



DRAFT MINUTES

SAN FRANCISCO COUNTY TRANSPORTATION AUTHORITY

Tuesday, October 27, 2015

1. Roll Call

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

Present at Roll Call: Commissioners Breed, Christensen, Farrell, Tang, Wiener and Yee (6)

Absent at Roll Call: Commissioners Avalos, Campos (entered during Item 3), Cohen and Kim (entered during Item 2) and Mar (5)

2. Chair's Report – INFORMATION

Chair Wiener reported that he was pleased to share a few updates related to the city's transit planning work and potential local transportation funding prospects. He said earlier in the month, San Francisco hosted the annual meeting of the American Public Transportation Association, whose motto was "where transit goes, community grows" which he said was true in San Francisco. He said he was joined by Executive Director Tilly Chang, as well as Ed Reiskin, Director of Transportation at the San Francisco Municipal Transportation Agency (SFMTA), and general managers from around the region to highlight the importance of local leadership and funding to enable transit to help meet the region's livability and environmental goals. Chair Wiener said the conference topics ranged from how to build transit oriented communities and invest in infrastructure to managing emerging technology and ways to increase safety. He said the conference also celebrated the 25th anniversary of the Americans with Disabilities Act, and looked ahead to further advances in providing broad access to transit. He said he was pleased to hear the remarks of Anthony Foxx, the Secretary of Transportation, who lent his support to San Francisco in undertaking extensive planning to develop a subway master plan for the city. Chair Wiener thanked his colleagues on the Land Use and Transportation Committee for moving forward the subway master plan legislation to the full Board of Supervisors. He also thanked staff from the Transportation Authority, SFMTA and the San Francisco Planning Department for participating in the committee hearing and for their current and future work in moving this planning process forward. He said it was great that city was undertaking several important transit planning efforts that had either been completed or were underway, and noted that the city would be able to build upon those efforts to move forward with a strong subway master planning process. He added that San Francisco was at its highest population ever and that the city's transit systems were bursting at the seams, which was why the city needed to move more transit underground in addition to strengthening its above ground bus and light-rail systems.

Chair Wiener stated that funding all of this work would be a challenge and that while the city would like to see the state and federal government increase their investment in transit, the city also had to make sure that it was supporting its transportation efforts locally. He said the voters

of San Francisco had shown time and time again that they understood the need for taxation and bonds for transportation infrastructure projects and had consistently voted in favor of these funding measures. He said he was looking forward to hearing about the results of the poll he had requested of San Francisco voters to gauge support for funding street and transit, which would either be via a new one-half cent sales tax or a local restoration of the vehicle license fee (VLF) back to its historic level of 2% instead of the current 0.65% that came into effect when former Governor Schwarzenegger reduced the vehicle fee by two-thirds and deprived the state of billions of dollars. He said the VLF and half-cent sales tax were both recommended by Mayor Lee's Transportation 2030 Task Force and so he requested a poll to gauge support, the results of which would be presented under Item 14. Chair Wiener said that the preliminary results of the poll were promising, and that San Francisco voters had indicated that they would like improvements to Muni, BART and Caltrain as well as smoother streets, increased paratransit, and improved street safety. He said it appeared that voters would be willing to pay for those improvements through a VLF locally or a sales tax; provided that the city could assure them that the funds would be used for these transportation improvements.

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 September 22, 2015 Meeting – ACTION

There was no public comment.

The Minutes were approved by the following vote:

Ayes: Commissioners Breed, Campos, Christensen, Cohen, Farrell, Kim, Tang, Wiener and Yee (9)

Absent: Commissioners Avalos and Mar (2)

Items from the Finance Committee

5. Authorize the Executive Director to Execute Cooperative Agreement No. 04-2582 with the California Department of Transportation for the I-280 Interchange Modifications at Balboa Park in a Total Amount Not to Exceed \$150,000 and 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 Breed, Campos, Christensen, Cohen, Farrell, Kim, Tang, Wiener and Yee (9)

Absent: Commissioners Avalos and Mar (2)

6. Award a Three-Year Consultant Contract, with an Option to Extend for Two Additional One-Year Periods, to Smith, Watts and Hartmann in an Amount Not to Exceed \$135,000 for State Legislative Advocacy Services, and Authorize the Executive Director to Negotiate Contract Payment Terms and Non-Material Contract Terms and Conditions – ACTION

There was no public comment.

The item was approved without objection by the following vote:

Ayes: Commissioners Breed, Campos, Christensen, Cohen, Farrell, Kim, Tang, Wiener and Yee (9)

Absent: Commissioners Avalos and Mar (2)

7. **Increase the Amount of the Professional Services Contract with AECOM Technical Services, Inc. by \$1,000,000, to a Total Amount Not to Exceed \$16,935,000 to Complete Design Support Services for the I-80/Yerba Buena Island Ramps Improvement Project, 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 by the following vote:

Ayes: Commissioners Breed, Campos, Christensen, Cohen, Farrell, Kim, Tang, Wiener and Yee (9)

Absent: Commissioners Avalos and Mar (2)

8. **Increase the Amount of the Professional Services Contract with Parsons Brinckerhoff, Inc. by \$1,350,000, to a Total Amount Not to Exceed \$7,650,000, to Complete Construction Support Services for the I-80/Yerba Buena Island Ramps Improvement Project, 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 by the following vote:

Ayes: Commissioners Breed, Campos, Christensen, Cohen, Farrell, Kim, Tang, Wiener and Yee (9)

Absent: Commissioners Avalos and Mar (2)

Items from the Plans and Programs Committee

9. **Appoint Paul Chan 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 Breed, Campos, Christensen, Cohen, Farrell, Kim, Tang, Wiener and Yee (9)

Absent: Commissioners Avalos and Mar (2)

10. **Allocate \$4,185,233 in Prop K funds, with Conditions, and Appropriate \$54,225 in Prop K funds, Subject to the Attached Fiscal Year Cash Flow Distribution Schedules – ACTION**

Commissioner Christensen commented that one of the projects included in this request would increase pedestrian safety in Chinatown, for which she was thankful to staff at the San Francisco Municipal Transportation Agency (SFMTA) and the Transportation Authority. She continued

that she was glad to see the SFMTA proposal build off of existing studies to quickly implement the needed improvements, particularly the pedestrian scramble at the intersection of Kearny and Clay streets. She added that these improvements also addressed her concerns about whether Clay and Washington Streets would be ready for the opening of the Central Subway, which would be an important connection between Chinatown and the Financial District.

