



DRAFT MINUTES

SAN FRANCISCO COUNTY TRANSPORTATION AUTHORITY

Tuesday, June 23, 2015

1. **Roll Call**

Chair Wiener called the meeting to order at 11:04 a.m. The following members were:

Present at Roll Call: Commissioners Breed, Campos, Christensen, Cohen, Farrell, Kim, Mar, Tang, Wiener and Yee (10)

Absent at Roll Call: Commissioner Avalos (1)

2. **Chair's Report – INFORMATION**

Chair Wiener reported that the Board had just held the inaugural meeting of the Treasure Island Mobility Management Agency, and congratulated Commissioner Kim on being elected chair of the agency, as well as Commissioner Christensen on being elected Vice Chair. He said the project would include many innovative features and would be an opportunity to model new ways of doing business as a means to deliver sustainable transportation options. He said he looked forward to working with the Treasure Island Development Authority, the San Francisco Municipal Transportation Agency, the California Department of Transportation, the Alameda-Contra Costa Transit District, as well as the various ferry operators over the coming years to ensure that Treasure Island had a successful transportation future.

Chair Wiener expressed his appreciation to Bay Area Rapid Transit (BART) for delivering outstanding service at the Golden State Warriors championship parade the week prior. He said preliminary figures estimated that over 550,000 riders used BART on that day, which was the second highest ridership on the system behind the San Francisco Giants championship parade in 2012. He said that BART was critical to the region but that the system was straining under the pressure of increased ridership due to population growth. He said the week prior, the BART Board voted to increase train service and improve on-time performance by adding 30 train cars during peak service and committing \$20 million for track replacement to keep the system safe and reliable. He said this was a good start but that hopefully San Francisco and the other counties within the BART system would join together to lend support because it was critical to the region's economy and quality of life.

Chair Wiener thanked the Board and Mayor Lee for participating in the 22-day Muni challenge sponsored by the San Francisco Transit Riders. He said there was 100% participation from the Commissioners and that it was a fun and at times revealing experience which showcased the successes and challenges of the Muni system. He said as a daily Muni rider for many years and after tracking each ride for 22 days, Muni was fairly reliable compared to some of the perceptions of the system. He said the Muni system carried

700,000 trips per day, which was almost half of the entire ridership of the San Francisco Bay Area, and did so in a challenging environment given San Francisco's density and topography. He said the Muni challenge highlighted the need to invest in the system to increase its capacity and reliability, as San Francisco was expected to grow by 10,000 people per year and that with the increased traffic congestion there had to be viable transit options.

During public comment, Andrew Yip commented on planning and research.

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

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

There was no public comment.

4. **Approve the Minutes of the May 19, 2015 Meeting – ACTION**

There was no public comment.

The Minutes were adopted without objection by the following vote:

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

Items from Finance Committee

5. **Authorize the Executive Director to Execute Annual Contract Renewals and Options for Various Annual Professional Services in an Amount Not to Exceed \$1,950,000 and to Modify Contract Payment Terms and Non-Material Contract Terms and Conditions – ACTION**

During public comment, Andrew Yip commented on annual contracts.

This item was approved without objection by the following vote:

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

6. **Award a Three-Year Professional Services Contract, with an Option to Extend for Two Additional One-Year Periods, to Vavrinek, Trine, Day & Co., LLP in an Amount Not to Exceed \$300,000 for Annual Audit Services, 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 Avalos, Breed, Campos, Christensen, Cohen, Farrell, Kim, Mar, Tang, Wiener and Yee (11)

7. **Increase the Amount of the Professional Services Contract with Parsons Brinckerhoff, Inc. by \$224,600 for a Total Amount Not to Exceed \$596,600, for Planning and Engineering Services for the 19th Avenue/M-Ocean View Project Pre-Environmental Study Phase and Authorize the Executive Director 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, Christensen, Cohen, Farrell, Kim, Mar, Tang, Wiener and Yee (11)

8. **Adopt the Proposed Fiscal Year 2015/16 Annual Budget and Work Program – ACTION**

During public comment, Andrew Yip commented on investments.

This item was approved without objection by the following vote:

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

Items from Plans and Programs Committee

9. **Allocate \$74,083,386 in Prop K Funds, with Conditions, and Appropriate \$162,400 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, Kim, Mar, Tang, Wiener and Yee (11)

10. **Adopt the Potrero Hill Neighborhood Transportation Plan Final Report – ACTION**

There was no public comment.

This item was approved without objection by the following vote:

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

11. **Approve the Fiscal Year 2015/16 Transportation Fund for Clean Air Program of Projects – ACTION**

There was no public comment.

This item was approved without objection by the following vote:

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

Other Items

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

Commissioner Tang made a formal request for funding to embark upon a citywide analysis of student transportation needs in San Francisco. She said this topic was probably of interest to the entire Board and that the study would be unique because the City had never completed a comprehensive analysis of student transportation needs. She said there had been several individual studies attempted by the San Francisco Municipal Transportation Agency (SFMTA), San Francisco Department of Public Health, San Francisco Unified School District, and the Transportation Authority, but that there had not been a

comprehensive study housed with one agency. She said the goal of the study was not only to understand the needs of students attending public schools but also those attending private and parochial schools. Chair Tang said that each day about 55,000 elementary and middle school students traveled to and from school in the City, and that this study hoped to better understand student travel needs from the parent perspective, to better understand the shortcomings in the existing transportation system, and to see if changes can be made to alter travel behaviors. She said the goal was to use the data gathered in the study to develop effective strategies to meet the needs of the students and their families. She said SFMTA had committed to fund half of the study, and therefore she was requesting \$25,000 from the Transportation Authority to fund the other part. She said she looked forward to working with the other Commissioners, the Transportation Authority, SFMTA, as well as students, parents, and stakeholders on this issue.

During public comment, Andrew Yip commented on flexible education.

13. **Public Comment**

There was no public comment.

Before adjournment, Chair Wiener acknowledged Liz Brisson, Senior Transportation Planner, as this would be her last meeting as an employee of the Transportation Authority. He said she would be joining the San Francisco Municipal Transportation Agency (SFMTA) and that he looked forward to working with her in that capacity. He thanked Ms. Brisson on behalf of the Transportation Authority for her service to the institution and to the residents of San Francisco, and specifically for her work on the Late Night Transportation Study. He said she provided critical expert support and made it a much better project.

Tilly Chang, Executive Director, thanked Ms. Brisson for her five years of service, and said that during her tenure she had worked with a majority of the Board on a host of efforts. She said beyond her recent work on the Late Night Transportation Study, Ms. Brisson had worked on the original Climate Action Plan, the Countywide Transportation Plan, the Western South of Market Neighborhood Transportation Plan in District 6, the Bayshore Intermodal Station Study in District 10, as well as the Waterfront work and M-Line improvements on the West Side. Ms. Chang said her knowledge and experience was a benefit to the city and the region, and that she looked forward to working with her as she continued her career at SFMTA.

14. **Adjournment**

The meeting was adjourned at 11:29 a.m.