



DRAFT MINUTES

SAN FRANCISCO COUNTY TRANSPORTATION AUTHORITY

Tuesday, June 28, 2016

1. Roll Call

Chair Wiener called the meeting to order at 11:06 a.m.

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

Absent at Roll Call: Commissioners Breed (entered during Item 2), Kim (entered during Item 3), Campos and Farrell (entered during Item 11) (4)

2. Chair's Report – INFORMATION

Chair Wiener said on behalf of the Transportation Authority, he conveyed his deepest condolences to the family and friends of Heather Miller and Kate Slattery, two community members who were killed by motorists in separate hit and run crashes the week prior. He said that investigations were ongoing but it was known that both women were cycling legally on streets identified by the City as high-injury corridors: one on JFK Drive in Golden Gate Park near 30th Avenue, and the other at the intersection of Howard and Seventh Streets. He said that both crashes allegedly involved drivers who were speeding, which continued to be the number one cause of severe injuries and traffic fatalities in the city. He noted that the Vision Zero Committee would be meeting later in the week and that the Board was determined to address the deep education, enforcement and engineering needs across the city in pursuit of safer streets for all users.

Chair Wiener said that driving cultural change and supporting engineering and enforcement needs to achieve safer and complete streets was a central component of the proposed revenue measure for transportation. He said the proposed charter amendment would be discussed during Item 13, and noted that the meeting also would serve as a public hearing for the back-up revenue measure, a dedicated half-cent transportation sales tax, similar to the one that was currently administered by the Transportation Authority. He thanked Mayor Lee and Commissioners Avalos, Farrell and Kim who had worked together to craft these measures, as well as staff who would be conducting outreach over the next several weeks. He said that pursuing a transportation revenue measure kept with the 2013 countywide transportation plan and Transportation 2030 program which Mayor Lee led in 2014, and would address the tremendous needs of the local and regional transportation system.

Chair Wiener said that the BART Board of Directors recently voted unanimously to approve a \$3.5 billion general obligation bond measure for the November ballot. He said that in recognition of the need to focus on maintenance, 90% of the measure would fund critically important safety, reliability and rehabilitation projects, with the other 10% going to congestion reduction projects and planning efforts such the need to explore a second Transbay Tube. He noted that one item

that the bond could not fund due to state eligibility laws was new BART vehicles, which was included in the city's local transportation measure, along with Caltrain and Muni vehicles, more transit service to promote equity and affordability, street resurfacing and safer streets. He said that these local and regional improvements had the advantage of being deployable in the near term, which would bring the city closer to meeting its environmental, livability and transportation safety goals.

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 May 24, 2016 Meeting – ACTION

There was no public comment.

The minutes were approved without objection by the following vote:

Ayes: Commissioners Avalos, Breed, Cohen, Kim, Mar, Peskin, Tang, Wiener and Yee (9)

Absent: Commissioners Campos and Farrell (2)

Items from the Finance Committee

5. Approve the Revised Administrative Code – ACTION

There was no public comment.

The item was approved without objection by the following vote:

Ayes: Commissioners Avalos, Breed, Cohen, Kim, Mar, Peskin, Tang, Wiener and Yee (9)

Absent: Commissioners Campos and Farrell (2)

6. Approve the Revised Rules of Order, and the Revised Debt, Equal Benefits, Fiscal, Investment, and Travel, Conference, Training and Business Expense Reimbursement Policies, and Adopt the Title VI Program – ACTION

There was no public comment.

The item was approved without objection by the following vote:

Ayes: Commissioners Avalos, Breed, Cohen, Kim, Mar, Peskin, Tang, Wiener and Yee (9)

Absent: Commissioners Campos and Farrell (2)

7. Execute Annual Contract Renewals and Options for Various Annual Professional Services in an Amount Not to Exceed \$835,000 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 Avalos, Breed, Cohen, Kim, Mar, Peskin, Tang, Wiener and Yee (9)

Absent: Commissioners Campos and Farrell (2)

8. Adopt the Proposed Fiscal Year 2016/17 Annual Budget and Work Program – ACTION

During public comment, Eileen Boken, a District 4 resident and former member of the Citizens Advisory Committee, commented that based on increasing frustration with Muni Forward, there were discussions among the public about rescinding Prop K. She asked if issuing revenue bonds against future Prop K revenue funds would be fiscally prudent, and if voters would be willing to see another increase in sales tax. She noted that the sales tax was regressive and would impact low-income people the most.

