



DRAFT MINUTES

SAN FRANCISCO COUNTY TRANSPORTATION AUTHORITY

Tuesday, March 22, 2016

1. Roll Call

Chair Wiener called the meeting to order at 11:08 a.m.

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

Absent at Roll Call: Commissioners Mar (entered during Item 10), Tang (entered during Item 3), Farrell and Kim (4)

2. Chair's Report – INFORMATION

Chair Wiener congratulated the California Department of Transportation and the Transportation Authority, along with their many public and private sector partners, on winning the California Transportation Foundation's (CTF's) Project of the Year award for the Doyle Drive Replacement Project. He said the opening ceremony for the new Presidio Parkway was held last summer, which saw the replacement of the original Doyle Drive structure with a safe, modern and beautiful facility. He applauded CTF's work as the leading transportation charitable organization in the state, and thanked them for their recognition of this innovative project.

He next thanked U.S. Transportation Secretary Anthony Foxx for naming San Francisco one of seven finalist cities eligible to compete for the US DOT's \$50 million Smart Cities Challenge Grant. He said the Smart Cities program was intended to showcase ways that new vehicle technologies could address cities' mobility and livability goals through partnerships with the federal government and private sector, and that Tim Papandreou with the San Francisco Municipal Transportation Agency would be providing an overview of the city's proposal later in the meeting. He said there was clearly great potential to incorporate new mobility services and vehicle technologies to make the city's streets safer, to promote ridesharing and bicycling, and to extend and support the city's public transportation system. He said with the Bay Area's population expected to add another two million people by 2040, the city was working on transit capacity expansion plans, though in the meantime the city had to make it easier for people to live without a car or to drive their car less. He said that the region could not have another million cars on the roads, which would happen if there weren't good alternatives to driving. He noted that technology enabled transportation could help the region reach its goals more quickly.

Chair Wiener said that BART's troubles over the prior few weeks demonstrated the consequences of waiting too long to address basic transportation infrastructure needs. He noted that BART was 45 years old and is showing its age, while at the same time it faces record demands and ridership. He said the recent electrical problems that were putting vehicles out of service were just the most extreme example of a system that was becoming less reliable and more vulnerable to failure. He

said that as a region, we absolutely must fix this system, modernize it, and expand its capacity, and that in November there would be a critical \$3.5 billion three-county capital infrastructure bond on the ballot. He said that it would be devastating for the region if this bond failed, and that San Francisco, along with Alameda and Contra-Costa counties, needed to make sure it was doing its part in providing funding for the acceleration of BART's vehicle replacement and acquisition program. He added that BART woes were a cautionary note for San Francisco, as the city makes policy decisions regarding investing in Muni, and that the city needed to make sure it was continually ahead of the curve in terms of infrastructure needs.

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 February 23, 2016 Meeting – ACTION

There was no public comment.

The minutes were approved without objection by the following vote:

Ayes: Commissioners Avalos, Breed, Cohen, Peskin, Tang, Wiener and Yee (8)

Absent: Commissioners Campos, Farrell, Kim and Mar (4)

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, Cohen, Peskin, Tang, Wiener and Yee (8)

Absent: Commissioners Farrell, Kim and Mar (3)

Items from the Plans and Programs Committee

6. Approve the Improving West Side Transit Access Strategic Analysis Report – ACTION

There was no public comment.

The item was approved without objection by the following vote:

Ayes: Commissioners Avalos, Breed, Campos, Cohen, Peskin, Tang, Wiener and Yee (8)

Absent: Commissioners Farrell, Kim and Mar (3)

7. Appoint John Larson to the Citizens Advisory Committee – ACTION

There was no public comment.

The item was approved without objection by the following vote:

Ayes: Commissioners Avalos, Breed, Campos, Cohen, Peskin, Tang, Wiener and Yee (8)

Absent: Commissioners Farrell, Kim and Mar (3)

8. Approve the 2016 Prop AA Call for Projects Programming Recommendations Totaling

\$2,192,934 for Four Projects and Amend the Prop AA Strategic Plan – ACTION

Commissioner Peskin commented that there was a recent pedestrian fatality at the intersection of Broadway and Powell Streets, which was the 4th pedestrian fatality in Chinatown in as many years. He said this request represented the final funding for the pedestrian safety and streetscape improvements along Broadway, which would be between Columbus Avenue and the Broadway Tunnel, and requested that a condition be added to the funding.

Commissioner Peskin moved to amend the item to add a condition to the Broadway Chinatown Streetscape Improvements project requiring that San Francisco Public Works meet with his office and the Chinatown Community Development Center to address some minor concerns about the scope prior to the contract being advertised, seconded by Commissioner Breed.

Anna LaForte, Deputy Director for Policy and Programming, stated that the contract had already been advertised and asked if the condition could be prior to the award of the contract instead, to which Commissioner Peskin agreed.

There was no public comment.

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

Ayes: Commissioners Avalos, Breed, Campos, Cohen, Peskin, Tang, Wiener and Yee (8)

Absent: Commissioners Farrell, Kim and Mar (3)

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

Ayes: Commissioners Avalos, Breed, Campos, Cohen, Peskin, Tang, Wiener and Yee (8)

Absent: Commissioners Farrell, Kim and Mar (3)

9. Allocate \$10,975,410 in Prop K Funds and \$794,980 in Prop AA Funds, with Conditions, for Six Requests, Subject to the Attached Fiscal Year Cash Flow Distribution Schedules – ACTION

There was no public comment.

The item was approved without objection by the following vote:

Ayes: Commissioners Avalos, Breed, Campos, Cohen, Peskin, Tang, Wiener and Yee (8)

Absent: Commissioners Farrell, Kim and Mar (3)

Items for Direct Board Consideration

10. Update on the U.S. Department of Transportation’s Smart City Challenge Grant – INFORMATION

Tilly Chang, Executive Director, introduced the item and Timothy Papandreou, Chief Innovation Officer at the San Francisco Municipal Transportation Agency, who presented the item.

During public comment, Francisco DaCosta said that 30,000 housing units were planned for the southeast sector of the city but that the transportation system in that area would not be able to support the growth. He said that the congestion on the freeways was becoming intolerable and that public transit should cater to city residents. He noted a recent report that Muni’s new buses were not performing as expected and said they needed to be reevaluated because of the cost.

Other Items

11. Introduction of New Items – INFORMATION

There was no public comment.

12. Public Comment

During public comment, Andrew Yip spoke about self-nature.

Francisco DaCosta commented on quality of life issues and said that the city needed to address transportation in a different way. He said the city put too much emphasis on consultants and not enough emphasis on diversity and that all the building was leading to congestion.

13. Adjournment

The meeting was adjourned at 11:54 a.m.