



DRAFT MINUTES

SAN FRANCISCO COUNTY TRANSPORTATION AUTHORITY

Tuesday, May 23, 2017

1. Roll Call

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

Present at Roll Call: Commissioners Fewer, Kim, Peskin, Ronen, Sheehy, Tang and Yee (7)

Absent at Roll Call: Commissioners Breed (entered during Item 2), Cohen (entered during Item 3), Farrell and Safai (entered during Item 9) (2)

2. Chair's Report – INFORMATION

Chair Peskin reported that after months of intensive advocacy the city was happy to learn that Secretary of Transportation Elaine Chao had signed the Full Funding Grant Agreement for \$647 million for the Caltrain Electrification project – a request that San Francisco had been working with other regional jurisdictions to strongly champion for several months. He said that with this commitment, Caltrain could access the first \$173 million appropriated by Congress earlier in the year and get this important project underway. He said the news was a welcome surprise after months of advocacy by Caltrain, Governor Brown, Senator Feinstein, Leader Pelosi, Representative Speier, Mayors Lee and Licardo, and many other federal, state and local leaders including four members of the Board.

He thanked Commissioners Breed, Ronen and Sheehy for going to Washington D.C. in April with Executive Director Tilly Chang and the Chamber of Commerce to lobby for San Francisco's many funding needs, particularly transportation infrastructure. He said it was apparent that they got the message that Caltrain was a critical project that united the entire peninsula. He said he was pleased to attend Senator Feinstein's advocacy event earlier in the month with SFMTA Board members, Gillian Gillett of Mayor Lee's office and the Silicon Valley Leadership Group. He also thanked the regional coalition of transit, labor, environmental and business leaders who came together for the project. He said that Caltrain Electrification would clean the region's air, reduce congestion and generate thousands of jobs locally and nationwide. He thanked the Presidential administration, Secretary Chao and the Federal Transit Administration and said the region was looking forward to kicking off the Caltrain Electrification project very soon.

Chair Peskin said he was also looking forward to the inaugural meeting of the city's Transportation 2045 Task Force on June 5th at City Hall. He said the Transportation Task Force 2030 had helped the City identify potential transportation funding sources in 2013, and that along with Mayor Lee, they were re-convening the Task Force with a fresh focus on transparency, transit justice, geographic equity and neighborhood-level input. He said that with the help of a diverse and veteran working group of neighborhood leaders, transit and Vision Zero advocates, public

agencies, business leaders and civic organizations citywide, the task force would be vetting revenue options and shaping expenditure plans for the next 27 years, with an eye toward potential revenues measures for voter consideration in 2018. He thanked all those who would serve on the task force and to the city staff that had been working hard to prepare for the series of meetings and workshops.

Finally, he congratulated Transportation Authority staff, particularly Executive Director Chang and Deputy Director for Capital Projects Eric Cordoba, on winning the Northern California Congestion Management Association of America Project Achievement Award for the Westbound I-80/YBI Ramps Project. He said they faced some tough competition but won the large project category for projects greater than \$50 million. He said it was great to see the partnership on that job with Caltrans and a number of city and regional agencies, as well as with the outstanding contractors at Golden State Bridge and team members from WSP Parsons Brinkerhoff, including their subcontractors.

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

- 4. Approve the Minutes of the May 9, 2017 Meeting – ACTION**
- 5. [Final Approval] Approve the 2017 Prop AA Strategic Plan Update and 5-Year Prioritized Programs of Projects – ACTION**
- 6. [Final Approval] Allocate \$1,559,695 in Prop K Funds for Three Requests, with Conditions – ACTION**
- 7. [Final Approval] Adopt the District 1 Neighborhood Transportation Improvement Program [NTIP Planning] Final Report – ACTION**
- 8. [Final Approval] Adopt the Transportation Investment and Growth Strategy 2017 Update – ACTION**

There was no public comment.

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

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

Ayes: Commissioners Breed, Cohen, Fewer, Kim, Peskin, Ronen, Sheehy, Tang and Yee
(9)

Absent: Commissioners Farrell and Safai (2)

End of Consent Agenda

- 9. [Final Approval] Adopt Principles for Regional Measure 3 (RM3) and Approve a List of San Francisco Candidate Projects and RM3 Advocacy Amounts – ACTION**

Maria Lombardo, Chief Deputy Director, introduced the item.

Chair Peskin read a statement on behalf of Commissioner Fewer that she appreciated the

conversation of identifying priorities for the city for how bridge toll dollars could be best spent for city residents. He said she had a vision to connect District 1 to the rest of the region and the East Bay, and noted that 65% of District 1 residents were renters and therefore an increased bridge toll would impact them. He said that Commissioner Fewer would like to see concrete benefits for District 1 residents and a framework for the expansion of subway service into the west side of the city. He said that she would like to change the description related to the Core Capacity Transit Study for project h, the 2nd Transbay Tube, to include “extensions into San Francisco (e.g. the Richmond district)”.

