



DRAFT MINUTES

SAN FRANCISCO COUNTY TRANSPORTATION AUTHORITY

Tuesday, July 26, 2016

1. Roll Call

Chair Wiener called the meeting to order at 11:04 a.m.

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

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

2. Chair's Report – INFORMATION

Chair Wiener reported that earlier in the month he was pleased to join with Mayor Lee, Commissioner Mar and staff from the San Francisco Municipal Transportation Agency, Planning Department, Department of the Environment, and the Transportation Authority to formally welcome the Metropolitan Transportation Commission, Association of Bay Area Governments, and the Bay Area Air Quality Management District to their new San Francisco offices at 375 Beale Street. He said that Mayor Lee spoke about the importance of regional collaboration on our land use, transportation and climate goals and presented a beautiful cable car bell to representatives of the three agencies as a welcome gift to be displayed in their new Bay Area Metro Center headquarters. He thanked Senior Communications Officer Eric Young, and Martha Cohen, the Mayor's Director of Special Events, who worked to pull the event together at City Hall.

Chair Wiener said that on July 7, he was also pleased to see that the Peninsula Corridor Joint Powers Board authorized the award of the two main contracts for the electrification of the Caltrain corridor. He said this award included \$1.2 billion in contracts for design-build of the electrification infrastructure and for the manufacture of Electric Multiple Units (EMU) vehicles. He noted that the electrification project would lay the foundation for future blended Caltrain/High-Speed Rail service which was critical to relieve congestion on the U.S. 101 and I-280 freeways, to focus growth in the corridor, and to alleviate capacity constraints at the San Francisco International Airport. He said this investment would be further leveraged by the state's plans to connect the Bay Area with Los Angeles and Sacramento, the latter via a second Transbay crossing which could accommodate BART as well as high-speed rail tracks. He also noted that there were multiple efforts underway at the Transportation Authority and in the region to support this exciting planning work, and that he was eager to also add our local subway vision to this list within a few months.

Lastly, Chair Wiener thanked colleagues on the Board of Supervisors for placing the Charter Amendment Set-Aside for Transportation and Homeless Services on the November ballot the week prior. He thanked Commissioner Avalos and his staff who collaborated with his office, Commissioner Farrell and the Mayor's office on this legislation. He noted that there was also a

separate general sales tax increase measure making its way through the Board process, as well as the BART general obligation bond which had already been placed on the ballot by the BART Board. He said that together, if approved by voters, the funds would provide critically needed revenues to help the city repair its road and transit systems, add Muni service, make its streets safer and expand capacity on BART, Muni and Caltrain, among other improvements. He said that with declining investment from the federal and state levels, the city must invest to move its priorities forward and remain competitive with its local match.

Chair Wiener invited Commissioners Avalos and Mar to provide brief remarks regarding a conference they had recently attended on behalf of the Transportation Authority in early July, the 2016 Local Progress National Convening in Pittsburgh.

Commissioner Avalos said that the conference covered a wide range of issues and included elected officials from all over the country. He said a large part of the discussion was on equity and putting together strategies to improve decision making that affected communities of color over the long-term. He said that in San Francisco and around the country, it seemed that the issue was low-income communities not receiving the same level of service and the same level of capital improvement as other communities. He said he shared the work being doing in San Francisco regarding the San Francisco Municipal Transportation Agency and their efforts to build in equity into their long-term strategies and around funding and improving service, which was well-received by officials from other cities.

Commissioner Mar said that Commissioner Avalos was a key leader of Local Progress, which was sponsored by the Center for Popular Democracy and was comprised of progressive city leaders from around the country. He said there were many accolades for Commissioner Avalos' leadership at the national level, and that his sharing of legislation from San Francisco and the Bay Area region was seen as a model and was appreciated by city leaders and activists from across the country. He said that there were a number of receptions and marches at the conference dealing with issues of transportation justice and displacement that were happening around the country. He said that the conference seemed to be a historic gathering as many leaders came together at a critical time in the nation's history to help raise the voices of many different communities around transportation justice and equity.

During public comment, Jacqualine Sachs stated that she was one of 55 individuals who wrote Prop B, and that as a member of the Citizens Advisory Committee she also helped write Prop K. She said the initiative on the ballot to raise the sales tax for transportation was not going to work because Prop K was a 30-year sales tax package and was still in progress. She said there were projects included in Prop K that still need to be completed before an additional sales tax be added. Ms. Sachs said that Geary Corridor light-rail was a priority-3 funding project from Prop B which was grandfathered into Prop K but was turned into a bus rapid transit project. She said that residents of Geary Boulevard had mixed feelings on bus rapid transit. She added that the San Francisco Public Utilities Commission said that when Prop B was passed, the only way to alleviate traffic congestion on Geary Boulevard was to have a light-rail line, and to consider that before adding another sales tax.

3. Executive Director's Report – INFORMATION

Tilly Chang, Executive Director, presented the Executive Director's Report.

Commissioner Avalos commented that there were a few traffic calming streetscape projects planned for District 11, specifically in the Excelsior neighborhood, but that there had been difficulty in moving the projects forward. He asked staff to help coordinate the projects so that

they would be underway by the end of the year.

There was no public comment.

4. Approve the Minutes of the June 28, 2016 Meeting and July 12, 2016 Special Meeting – ACTION

There was no public comment.

The minutes were approved without objection by the following vote:

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

Items from the Plans and Programs Committee

5. Reappoint Brian Larkin to the Citizens Advisory Committee – ACTION

There was no public comment.

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

6. Allocate \$45,417,062 in Prop K Funds and \$141,794 in Prop AA Funds, with Conditions, for Eleven Requests, Subject to the Attached Fiscal Year Cash Flow Distribution Schedules, and Commit to Allocate \$3,810,006 in Prop K Funds – ACTION

During public comment, Alice Rogers from the South Park Improvement Association said that the Neighborhood Transportation Improvement Program funds were important to the neighborhood's traffic calming and would make a big difference. She thanked Commissioner Kim for supporting the neighborhood's request as well as the Transportation Authority for helping to bring the project together with park renovation funds.

Commissioner Yee asked about the location of the bicycle routes that were included in the Pedestrian and Bicycle Facility Maintenance allocation.

Anna LaForte, Deputy Director for Policy and Programming, responded that the bicycle routes were highlighted in the attachments to the memo, but potential locations included Market Street between 8th and 9th Streets, the 'Wiggle' route, Monterey Boulevard, Cesar Chavez Street and Folsom Street.

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)

7. Adopt the San Francisco Parking Supply and Utilization Study Summary Report – ACTION

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)

Other Items

8. Introduction of New Items – INFORMATION

During public comment, Jacqueline Sachs stated that the Citizens Advisory Committee (CAC) had received a presentation regarding the late night transportation study, “The Other 9 to 5”, in February and that she had participated in the Late Night Working Group since October. She asked that before any changes were made to bus schedules or new routes were added, that they be brought before the CAC and Board for input. Ms. Sachs added that any changes should also consider the transportation plan for the proposed Golden State Warriors arena in Mission Bay, which would be directly across the street from the University of California, San Francisco medical center.

9. Public Comment

During public comment, Andrew Yip spoke about virtue.

10. Adjournment

The meeting was adjourned at 11:35 a.m.