



DRAFT MINUTES

SAN FRANCISCO COUNTY TRANSPORTATION AUTHORITY

Tuesday, October 25, 2016

1. Roll Call

Chair Wiener called the meeting to order at 11:10 a.m.

Present at Roll Call: Commissioners Avalos, Breed, Campos, Cohen, Peskin, Tang, Wiener and Yee (8)

Absent at Roll Call: Commissioners Farrell and Mar (entered during Item 2) and Kim (entered during Item 3) (3)

2. Chair's Report – INFORMATION

Chair Wiener reported that it had been an exciting month for the Transportation Authority. He said the week prior he joined with officials from Commissioner Kim's office, the Treasure Island Development Authority, Caltrans, California Highway Patrol, Federal Highway Administration and the Metropolitan Transportation Commission (MTC) at the ribbon cutting for the new I-80 East Side Yerba Buena Island (YBI) Ramps. He said it was the first major capital project delivered by the Transportation Authority, and that the new ramps would provide safe access for westbound motorists and are the first of many infrastructure projects planned for YBI. He congratulated Executive Director Tilly Chang, Deputy Director for Capital Projects Eric Cordoba, and the extended project team for completing the \$98 million project on-time and on-budget. He also congratulated Caltrans on the opening of the East Span Bay Bridge bicycle and pedestrian path connection to YBI just a few days later. He said that it was a much anticipated regional link and would provide improved access to YBI, and thanked all the agencies that were involved in moving the project forward.

Chair Wiener reported that earlier in the month, he was delighted to hear U.S. Department of Transportation Secretary Foxx' announcement awarding an \$11 million innovative technology and congestion management grant to San Francisco. He said the projects funded by the grant would be implemented by the Transportation Authority and San Francisco Municipal Transportation Agency (SFMTA), with support from University of California Berkeley. He said the projects included the development of high-occupancy lanes for public transit and carpools, smart traffic signals to reduce congestion and improve safety, an electronic toll system for Treasure Island, and the deployment and testing of three autonomous shuttles for the Island. He said he was excited to see the demonstration projects begin to transform the city's ambitious transportation visions into practical solutions, and congratulated the Transportation Authority and SFMTA staff and thanked Mayor Lee and Leader Pelosi for their support for the effort.

Finally, Chair Wiener thanked Michael Schwartz from the Transportation Authority and Sarah Jones from the SFMTA for presenting an update on the city's Subway Vision planning study at

the Board of Supervisors Land Use Committee the week prior. He said it was great to see the early thinking by planners and the public on where major rail investment could make sense from a capacity, connectivity and access standpoint. He said that although it was early in the process and the city's plans were ambitious, he was convinced that as a growing city and region, the city must be forward-looking in setting the transit future that it would like to pursue. Chair Wiener concluded his remarks and invited Commissioner Mar to provide a brief report on the Rail~Volution conference he attended at the Hyatt Regency in early October.

Commissioner Mar stated that the conference had 1,200 attendees and 75 speakers, including Director Ed Reiskin at the SFMTA and Executive Director Steve Heminger at MTC. He said the most important aspect of the conference was regarding equity in transit-oriented developments and building more livable and sustainable cities. He said that staff from TransForm did a great job of integrating transit thinking with housing development and land use policy, while SPUR held a great panel on merging housing development with transportation policy. Commissioner Mar noted that many regions across the country looked towards the Bay Area as the innovation capital to address these types of complex and challenging policy issues. He said that while the conference was great for networking, it was also helpful for the synergism and intersectionality of the work being done in different sectors.

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 27, 2016 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 Finance Committee

5. Execute a Memorandum of Agreement with the Treasure Island Development Authority for the Yerba Buena Island Vista Point Operation Services in an Amount Not to Exceed \$500,000 through December 31, 2018, and Authorize the Executive Director to Negotiate Payment Terms and Non-Material Agreement Terms and Conditions – ACTION

Commissioner Peskin voiced concern over appropriating \$500,000 for temporary improvements that would be removed less than two years after they would be built. Tilly Chang, Executive Director, replied that the idea was to have a safe and welcoming receiving area for visitors to Yerba Buena Island (YBI) since the bicycle and pedestrian path was recently opened. She said some of the improvements would be permanent, while features such as the bathrooms and hydration stations would only be temporary. Eric Cordoba, Deputy Director for Capital Projects, added that they were currently working with Caltrans and the Bay Area Toll Authority (BATA) to implement additional improvements in the area and would likely spend less than the \$500,000 allocated.

Commissioner Peskin asked if the not to exceed amount could be reduced since it was unclear how much would need to be appropriated. Mr. Cordoba stated that the operation and maintenance

of the Vista Point included security and maintenance services and a temporary shuttle, which had all been budgeted through the end of 2018. He said what could occur is that construction in the area would begin sooner than the end of 2018 which would lead to the removal of the temporary services, but that the \$500,000 represented the maximum amount if construction did not start until 2019.

Chair Wiener asked for clarification on Commissioner Peskin's recommendation. Commissioner Peskin stated that the time frame and amount for the agreement should be fixed since there were many aspects of the agreement still in fluctuation. Ms. Chang stated that the term of the agreement could be shortened to end in mid-2017, at which point there would be an update on the project and the term of the agreement could be potentially extended, depending on the construction date of the YBI West Side Ramps project. Mr. Cordoba added that in total \$2 million had been budgeted for the Vista Point project, with \$1 million coming from BATA and \$1 million from the YBI Ramps project.

During public comment, Janice Lee with the San Francisco Bicycle Coalition (SFBC) stated that SFBC was very supportive of the project, and noted the many agencies involved in delivering the bicycle and pedestrian path and Vista Point improvements. She said the path was now open to the public and therefore the landing on YBI needed to be safe and welcoming, so SFBC supported the allocation for the agreement.

Commissioner Peskin moved to amend the item to change the agreement end date to June 30, 2017, seconded by Commissioner Tang.

The amendment to 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)

The amended 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 from the Plans and Programs Committee

6. Allocate \$12,713,969 in Prop K Funds, with Conditions, for Two 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, Farrell, Kim, Mar, Peskin, Tang, Wiener and Yee (11)

7. Approve the 2017 Prop AA Strategic Plan Policies and Screening and Prioritization Criteria – 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)

8. Approve San Francisco Input on the Plan Bay Area 2040 Draft Preferred Scenario –

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

9. Introduction of New Items – INFORMATION

There was no public comment.

10. Public Comment

During public comment, Andrew Yip spoke about wisdom.

11. Adjournment

The meeting was adjourned at 11:39 a.m.