The item was approved without objection by the following vote:

Ayes: Commissioners Avalos, Breed, Cohen, Kim, Mar, Peskin, Tang, Wiener and Yee (9)

Absent: Commissioners Campos and Farrell (2)

Items from the Plans and Programs Committee

9. **Program \$360,000 in Supplemental Regional Safe Routes to School (SR2S) Funds to San Francisco Department of Public Health's SR2S Program, and Reprogram \$52,251 in One Bay Area Grant Funds and \$548,388 in Congestion Management Agency Block Grant Funds to San Francisco Public Works' Second Street Improvement Project – ACTION**

There was no public comment.

The item was approved without objection by the following vote:

Ayes: Commissioners Avalos, Breed, Cohen, Kim, Mar, Peskin, Tang, Wiener and Yee (9)

Absent: Commissioners Campos and Farrell (2)

10. **Allocate \$6,004,645 in Prop K Funds, with Conditions, and Appropriate \$75,000 in Prop K Funds, for Eight 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, Cohen, Kim, Mar, Peskin, Tang, Wiener and Yee (9)

Absent: Commissioners Campos and Farrell (2)

11. **Approve the Fiscal Year 2016/17 Transportation Fund for Clean Air Program of Projects – ACTION**

Chair Wiener commented that one of the projects within Item 11 included funding to implement the Gator Pass program at San Francisco State University (SFSU). He noted that due to BART's funding structure, it does not have the weight of a major city's general fund behind it and therefore has few ways to raise revenue, which unfortunately leaves raising fares as a main way raise revenues. He said that BART was currently too expensive, especially for college students, and that many SFSU students commuted to the campus because they could not afford to live in San Francisco. He said that the year prior, SFSU approached his office to facilitate conversations with BART and the Metropolitan Transportation Commission to come up with a solution for SFSU students taking BART, which resulted in the discounted pass. He thanked BART Board Director Nick Josefowitz, Congresswoman Jackie Speier, and Mayor Lee for their involvement and guidance, as well as SFSU students for voting to adopt the Gator Pass, which SFSU would purchase and pay for through student fees.

There was no public comment.

The item was approved without objection by the following vote:

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

12. Authorize the Executive Director to Execute, with Conditions, a Seven Party Supplement to the 2012 Memorandum of Understanding that Adopted an Early Investment Strategy Pertaining to the Peninsula Corridor Electrification Project – ACTION

During public comment, Casey Fromson with Caltrain thanked staff and the other parties involved for crafting the agreement, as well as Commissioner Cohen for her service on the Caltrain Board. She added that Caltrain ridership had doubled in recent years and that the modernization project would benefit riders from San Jose to San Francisco.

The item was approved without objection by the following vote:

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

Items for Direct Board Consideration

13. Development of a Potential Local Transportation Revenue Measure and Expenditure Plan – INFORMATION

Chair Wiener called the public hearing to order.

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

During public comment, Jacqueline Sachs, member of the Citizens Advisory Committee (CAC), said that she was involved in the creation of Prop B in 1989 and Prop K in 2003, and had served on the CAC since 1997. She said she was against the new revenue measure and noted that voters had already passed two sales tax packages and that the city should finish the projects included in Prop K prior to considering another sales tax.

Eileen Boken, District 4 resident, concurred with Ms. Sachs and said she was in opposition to the proposed set aside, as there were growing budget deficits attributed to set asides. She said she was also in opposition to an increase in sales tax which would be regressive.

Chair Wiener closed the public hearing.

Other Items

14. Introduction of New Items – INFORMATION

During public comment, Jacqueline Sachs said that the year prior, the CAC had heard a presentation on the “Other 9 to 5” regarding extending bus service past midnight and that she had been involved in this project since October. She said that before a final report was adopted or other actions taken there should be a presentation to the Board.

Eileen Boken, District 4 resident, concurred with Ms. Sachs.

15. Public Comment

During public comment, Andrew Yip spoke about methodology and solutions.

16. Adjournment

The meeting was adjourned at 11:50 a.m.