Commissioner Cohen commented that it was important to have this conversation and for the city to consider not just current but future congestion as well. She said numerous developments such as the Golden State Warriors arena and the Mission Bay ferry landing would draw tens of thousands of people traveling through the southeast and southwest quadrants of the city. She said the city needed to mitigate the impact of congestion as the residents in these areas already suffered disproportionately from the environmental impacts of living at the interaction of two major freeways. She said the constituents of District 10 also suffered from a disinvestment of efficient and effective transportation systems and that it took longer to travel from the district to downtown than from Oakland to downtown. She said for such a resource rich city, it was in the best interest of the city to understand what the traffic impacts of future growth would be and that the city needed to make real investments in transit infrastructure.

Commissioner Yee asked for confirmation that Regional Measure 3 would not apply to the Golden Gate Bridge. Ms. Lombardo confirmed that it would apply to all of the toll bridges in the Bay Area except for the Golden Gate.

Chair Peskin commented that the Golden Gate Bridge’s toll levels were set by the Golden Gate Bridge, Highway and Transportation District, on which some of the Board members serve.

There was no public comment.

Commissioner Cohen moved to amend the item to increase the Regional Measure 3 amount for project d, the Mission Bay Ferry Landing, to \$25 million and change the description for project h, the 2nd Transbay Tube as requested by Commissioner Fewer, seconded by Commissioner Sheehy.

The amendments to the item were approved without objection by the following vote:

Ayes: Commissioners Breed, Cohen, Farrell, Fewer, Kim, Peskin, Ronen, Safai, Sheehy, Tang and Yee (11)

The amended item was approved without objection by the following vote:

Ayes: Commissioners Breed, Cohen, Farrell, Fewer, Kim, Peskin, Ronen, Safai, Sheehy, Tang and Yee (11)

10. [Final Approval on First Appearance] Adopt a Support Position on SB 595 (Beall) – ACTION

Maria Lombardo, Chief Deputy Director, introduced the item.

There was no public comment.

The item was approved without objection by the following vote:

Ayes: Commissioners Cohen, Farrell, Fewer, Kim, Peskin, Ronen, Safai, Sheehy, Tang and Yee (10)

Nos: Commissioner Breed (1)

11. [Final Approval on First Appearance] Adopt Positions on State Legislation – ACTION

Amber Crabbe, Assistant Deputy Director for Policy and Programming introduced the item.

Chair Peskin commented regarding staff's recommendation to take an oppose position on Senate Bill (SB) 182 that the bill passed out of the state Senate the prior day.

Commissioner Breed asked if a position on SB 1 was included in the requested action. Ms. Crabbe replied that the Board has already taken a position on that bill so it was included in the legislation matrix for tracking purposes but was not part of the requested action.

There was no public comment.

Commissioner Sheehy moved to amend the item to adopt an oppose position on SB 182, seconded by Commissioner Yee.

The amendment to the item was approved without objection by the following vote:

Ayes: Commissioners Breed, Cohen, Farrell, Fewer, Kim, Peskin, Ronen, Safai, Sheehy, Tang and Yee (11)

The amended item was approved without objection by the following vote:

Ayes: Commissioners Breed, Cohen, Farrell, Fewer, Kim, Peskin, Ronen, Safai, Sheehy, Tang and Yee (11)

12. [Final Approval on First Appearance] Appropriate \$250,000 in Prop K Funds for the Lombard Crooked Street Congestion Management System Development [NTIP Capital] – ACTION

Commissioner Farrell commented that the Lombard Street congestion also affected the surrounding neighborhoods and that the situation had reached a point where the city needed to step in. He said the recommendation was based upon a Transportation Authority study which considered several options and noted that no solution would be perfect.

During public comment, Greg Rundidge commented that he was with the Lombard Hill Improvement Association which had been working with Commissioner Farrell's office for the past five years. He said he had recently sent a letter to Commissioner Breed's office addressing some of the concerns she raised at the May 9 Board meeting. He said the reservation system would reduce the volume of people and create an orderly situation since people would be arriving at different times. He said the cameras would allow the city to charge a toll to people who skip the reservation process, and noted that it could be designed to not charge San Francisco residents based on their license plates. He added that the tolls charged would help pay to operate the system.

Jim Eichman commented that recent neighborhood meetings were unanimous that the city had to intervene to address the situation. He urged the Board to approve the item and implement the suggested solutions in the study. He said that the current situation had reached a tipping point and that enforcement was needed.

Commissioner Farrell moved to approve the item, seconded by Commissioner Cohen.

The item was approved without objection by the following vote:

Ayes: Commissioners Breed, Cohen, Farrell, Fewer, Kim, Peskin, Ronen, Safai, Sheehy, Tang and Yee (11)

Chair Peskin called Items 13 and 14 together.

13. Internal Accounting Report and Investment Report for the Nine Months Ending March 31, 2017 – INFORMATION

14. Preliminary Fiscal Year 2017/18 Annual Budget and Work Program – INFORMATION

Cynthia Fong, Deputy Director for Finance and Administration, presented the budget and Tilly Chang, Executive Director, presented the work program.

There was no public comment.

Other Items

15. Introduction of New Items – INFORMATION

Commissioner Cohen requested staff to look into a mobility management study for District 10.

16. Public Comment

During public comment, Andrew Yip spoke about the success of the nation.

17. Adjournment

The meeting was adjourned at 11:05 a.m.