



# DRAFT MINUTES

## SAN FRANCISCO COUNTY TRANSPORTATION AUTHORITY

Tuesday, April 25, 2017

### 1. Roll Call

Chair Peskin called the meeting to order at 10:07 a.m.

**Present at Roll Call:** Commissioners Breed, Cohen, Peskin, Safai, Sheehy and Tang (6)

**Absent at Roll Call:** Commissioners Kim (entered during Item 7), Farrell, Fewer, Ronen and Yee (5)

### 2. Chair's Report – INFORMATION

Chair Peskin reported that it had been a significant month for transportation, starting with the recent passage of Senate Bill (SB) 1, the \$52 billion state transportation funding bill. He said the bill provided new funding for road maintenance, transit, walking and bicycling facilities through a combination of gasoline and diesel fuel taxes, a vehicle fee increase and truck weight fee restorations. He said together with cities and counties around the state, San Francisco was thankful to Senator Jim Beall and Assemblyman Jim Frazier, the Transportation Committee Chairs in the legislature, and Governor Brown, for their leadership and hard work over the prior two years to get this bill across the finish line. He also thanked Assemblyman Ting, Assemblyman Chiu, and in particular Senator Wiener, who pushed for and obtained increased transit funding levels (\$7.5 billion) within the bill. He said according to formula, San Francisco was expected to receive about \$72 million per year for road maintenance and transit capital and operating expenses. He noted that San Francisco could also compete for other discretionary pots of funding, such as Congested Corridors and Active Transportation Programs. He said this funding would make a big difference for the region's aging transportation systems, but it was not enough to cover the bulk of the system's backlog of maintenance and capacity expansion needs.

Chair Peskin said the Bay Area Caucus, led by Assemblyman Phil Ting and Senator Jim Beall, had already turned its attention to Regional Measure 3 (RM3), the proposed Bay Area bridge toll measure that would go to the voters in 2018. He said that while SB1 focused on system rehabilitation or 'aging pains', SB 595 – the RM3 bill recently introduced by Chair Beall, aimed to address the region's most congested corridors, or 'growing pains'. He said he looked forward to working with the Board and the state delegation and other regional leaders to ensure the bill included the core capacity and transit capital investments that were needed to accommodate the region's high housing needs and job growth. He said the set of priorities would be familiar, such as the Caltrain downtown extension and expansion vehicles for BART, as well as Muni core capacity investments and other improvements to the ferry and freeway systems. He said he looked forward to having the prioritization of the projects at the May Board meeting and playing an active role in supporting and shaping the bill.

He said that as the regional conversation about RM3 unfolds he would like to address the city's pressing transportation needs to fund safe, affordable, and equitable access for neighborhoods across the city. He said as was evident from the Caltrain Electrification project, which he was pleased to advocate for at a recent event with Senator Feinstein and the business community hosted by the Silicon Valley Leadership Group, the region could not count on federal funding for the most important infrastructure projects. He said that was why along with Mayor Lee and Board of Supervisors President Breed, he had setup the Transportation 2045 Task Force to identify transportation needs, gaps, and revenue options for the next 25 years. He said that with the state's leadership, and regional partnership, as well as input from the Board and the Task Force, the region could make significant progress in combating congestion, improving air quality and investing in critical road and transit infrastructure. He said the first meeting would be convened in May, and all Commissioners were welcome to attend as Ex-Officio members. Lastly, he congratulated Eric Cordoba, Deputy Director for Capital Projects, for delivering the Yerba Buena Island Vista Point project, which would open on May 2 at the western terminus of the San Francisco-Oakland Bay Bridge bicycle and pedestrian. He said it was an important connection for cyclists and pedestrians across the region and a great way to celebrate Bike to Work Day, and month, in May.

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.

## **Consent Agenda**

Chair Peskin severed Item 7 from the Consent Agenda.

