



# DRAFT MINUTES

## SAN FRANCISCO COUNTY TRANSPORTATION AUTHORITY

Tuesday, September 22, 2015

### 1. Roll Call

Chair Wiener called the meeting to order at 11:09 a.m.

**Present at Roll Call:** Commissioners Avalos, Campos, Christensen, Cohen, Farrell, Tang, Wiener and Yee (8)

**Absent at Roll Call:** Commissioners Breed (entered during Item 2), Kim (entered during Item 3), and Mar (3)

### 2. Chair's Report – INFORMATION

Chair Wiener reported that a lot had happened in transportation both in San Francisco and in the region since the last Transportation Authority Board meeting in July. He said at the state level, there was hope that Governor Brown and the state legislature would produce significant new revenue for transportation maintenance and infrastructure improvements during the special legislative session. He said Assemblymembers Chiu and Mullin had strongly advocated for transportation to be included in investment proposals and that he also pressed for transit and safer streets investments at a hearing of the Select Committee on Transportation held in Oakland. He said that unfortunately the legislature was not able to secure the two-thirds votes needed to move a transportation focused revenue package forward. He added that the special session was subsequently extended and that he remained hopeful that a proposal could come out of the legislature to help the region with its serious transportation funding challenges.

Chair Wiener stated there were many positive milestones to celebrate here in San Francisco. He said that he recently toured the Central Subway project, which was one of the Prop K signature projects, which had made great progress on station construction and equipping the tunnel systems. He said he also celebrated the launch of the San Francisco Municipal Transportation Agency's (SFMTA's) E-Line historic trolley service with Commissioners Christensen and Kim, as well as Mayor Lee, Executive Director Tilly Chang, and many community members, including the Market Street Railway. He noted that the Transportation Authority provided \$19 million for this project over the years between the Prop B and K sales tax programs. Chair Wiener said other transportation related events in August included the initiation of SFMTA's Safer Market Street project, the addition of Muni Forward improvements, and the opening of BART's Civic Center bike station, all of which received support from Prop K sales tax funds. Chair Wiener thanked SFMTA for delivering long overdue improvements in District 8 along upper Market Street which made that corridor safer for everyone, and noted that more improvements were to come. He also commended BART on its smooth transbay closures that took place over two weekends, which allowed the agency to lay five miles of replacement track to ensure safe operations along that critical corridor.

Chair Wiener stated that this track replacement was just the beginning of the huge amount of maintenance and capital work that BART needed to do over the next decade. He said that after 40 years of providing reliable service, BART was essentially operating with that original 40 year-old system which was at times falling apart. He said BART needed massive investment and that the agency needed support from San Francisco to ensure that the system, which was part of the life blood of the region's economy and quality of life, could continue to meet the needs of a growing population. He noted that San Francisco was growing by ten thousand people per year and that the region was projected to grow by over two million people by 2040, which meant BART had to operate at a higher capacity and greater level of reliability. Chair Wiener said that he hoped next year San Francisco could join with its sister counties of Alameda and Contra Costa to pass a significant BART capital bond to rehabilitate and invest in the system's core. He said this bond would improve stations and begin the planning processes for a second transbay tube, which would not only benefit BART but high-speed rail as well, and would connect Caltrain with the capital corridor. He added that this bond would have to be large enough to actually meet BART's capital needs.

Chair Wiener said that given the tremendous demand on the region's transit systems, and in light of the region's recent growth, the city needed to plan proactively for rail and subway transit. He said as a result, earlier in the month he introduced legislation calling for the city to prepare a subway master plan, which would include the Transportation Authority as a participant in that process. He said the city should not repeat past mistakes, such as waiting several decades to plan for additional subway lines after the Market Street subway and BART was completed. He said as the city envisioned the next generation of rail investments, it needed to ensure successful delivery of the current major endeavors, such as the Transbay Terminal, Caltrain electrification, and the downtown extension of Caltrain and high-speed rail. He said he looked forward to bringing a preliminary report from the Metropolitan Transportation Commission (MTC) to the Transportation Authority Board within the next couple months regarding a cost review of the Transbay Transit Center project. Chair Wiener said he also wanted to note that the week prior Assemblymembers Levine and Ting introduced Assembly Bill 24, which would dissolve MTC and replace it with a directly elected body. He said he did not believe this was a good direction for regional transportation planning in the Bay Area, and that he looked forward to having a dialogue with the bill's authors. He said that the bill would come to the Transportation Authority through the normal board process and that as the region moved forward with its transportation needs it was important to come up with real solutions without taking major steps backwards, which is what this bill would do.

There was no public comment.

### **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 July 28, 2015 Meeting – ACTION**

There was no public comment.

The Minutes were approved by the following vote:

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

Absent: Commissioner Mar (1)

#### **Items from the Finance Committee**

##### **5. Adopt Positions on State Legislation – ACTION**

There was no public comment.

The item was approved without objection by the following vote:

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

Absent: Commissioner Mar (1)

##### **6. Execute a Funding Agreement with the Bay Area Rapid Transit (BART) District for a Three-Year Period in an Amount Not to Exceed \$406,000 for the San Francisco BART Travel Incentives Pilot Project and Authorize the Executive Director to Negotiate Agreement Payment Terms and Non-Material Agreement Terms and Conditions – ACTION**

There was no public comment.

The item was approved without objection by the following vote:

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

Absent: Commissioner Mar (1)

#### **Items from the Plans and Programs Committee**

##### **7. Appoint Cyndi Bakir, Joanna Fong, Peter Gallotta, Benjamin Horne, and Jolsna John to the Geary Corridor Bus Rapid Transit Citizens Advisory Committee – ACTION**

There was no public comment.

The item was approved without objection by the following vote:

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

Absent: Commissioner Mar (1)

##### **8. Allocate \$9,878,876 in Prop K funds, with Conditions, and Appropriate \$120,800 in Prop K funds, Subject to the Attached Fiscal Year Cash Flow Distribution Schedules – ACTION**

Commissioner Christensen moved to amend the item to defer the San Francisco Municipal Transportation Agency's (SFMTA's) Kearny Street Multimodal Implementation Plan [NTIP Planning] request to allow additional time for staff to work with her and SFMTA to revise the scope, seconded by Commissioner Tang.

There was no public comment.

The amendment to the item was approved without objection by the following vote:

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

Absent: Commissioner Mar (1)

The amended item was approved without objection by the following vote:

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

Absent: Commissioner Mar (1)

### **Other Items**

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

There was no public comment.

#### **10. Public Comment**

During public comment, Andrew Yip spoke about an upcoming vote.

#### **11. Adjournment**

The meeting was adjourned at 11:30 p.m.