



DRAFT MINUTES

SAN FRANCISCO COUNTY TRANSPORTATION AUTHORITY

Tuesday, November 29, 2016

1. Roll Call

Chair Wiener called the meeting to order at 11:25 a.m.

Present at Roll Call: Commissioners Avalos, Breed, Cohen, Mar, Wiener and Yee (6)

Absent at Roll Call: Commissioners Tang (entered during Item 2), Campos, Farrell, Kim and Peskin (5)

2. Chair's Report – INFORMATION

Chair Wiener reported that the November elections brought mixed results for the transportation sector. He said the Transportation Authority was delighted that Measure RR, the \$3.5 billion BART bond, passed handily with the support of 81% of San Francisco voters. He said this would ensure that BART would have the funds to conduct its most pressing maintenance work system-wide, including to bolster the Transbay Tube. He said the measure was incredibly important for safety and reliability, and would also enhance capacity through train control upgrades and much-needed maintenance facilities. He said that one item that was not included in the bond was BART's fleet of 300 expansion vehicles, which were instead included in local county measures including the city's Proposition J transportation and homelessness spending measure. He noted that voters overwhelmingly supported Proposition J with 67% support but rejected Proposition K, the revenue measure that would have raised an equivalent amount of funds to pay for the expenditures. He said without that funding source, Mayor Lee exercised a one-time option to cancel Proposition J and therefore the city would need to find another way to fund its contribution for BART cars, in addition to a range of critical local and regional transportation improvements for Muni and Caltrain, safer streets for pedestrians and cyclists, and street repaving.

Chair Wiener stated that while Contra Costa County's measure also failed, there were a number of measures that passed in other counties and regions, locally and nationally, including Santa Clara, Los Angeles, Seattle, Atlanta, and several other cities in the Carolinas and Ohio. He stated that overall, NPR reported that of 77 transit measures on the ballot, 71% were passed by voters, accounting for almost \$170 billion in new transit spending. He said this devolution of transportation funding was a long-term national trend and that San Francisco, the Bay Area and California must keep it up. He noted that the week prior, Governor Brown announced that there would be no transportation bill in the Special Session ending November 30th, and while there were reports that infrastructure was high on the Trump administration's priority list, details beyond tax breaks to incentivize private investment were scant. He said that many were skeptical of this method of financing because it was hard to apply to a majority of the transportation investment needs across the nation.

He said that the good news was the city was coming together to address these new realities. He said he was proud to join the Board and Mayor Lee to re-affirm San Francisco's commitment to being a Sanctuary City, and that while there was uncertainty in how the new administration would approach these cities, there was strength in numbers with other like-minded communities and there was the strength in the city's convictions. He said given that, he was optimistic that the city, region and state could work together on new local tools and measures to enable self-help, such as through the upcoming Regional Measure 3 bridge toll talks and through a potential return to the ballot with a new local transportation measure in 2018. He noted that this would be a challenge, but he was glad that Mayor Lee's office had already reached out to Director Tilly Chang, along with Director of Transportation Ed Reiskin, to assess the results and explore the city's options for going back to the voters in 2018.

Chair Wiener stated that this would be his last Board meeting as Chair, but he looked forward to working with the Board in his new capacity as a member of the State Senate in Sacramento. He thanked the Board for its collaborative work, and for working together on improving transportation in San Francisco and the region. He particularly thanked Vice Chair Mar and Committee Chair Tang, Metropolitan Transportation Commissioner Campos, and many other colleagues on the Golden Gate Highway, Bridge & Transit District, as well as Vision Zero Chair Yee and TIMMA Chair Kim. Additionally, he thanked staff at the Transportation Authority and the current and former staff in his office, and noted that there was much to be proud of.

Chair Wiener summarized the accomplishments over the past two years, including funding neighborhood transportation improvements across San Francisco; advancing regional priorities such as Caltrain Electrification and the Caltrain Downtown Extension; funding the largest investments ever made in the Muni light rail fleet and replacing Muni's entire bus fleet; completing Doyle Drive and Yerba Buena Island ramps; moving Vision Zero forward along with Van Ness and Geary bus rapid transit; planning for the next generation of rail and subways, locally in San Francisco and around the region; helping to adopt a responsible and aspirational Plan Bay Area preferred scenario; and much more. He said that he would be resigning from the Board of Supervisors and the Transportation Authority on the following Monday when he would be sworn in to the State Senate. In his absence, he proposed finishing the year under the leadership of Vice Chair Mar, and then at the January Board meeting hold annual elections for the coming year.

There was no public comment.

3. Executive Director's Report – INFORMATION

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

Commissioner Mar thanked Chair Wiener for his leadership and for focusing on improving transportation throughout the region and over the long-term, and said the region would benefit from having a strong champion for transportation in the state legislature.

There was no public comment.

4. Approve the Minutes of the October 25, 2016 Meeting – ACTION

There was no public comment.

The minutes were approved without objection by the following vote:

Ayes: Commissioners Avalos, Breed, Cohen, Mar, Tang, Wiener and Yee (7)

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

Items from the Finance Committee

5. **Accept the Audit Report for the Fiscal Year Ended June 30, 2016 – ACTION**

Commissioner Yee congratulated the Transportation Authority on receiving a clean audit without any findings.

There was no public comment.

The item was approved without objection by the following vote:

Ayes: Commissioners Avalos, Breed, Cohen, Mar, Tang, Wiener and Yee (7)

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

Items from the Plans and Programs Committee

6. **Allocate \$3,149,000 in Prop K Funds, with Conditions, for Three Requests and Appropriate \$100,000 in Prop K Funds for One Request, Subject to the Attached Fiscal Year Cash Flow Distribution Schedules, and Commit to Allocate \$325,000 in Prop K Funds – ACTION**

Commissioner Yee asked if there was a timeline for the Dewey Boulevard traffic calming plan.

Anna LaForte, Deputy Director for Policy and Programming, said that the overall schedule for the group of traffic calming measures being funded showed implementation being completed by December 2019. She added that there were a number of plans being implemented with the allocation request that were in various stages, and that staff would follow-up with the project sponsor to obtain the specific schedule for the Dewey Boulevard traffic calming plan.

There was no public comment.

The item was approved without objection by the following vote:

Ayes: Commissioners Avalos, Breed, Cohen, Mar, Tang, Wiener and Yee (7)

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

Other Items

7. **Introduction of New Items – INFORMATION**

There was no public comment.

8. **Public Comment**

During public comment, Andrew Yip spoke about virtues.

9. **Adjournment**

The meeting was adjourned at 11:46 a.m.