



DRAFT MINUTES

SAN FRANCISCO COUNTY TRANSPORTATION AUTHORITY

Tuesday, July 12, 2016 Special Meeting

1. Roll Call

Chair Wiener called the meeting to order at 10:08 a.m.

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

Absent at Roll Call: Commissioners Cohen and Tang (entered during Item 2), Farrell and Mar (4)

Items for Direct Board Consideration

2. Endorse the Proposed San Francisco Transportation Expenditure Plan – INFORMATION/ACTION

Commissioner Avalos explained that both the charter amendment and the sales tax ordinance were moving through the legislative process in parallel, with the sales tax serving as a backup option. He emphasized that both options reflected the latest amendments and would support the City's critical capital, operation, and maintenance needs in an equitable manner. Chair Wiener affirmed that the intent was to keep both options essentially identical and noted the broad support for the proposals across several advocates and agencies, including but not limited to the Mayor's Office, the Transportation Authority, San Francisco Municipal Transportation Agency, and San Francisco Public Works.

Maria Lombardo, Chief Deputy Director, presented the item per the staff memorandum.

Commissioner Avalos commended all the stakeholders involved for coming together on these measures, which resulted in an increased share for the Transit Service and Affordability category; an allowance for a free Muni pass for youth, seniors and the people with disability; and a more balanced approach to the Street Resurfacing category.

Peter Sachs, Vice Chair of the Citizens Advisory Committee (CAC), summarized the CAC's support for the investment in major capital needs, such as Geneva-Harney Bus Rapid Transit, M-Ocean View Subway, Caltrain Downtown Extension, and the Peninsula corridor carpool lanes, as well as the effort to increase equity and affordability. Mr. Sachs noted the CAC's concerns about the regressive nature of the sales tax, the additional taxation on top of past and existing measures such as Prop K, as well as the charter amendment being bundled with homelessness and therefore subject to some voters' potential opposition to a non-transportation issue. Mr. Sachs stated that in consideration of the magnitude of the unmet capital needs, the CAC approved a motion to amend the proposed Expenditure Plan trigger allowing SFMTA to flex capital money to operations, specifically Attachment 3, Section 3.A.2., page 10, lines 21-25, to "...the SFMTA may

transfer up to 50% of the annual percentage allocation of funds that would otherwise go to this program...,” in order to maintain flexibility for the Transportation Authority regarding future transfers and to cap the amount to be transferred between categories. Mr. Sachs said that the endorsement of the Expenditure Plan, as amended, ultimately did not pass the CAC.

Commissioner Avalos commented that the push for increasing affordability was in response to the concern about the regressive nature of the sales tax.

There was no public comment.

The item was approved without objection by the following vote:

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

Abstain: Commissioner Peskin (1)

Absent: Commissioners Farrell and Mar (2)

Other Items

3. Introduction of New Items – INFORMATION

There was no public comment.

4. Public Comment

During public comment, Andrew Yip spoke regarding equality and justice.

5. Adjournment

The meeting was adjourned at 10:32 a.m.