4. **Approve the Minutes of the April 11, 2017 Meeting – ACTION**
5. **[Final Approval] Amend the Adopted Fiscal Year 2016/17 Budget to Increase Revenues by \$13,396,777, Increase Expenditures by \$15,356,835, and Increase Other Financing Sources by \$21,335,835 for a Total Net Increase in Fund Balance of \$19,375,777 – ACTION**
6. **[Final Approval] Allocate \$193,475 in Prop K Funds for Bike to Work Day 2017 and the Central Richmond Neighborway Project, with Conditions, and Appropriate \$602,254 in Prop K Funds for the Geary Bus Rapid Transit Project, Subject to the Attached Fiscal Year Cash Flow Distribution Schedules – ACTION**
7. **[Final Approval] Allocate \$5,464,675 in Prop K Funds, with Conditions, for the Downtown Extension Including \$4,549,675 for Preliminary Engineering and \$915,000 for a Tunneling Options Engineering Study, and Appropriate \$200,000 for Oversight of the Downtown Extension, Subject to the Attached Fiscal Year Cash Flow Distribution Schedules – ACTION**

Chair Peskin asked for confirmation that the Transbay Joint Powers Authority (TJPA) and Planning Department were on the same page regarding the environmental strategy. Mark Zabaneh, Executive Director at the Transbay Joint Powers Authority, replied in the affirmative, and said that the two agencies were currently in discussions on how to address Planning's

comments on the California Environmental Quality Act (CEQA), but that they would find a solution to move forward through collaborating together.

Chair Peskin asked for clarification that as the TJPA moved forward with approving the CEQA document, the TJPA Board would not be asked to bless the preferred alignment at the same time. Chair Peskin stated that any TJPA action on the CEQA documents should not predetermine the Board's decision to be made later in the year regarding the two potential alignments. Mr. Zabaneh replied that until TJPA was able to address Planning's comment to their satisfaction, the TJPA Board would not be taking any action on the environmental document.

Chair Peskin commented that if there was any discord between the two agencies related to the environmental strategy, the Board could put the subject \$5.5 million allocation on pause or stop it altogether.

There was no public comment.

Commissioner Safai moved to approve the item, seconded by Commissioner Sheehy.

The item was approved without objection by the following vote:

Ayes: Commissioners Breed, Cohen, Kim, Peskin, Safai, Sheehy, Tang (7)

Absent: Commissioners Farrell, Fewer, Ronen and Yee (4)

8. **[Final Approval] Adopt the Alemany Interchange Improvement Study [NTIP Planning] Final Report – ACTION**
9. **[Final Approval] Adopt the Western Addition Community-Based Transportation Plan [NTIP Planning] Final Report – ACTION**
10. **[Final Approval] Adopt the Community of Concern Boundaries for San Francisco – ACTION**
11. **[Final Approval] Approve the Proposed Independent Analysis and Oversight Contract Scope of Services – ACTION**
12. **Overview of Emerging Mobility Services and Technology Studies – INFORMATION**

There was no public comment on the Consent Agenda.

Commissioner Sheehy moved to approve the Consent Agenda, seconded by Commissioner Safai.

The Consent Agenda was approved without objection by the following vote:

Ayes: Commissioners Breed, Cohen, Peskin, Safai, Sheehy, Tang (6)

Absent: Commissioners Farrell, Fewer, Kim, Ronen and Yee (5)

### **End of Consent Agenda**

#### **13. Update on Plan Bay Area 2040 – INFORMATION**

Ken Kirkey, Director of Planning at the Metropolitan Transportation Commission (MTC), presented the item.

There was no public comment.

Tilly Chang, Executive Director, thanked the MTC and Association of Bay Area Governments

for working collaboratively on this plan over the last several years, as well as Commissioner Kim and Nick Josefowitz for serving on the MTC Commission. She said that the Transportation Authority was looking forward to building on the action plan for housing, resilience and infrastructure, as well as the Regional Measure 3 effort.

**14. Update on California High-Speed Rail – INFORMATION**

Ben Tripousis, Northern California Regional Director at the California High-Speed Rail Authority, presented the item.

There was no public comment.

**Other Items**

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

There were no new items introduced.

**16. Public Comment**

During public comment, Andrew Yip spoke about virtue.

**17. Adjournment**

The meeting was adjourned at 10:34 a.m.