There was no public comment.

The item was approved without objection by the following vote:

Ayes: Commissioners Breed, Campos, Christensen, Cohen, Farrell, Kim, Tang, Wiener and Yee (9)

Absent: Commissioners Avalos and Mar (2)

11. Adopt San Francisco's Project Priorities for the 2016 Regional Transportation Improvement Program – ACTION

Commissioner Christensen commented that she was grateful that Phase 3 of the Third Street Light Rail project was included on this list and that she looked forward to further progress on that topic.

Commissioner Cohen said she was thankful that the list included six projects that would be in the Bayview community.

There was no public comment.

The item was approved without objection by the following vote:

Ayes: Commissioners Breed, Campos, Christensen, Cohen, Farrell, Kim, Tang, Wiener and Yee (9)

Absent: Commissioners Avalos and Mar (2)

12. Approve San Francisco's Advocacy Goals and Objectives and Project List for Plan Bay Area 2040 – ACTION

Commissioner Campos commented that he would like to add some clarifying language to the policy section of Attachment 1 regarding anti-displacement. He said this language would note that the Transportation Authority would work with the Mayor's Office of Housing and Community Development (MOHCD), the San Francisco Planning Department, as well as community groups in terms of recommendations to support the production of affordable housing and to prevent displacement, as well as work with the Metropolitan Transportation Commission to develop strategies and tools to enhance the production of affordable housing. He added that it was clear that San Francisco was playing an important leadership role in making sure the region was addressing the issue of anti-displacement, and that this language would ensure the city continued to do that.

Commissioner Campos moved to amend the item to provide greater clarity related to housing and anti-replacement policy objectives, seconded by Commissioner Yee.

Commissioner Christensen commented that in the prior agenda item, project 29, the late night transportation improvements, was very meaningful to merchants and workers at Fisherman's Wharf and also recognized project 50, which included the long-term planning and conceptual design work for Phase 3 of the Third Street Light Rail Project. Regarding Commissioner Campos' proposed amendment, she asked if staff had any comments on the proposed change.

Tilly Chang, Executive Director, responded that staff appreciated Commissioner Campos' guidance and noted that the work in this area was complex. She said that staff would like to work more closely with the San Francisco Municipal Transportation Agency, the Planning Department, and MOHCD in particular to develop more specific recommendations for how the region can develop policies in the areas of performance measurement and community-based planning, specifically related to the regional planning funds that would be available during the next round of One Bay Area Grant funds. Ms. Chang added that this guidance was very helpful and that the Transportation Authority would be convening a working group comprised of the aforementioned agencies as well as other transportation agencies in the region to advance some of these proposals.

There was no public comment.

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

Ayes: Commissioners Breed, Campos, Christensen, Cohen, Farrell, Kim, Tang, Wiener and Yee (9)

Absent: Commissioners Avalos and Mar (2)

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

Ayes: Commissioners Breed, Campos, Christensen, Cohen, Farrell, Kim, Tang, Wiener and Yee (9)

Absent: Commissioners Avalos and Mar (2)

13. Adopt the Transportation Demand Management Partnership Project Final Report Factsheets – ACTION

There was no public comment.

The item was approved without objection by the following vote:

Ayes: Commissioners Breed, Campos, Christensen, Cohen, Farrell, Kim, Tang, Wiener and Yee (9)

Absent: Commissioners Avalos and Mar (2)

Items for Direct Board Consideration

14. Potential 2016 Transportation Revenue Measures Poll Results – INFORMATION

Tilly Chang, Executive Director, introduced the item and Dave Metz, Partner at FM3, who presented the item.

Chair Wiener commented that the poll results were indicative that San Francisco voters understood the importance of expanding and shoring up the city's transportation systems as it continued to grow by 10,000 people per year. He said that San Francisco voters were willing to pay for these improvements, as demonstrated by the overwhelming passage of Prop A last year.

Ms. Chang commented that the BART district was contemplating a potential bond measure and so it was important for this poll to test the \$4 billion level which would provide another data point to BART. She noted that the transportation authorities for Santa Clara and Contra Costa counties were also exploring ballot measures and that other counties were considering revenue measures for 2016. She added that this would be an opportunity for the Transportation Authority to partner at the regional level to develop coordinated funding plans, expenditures,

and investments across county lines.

Chair Wiener commented that there was a conversation at the regional level to ensure that BART goes out with a sufficiently sized bond that would meet the agency's massive capital needs. He said a smaller bond would result in a massive capital deficit for BART which would result in it competing against local transit agencies for other sources of funding over the next decade. He added that the poll results showed that voters around the region support BART and would vote for a bond, but that the city needed to encourage BART to go for a large enough bond.

There was no public comment.

Other Items

15. Introduction of New Items – INFORMATION

There was no public comment.

16. Public Comment

There was no public comment.

17. Adjournment

The meeting was adjourned at 11:53 a.m.