



DRAFT MINUTES

SAN FRANCISCO COUNTY TRANSPORTATION AUTHORITY

Tuesday, April 28, 2015

1. **Roll Call**

Chair Wiener called the meeting to order at 11:06 a.m. The following members were:

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

Absent at Roll Call: Commissioners Farrell (entered during Item 2), Christensen and Kim (entered during Item 3) and Avalos

Commissioner Breed motioned to excuse Commissioner Avalos' absence, seconded by Commissioner Campos.

Chair Wiener excused Commissioner Avalos without objection.

2. **Approve the Minutes of the 24, 2015 Meeting – ACTION**

During public comment, Andrew Yip spoke on the influence of great leaders.

The minutes were adopted without objection by the following vote:

Ayes: Commissioners Breed, Campos, Cohen, Farrell, Mar, Tang, Wiener and Yee (8)

Absent: Commissioners Avalos, Christensen and Kim (3)

3. **Chair's Report – INFORMATION**

Chair Wiener reported that he recently attended the Stand Up 4 Transportation rally, which was part of a series of rallies held across the country. He said transportation leaders in cities across the United States gathered with transit agencies and advocates to publicly request that Congress reauthorize the Federal Highway Trust Fund and provide a long-term and sustainable fix to the funding situation. He said it was a very compelling and powerful rally, with leaders from around the Bay Area coming together and speaking with one voice.

Chair Wiener said a few weeks prior he also participated in a tour of various transportation projects throughout the Bay Area with a delegation from the United States Senate, along with senior staff members from different transportation authoring committees. He said the tour was an effective way to show Congress how important it was to fix the funding situation by giving them a first-hand account of which projects could be affected.

Chair Wiener stated that he recently participated in Walk to Work Day as well as Bike and Roll to School Day at McKinley Elementary School, and that these were great experiences to view the changes to the streetscape and the safety improvements that had been made since last year. He said there had been a recent announcement about a proposal from the

Metropolitan Transportation Commission to dramatically extend bike share in San Francisco and throughout the Bay Area. He said if the proposal was approved, it would increase San Francisco's bike share program to 4,500 bikes within two years, and would also significantly expand bike share in Oakland and San Jose, among other cities.

During public comment, Andrew Yip spoke on making the world a better place.

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

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

Commissioner Cohen commented that she was interested in the Plan Bay Area update and asked how the upcoming open house would be structured.

Ms. Chang responded that the open house would be hosted by the Metropolitan Transportation Commission (MTC) and the Association of Bay Area Governments (ABAG) and would be an orientation to the regional planning process. She said although the region went through the planning process every four years, it was not well understood by the public. She said it affected local communities most directly through its link to the countywide transportation plan, as well as other planning activities such as the neighborhood transportation plans. Ms. Chang added that the regional plan prioritized which local projects were included for state and federal funding. She said the goal of the open house was to educate the public about the planning process so that they could be involved from the beginning.

Maria Lombardo, Chief Deputy, stated that MTC and ABAG were structuring the open house so that there were no presentations and instead attendees would tour different stations and provide feedback.

Commissioner Mar commented that the Plan Bay Area workshops were a great way to raise awareness about regional planning and to receive input from local communities. He said it was also a great process to learn how Bay Area cities were connected, and how San Francisco fit within the regional planning context for housing, jobs and transportation. Commissioner Mar stated that he looked forward to the expansion of the bike share program and appreciated that twenty percent of stations would be located in communities of concern or lower income neighborhoods, which provided an opportunity to connect different neighborhoods. He said the Bay Area Bike Share program could be a model for other regions around the country and that the program should look to the private sector for financial support.

Commissioner Mar thanked Karen Schkolnick, Air Quality Program Manager at the Bay Area Air Quality Management District, for her work on the expansion and said he recently met with Steve Heminger, Executive Director at MTC, to discuss how the program would be managed and would expand to other cities. He stated it was great that the program materials included alternative language access so that it would include different communities and immigrant populations. He said he would like to see a connection to the bus rapid transit routes along Geary Boulevard and Van Ness Avenue, and that students from the University of San Francisco had expressed interest in having access. He said he understood that the program's expansion was strategically planned for areas where there was established public transportation and to connect previously unconnected areas.

During public comment, Andrew Yip requested that the transfer time for Muni be extended to four hours.

Susan Phelan commented that the city's bicycle, parking, pedestrian and overall transportation policies were changing the demographics of the city in that more residents were Caucasian, wealthy, and well-educated. She said there had been studies showing that improvements in transportation could lead to gentrification, and that she had witnessed that in the three districts where she owns property. Ms. Phelan said she checked census statistics for the years 2000 and 2010 in these three districts which confirmed that they had more residents who were Caucasian, wealthy, and well-educated. She cautioned against continuing with these transportation policies.

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 Breed, Campos, Christensen, Cohen, Farrell, Kim, Mar, Tang, Wiener and Yee (10)

Absent: Commissioner Avalos (1)

6. Award a Three-Year Legal Services Contract, with an Option to Extend for Two Additional One-Year Periods, to Nossaman LLP and Wendel, Rosen, Black & Dean LLP, in an Amount Not to Exceed \$750,000 for General Legal Counsel 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 Breed, Campos, Christensen, Cohen, Farrell, Kim, Mar, Tang, Wiener and Yee (10)

Absent: Commissioner Avalos (1)

7. Award an 18-Month Contract to AECOM Technical Services, Inc. in an Amount Not to Exceed \$450,000 for Planning, Engineering, and Environmental Services for the I-280 Interchange Modifications at Balboa Park, and Authorize the 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 Breed, Campos, Christensen, Cohen, Farrell, Kim, Mar, Tang, Wiener

Absent: Commissioner Avalos (1)

Items from the Plans and Programs Committee

8. Allocate \$350,000 in Prop K Funds, with Conditions, and Appropriate \$53,798 in Prop K Funds, with Conditions, 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 Breed, Campos, Christensen, Cohen, Farrell, Kim, Mar, Tang, Wiener and Yee (10)

Absent: Commissioner Avalos (1)

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

There were no new items or public comment.

10. **Public Comment**

There was no public comment.

11. **Adjournment**

The meeting was adjourned at 11:35 a.m.