose the closed session discussion.

There was no public comment.

The items were approved without objection by the following vote:

Ayes: Commissioners Avalos, Breed, Campos, Christensen, Cohen, Mar, Tang, Wiener and Yee (9)

Absent: Commissioners Farrell and Kim (2)

Items for Direct Board Consideration

14. **Adopt the 2014 Annual Report – ACTION**

Tilly Chang, Executive Director, presented the Annual Report in lieu of the Executive

Director's Report.

There was no public comment.

The Annual Report was adopted without objection by the following vote:

Ayes: Commissioners Avalos, Breed, Campos, Christensen, Cohen, Mar, Tang, Wiener and Yee (9)

Absent: Commissioners Farrell and Kim (2)

Other Items

15. Introduction of New Items – INFORMATION

Vice Chair Cohen commented that District 10 had significant transportation challenges and that she would be requesting a Strategic Analysis Report on connectivity from Visitacion Valley to the rest of the city, East-West travel from the 16th and Mission Streets BART Station to the Mission Bay Neighborhood, and overall connectivity from the southeastern neighborhoods.

Commissioner Avalos commented that he was interested in the Strategic Analysis Report and asked if it would also look at connectivity from Visitacion Valley to Balboa Park. He stated that staff was looking at bus rapid transit for Geneva Avenue which would connect Visitacion Valley to Balboa Park among other places, and that it was important to look at bus rapid transit as a precursor to light rail on Geneva Avenue.

Vice Chair Cohen commented that she was amenable to adding that topic to the proposed scope of work.

There was no public comment.

16. Public Comment

There was no public comment.

17. Adjournment

The meeting was adjourned at 12:11 p.m.