



# DRAFT MINUTES

## SAN FRANCISCO COUNTY TRANSPORTATION AUTHORITY

Tuesday, October 24, 2017

### 1. Roll Call

Chair Peskin called the meeting to order at 10:10 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 2), Safai (entered during Item 3) and Farrell (entered during item 4) (4)

### 2. Chair's Report – INFORMATION

Chair Peskin expressed support for the North Bay communities that suffered great losses during the recent fires. He said the Board was thinking of those communities and would stand ready to support them as they rebuild in the days ahead. He said that the Transportation Authority had sold its first long-term bonds the week prior and raised a total of \$248.5 million for Muni vehicle purchases and other projects citywide. He said that five underwriters participated in the sale and that it was awarded to Bank of America, with a winning bid of 2.39%. He said that prior to the bond sale, Fitch Ratings and Standard & Poor's (S&P) Financial Services had each upgraded their credit ratings on the Transportation Authority. He said the new AAA rating from Fitch and AA+ rating from S&P reflected the strength and diversity of San Francisco's economic base and the Transportation Authority's strong financial position, which enabled a low cost of borrowing, leaving more funds for capital projects. He congratulated the Transportation Authority's bond team and recognized Deputy Directors Cynthia Fong and Anna LaForte, Chief Deputy Director Maria Lombardo and Executive Director Tilly Chang. He also thanked San Francisco City Controller Ben Rosenfeld and Nadia Sesay, Director of the Controller's Office of Public Finance, and her staff who advised the agency throughout the bond process.

Chair Peskin reported that the Transportation 2045 Task Force held its fifth meeting the day prior and that discussions focused on a potential package of new local revenue measures for the 2018 ballot and beyond. He said that among the revenue options that the group considered was a sales tax and vehicle license fee which had been identified by previous task forces, as well as new options such as a gross receipts tax on commercial rent and Transportation Network Company fees. He noted that the proposed tax on Uber and Lyft trips by the City of Chicago could raise \$20 million per year for Chicago's transit system. He said that in November, the Task Force would continue its revenue discussion as well as focus on potential expenditure plan structures, and that more information was available at [sftransportation2045.com](http://sftransportation2045.com).

Finally, Chair Peskin stated that staff were developing independent oversight task orders to review the agency's sales tax program, payment systems and annual budget. He said it was important to

conduct these reviews periodically to ensure best practices of the agency's operations. He added that he was also looking forward to the peer review he requested in September on the Sener analysis of the Downtown Extension track design.

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 October 17, 2017 Meeting – ACTION**

**5. [Final Approval] Approve San Francisco's Program of Projects for the 2018 Regional Transportation Improvement Program (RTIP) and a Fund Exchange of \$13,752,000 in RTIP Funds with an Equivalent Amount of Prop K Funds for the Central Subway Project, with Conditions – ACTION**

**6. [Final Approval] Allocate \$890,000 in Prop K Sales Tax Funds for Two Requests and \$2,465,316 in Prop AA Vehicle Registration Fee Funds for One Request, with Conditions – ACTION**

**7. [Final Approval] Adopt the 2017 San Francisco Transportation Plan Update – ACTION**

There was no public comment.

Commissioner Tang moved to approve the Consent Agenda, seconded by Commissioner Breed.

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

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

**End of Consent Agenda**

**8. Accept the San Francisco Transportation Demand Management Plan – ACTION**

Jeff Hobson, Deputy Director for Planning, presented the item per staff memorandum.

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

The item was approved without objection by the following vote:

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

Absent: Commissioner Farrell (1)

**9. Update on the San Francisco Transportation Sector Climate Action Strategy – INFORMATION**

Tim Doherty, Senior Planner at the San Francisco Municipal Transportation Agency (SFMTA), presented the item.

Commissioner Tang asked if the SFMTA was working on any initiatives to address the transportation sector's climate goals. Mr. Doherty replied that the reconvening of the SFMTA's electrical vehicle working group at the end of October would help with the reduction of emissions

from the transportation sector. He said that he anticipated that the working group would allow the transportation sector to better integrate renewable energy and lead to a reduction of emissions.

Commissioner Tang asked which segment of vehicles were being targeted by the SFMTA. Mr. Doherty replied that the emissions slide in the presentation demonstrated that all cars and trucks moving in San Francisco were captured in the climate action strategy, including city-owned vehicles, municipal vehicles, as well as Muni's transit fleet. Commissioner Tang stated that she previously worked on legislation for city-owned sedans and noted that a city ordinance existed for the municipal fleet of sedans and light-duty vehicles. She said that all city departments should think outside the box in trying to reduce emissions and noted that the Department of the Environment was a good example. She suggested that the transportation sector issue a Request for Information, like other cities such as Los Angeles had done, with the goal of identifying a zero-emissions truck that all municipalities could use. She said she would ensure that all city departments considered zero-emission standards during budget discussions moving forward. Mr. Doherty said that he was thankful for the zero-emission legislation and said that battery technology was improving each year and should eventually lead to electric large vehicles that the city could pilot.

Commissioner Tang said that given the input from the electrical vehicle working group meetings and from prior budget discussions, she knew there was considerable resistance from many city departments to switch over to different types of vehicles or zero-vehicles. She said that she hoped the transportation sector would encourage city departments to recognize that zero-emission vehicles were necessary for the city to reach its climate goals.

Chair Peskin noted recent news articles regarding automatic shutoff systems on the Muni fleet that stopped them from idling. He said that only half of the fleet had the automatic shutoff feature and that he had discussed that with SFMTA Director Edward Reiskin. He asked about the status of procuring the feature for the rest of the Muni fleet. Mr. Doherty replied that he did not have that information but would follow up.

There was no public comment.

### **Other Items**

#### **10. Introduction of New Items – INFORMATION**

There were no new items introduced.

#### **11. Public Comment**

During public comment, Andrew Yip spoke about political freedom.

#### **12. Adjournment**

The meeting was adjourned at 10:44 a.m.