



DRAFT MINUTES

SAN FRANCISCO COUNTY TRANSPORTATION AUTHORITY

Tuesday, May 19, 2015

1. **Roll Call**

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

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

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

2. **Approve the Minutes of the April 28, 2015 Meeting – ACTION**

There was no public comment.

The minutes were adopted by the following vote:

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

Absent: Commissioners Farrell and Kim (2)

Chair Wiener called Items 3 and 9 together.

3. **Chair's Report – INFORMATION**

Chair Wiener reported that over the past month there had been many transportation events and milestones. He said the week prior, Mayor Lee and a number of Commissioners participated along with record numbers of the public in the 21st annual Bike to Work Day, which was partly funded with Prop K sales tax funds. He said manual bike counters at the intersection of Market Street and Van Ness Avenue found that bikes accounted for 76 percent of all inbound traffic on Market Street between 8:30 and 9:30 A.M. that morning, outnumbering motor vehicles four to one. He said colleagues joined Mayor Lee and the San Francisco Bike Coalition at a gathering in front of City Hall and that Executive Director Tilly Chang even sent in a photo of herself using Capital Bike Share from Washington D.C.

Chair Wiener stated that the Central Subway project recently celebrated a milestone, as the contractor for the 1.4-mile twin tunnels completed work at the portal. He said the final element of the contract included five cross-passages, headwall construction, and an extraction pit. He said that at a total cost of \$251 million, the work was completed on schedule and under budget, though work on the stations would continue with revenue service anticipated in December of 2018. He congratulated the San Francisco Municipal Transportation Agency and the entire project team.

Chair Wiener recognized Lee Saage, Deputy Director for Capital Projects, who was retiring in June after 16 years of the service to the Transportation Authority. He said that during his

tenure, Lee had made many significant contributions to the Transportation Authority, to the City and County of San Francisco, and to improving transportation for everyone. He said under Lee's leadership, the Transportation Authority undertook many firsts, which included leading the Doyle Drive Environmental Impact Report, which was the first environmental document to be certified for the Transportation Authority. He also led the value for money study, or business case, for delivering the Doyle Drive project as a public-private-partnership (P-3), which was the only P-3 on the state highway system in California, as well as led the Yerba Buena Island and Folsom Street ramps projects. Chair Wiener said that Lee led the Transportation Authority's successful efforts to become a builder of capital projects, which was a complex process that involved a mix of technical know-how, clear vision, and level-headedness to deal with the inevitable obstacles and the ability to meet multiple partners' expectations. He said Lee was the rare individual who possessed those abilities, and that he was a valuable asset to the agency. He congratulated Lee on his many achievements with the agency and thanked him for his service.

Tilly Chang, Executive Director, commented that she had worked with Lee for about a decade, and said during that time Lee showed unwavering dedication to his job. She said he contributed to many projects that would have a lasting impact on the city and beyond. She said Lee had been an Air Force officer, flown commercial jets, and run his own construction business, though he chose to serve the Transportation Authority and the City and County of San Francisco for 16 years out of his desire to serve the public. Ms. Chang said highlights from his distinguished career included his work on the blended concept of High-Speed Rail and Caltrain service along the Peninsula, which was key to achieving regional consensus on the project and helped reduce overall cost in the long-run. She said it was also indicative of Lee's creative thinking that was grounded in engineering, financial, and political feasibility that was a hallmark of his work.

Ms. Chang continued that on the Doyle Drive project, now aptly named the Presidio Parkway, Lee showed patience, perseverance, and skill to deliver a roadway that fit the beautiful and sensitive environment of the Presidio National Park. She said this entailed leading the environmental phase as well as helping to secure the public-private-partnership that was finishing up the second phase in the near future on schedule and under budget. She said Lee's pioneering work on Doyle Drive represented the future of big infrastructure projects in the state and across the nation, and that it was considered by the federal Department of Transportation to be one of the national models of project delivery. Ms. Chang said that Lee setup the Transportation Authority to be the lead agency of a construction project for the first time, and greatly contributed to the Yerba Buena Island and Folsom Street ramps projects. Lastly, she said Lee had been a mentor and a valuable resource to staff and to other agencies, and noted that he assembled a great capital projects team and that he modeled the project management best practices and exercising technical judgment. She thanked him for his service to the Transportation Authority and for his lasting impact to the city and the transportation field.

Executive Director's Report – INFORMATION

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

Items from the Finance Committee

4. 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, Christensen, Cohen, Farrell, Mar, Tang, Wiener and Yee (10)

Absent: Commissioner Kim (1)

5. **Authorize the Executive Director to: Replace the Transportation Authority's Commercial Paper Program with a Revolving Credit Agreement (Revolver); Enter into an up-to-\$140 Million Revolver with State Street Public Lending Corporation; Enter into an Alternate Credit Facility if Negotiations with State Street are Not Successful; Amend or Enter into the Associated Legal Documents; Take All Necessary Related Actions; and Negotiate the Agreement Payment Terms and Non-Material Agreement Terms and Conditions – ACTION**

There was no public comment.

This item was 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)

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

Items from the Plans and Programs Committee

6. **Appoint John Morrison and Wells Whitney to the Citizens Advisory Committee – ACTION**

There was no public comment.

This item was 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)

7. **Allocate \$772,900 in Prop K Funds, with Conditions, and Appropriate \$90,000 in Prop K Funds, 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, Christensen, Cohen, Farrell, Mar, Tang, Wiener and Yee (10)

Absent: Commissioner Kim (1)

Items for Direct to Board Consideration

8. **Lee Saage, Deputy Director for Capital Projects, for outstanding service to the Transportation Authority from 1999 to 2015 – INFORMATION**

Commissioner Farrell said that he looked forward to taking an early morning tour of the

new Presidio Parkway with Lee when it opened up next month. He said that Lee was a ‘salt of the earth’ type of person and an amazing professional, and thanked him on behalf of District 2.

Commissioner Campos thanked Lee for his responsiveness, thoroughness, and professionalism and commented on his ability to navigate the challenges of capital projects.

Commissioner Avalos thanked Lee for his service and said through his time as Transportation Authority Chair he recognized his value to the agency. He said that Lee left a mark on San Francisco which would never fade and that the Presidio Parkway was a remarkable project and a great achievement for the city and the region.

There was no public comment on Items 3 or 9.

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

There was no public comment.

10. **Public Comment**

During public comment Edward Mason stated that the Transportation Authority had previously obligated \$75,000 for a strategic analysis of the influx of inner-city corporate commuter buses and local shuttles, and that the funds were currently being used for an 18-month pilot study by the San Francisco Municipal Transportation Authority (SFMTA) He said that the SFMTA was currently nine months into the study, but that his neighborhood continued to experience violations by these buses and shuttles. He said some operators arbitrarily discharged passengers outside of the designated stops, and that he had with him a broken tail light from a double decker bus that had collided with a Muni key stop disabled ramp at the intersection of 24th and Church Streets. Mr. Mason stated that Muni engineers accommodated the geography of the city and geometry of the streets when they designed the bus routes and that was why the 39-Coit Tower bus line didn’t operate 60-foot articulated buses. He recommended that there be a revival of the California Department of Transportation regional express bus plan, which was last completed over ten years ago to utilize park-and-ride lots and to minimize the impact of the large vehicle on the narrow neighborhood streets.

11. **Adjournment**

The meeting was adjourned at 11:33 a.m.