



# DRAFT MINUTES

## SAN FRANCISCO COUNTY TRANSPORTATION AUTHORITY

Tuesday, February 13, 2018

### 1. Roll Call

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

**Present at Roll Call:** Commissioners Breed, Cohen, Fewer, Kim, Peskin, Ronen, Sheehy, Stefani and Tang (9)

**Absent at Roll Call:** Commissioners Yee (entered during Item 3) and Safai (entered during item 5 (2))

### 2. Citizens Advisory Committee Report – INFORMATION

John Larson, newly elected Chair of the Citizens Advisory Committee (CAC), reported that on item 5, allocation of Prop K funds, the CAC recommended approval but brought forth concerns about the lack of bike and pedestrian path lighting provided on the Hairball. He said on item 6, approval of the 2018 Transportation Fund for Clean Air (TFCA) program, the CAC appreciated the inclusion of CO2 reduction effects for proposals even though the TFCA program does not require it.

He said the CAC expressed concern over the Quint-Jerrold Connector Road project and the city's failure to announce the loss of the Union Pacific railroad right of way land in a timely fashion. He said the CAC believed that the buyer of the land, TransMetro, was not acting as a good civic partner and was possibly taking advantage of an opportunity to receive a better situated parcel from the city. He said the CAC stated that if the Quint-Jerrold Connector Road project were not in the Bayview neighborhood, the purchase would have received more attention and action, and proposed that the Board of Supervisors research the possible use of eminent domain. The CAC requested regular updates on the project.

Mr. Larson reported that the CAC received a presentation on Transportation Network Companies (TNCs) and reiterated Chair Peskin's concern that the California Public Utilities Commission was not sharing public information on fees collected from TNCs.

During public comment, Chris Waddling, District 10 CAC representative, thanked the Board and his fellow CAC representatives for his four years as CAC chair. Mr. Waddling stated that the Quint-Jerrold Connector Road project was the reason he applied to be on the CAC and that it was a vital connector from the Bayview to other parts of the city. He said that the current closure of the road and future construction on Jerrold Avenue and Evans Avenue would remove access for people in the Bayview community. He said he looked forward to hearing an update from Transportation Authority staff at an upcoming Board meeting. He raised concerns about whether the project would ever be done and if it will, he requested that the Board ask why the project was going to be double the original cost.

Peter Tannen, District 8 CAC representative, stated that he did not remember too many issues that had generated so much discussion and concern by the CAC as the Quint-Jerrold Connector Road project. He encouraged the Board to take the comments seriously.

Alex Lansberg commented that the city's infrastructure decisions had left the Bayview isolated from the rest of the city and that the failure to move along the Quint-Jerrold Connector Road project was a recurring pattern that was negatively affecting Bayview residents.

Chair Peskin stated that the Board had been having conversations with Transportation Authority staff, regarding the Quint-Jerrold Connector Road project, and that the public would see some progress soon.

### **Consent Agenda**

#### **3. Approve the Minutes of the January 23, 2018 Meeting – ACTION**

There was no public comment.

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

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

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

Absent: Commissioner Safai (1)

### **End of Consent Agenda**

#### **4. Appoint One Member to the Citizens Advisory Committee – ACTION**

Mike Pickford, Senior Transportation Planner, presented the item per the staff memorandum.

Peter Tannen spoke to his interests and qualifications in being reappointed to the CAC.

There was no public comment.

Commissioner Sheehy moved to reappoint Peter Tannen to the CAC, seconded by Commissioner Ronen.

The motion to reappoint Peter Tannen was approved without objection by the following vote:

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

Absent: Commissioner Safai (1)

#### **5. Allocation of \$5,806,422 in Prop K Funds for Five Requests, with Conditions – ACTION**

Mike Pickford, Senior Transportation Planner, presented the item per the staff memorandum.

Commissioner Yee asked if notices had gone out to the community about delays to the Twin Peaks tunnel project. He said that the Twin Peaks tunnel was celebrating its 100th year anniversary and the District 7 office, District 7 merchants, and the San Francisco Municipal Transportation Authority (SFMTA) were working together to put on a community event. He also asked what was causing the delay itself.

Anna LaForte, Deputy Director for Policy and Programming, replied that the SFMTA had recently rebid the contract and had awarded a new contract that allowed for construction to begin soon.

Dillion Auyoung, Local Government Affairs Manager at the SFMTA, said that the SFMTA project manager was not in attendance, but that he would follow up and provide an update on the current delay to the Twin Peaks tunnel project.

Commissioner Yee requested that the community be notified of the delay.

Commissioner Ronen asked what went into San Francisco Public Works' (SFPW's) analysis when determining lighting adequacy at the Hairball path and mentioned that she had received reports from community members who did not feel safe walking or biking through the area at night.

David Froehlich, Project Manager at SFPW, commented that the Cesar Chavez Community Design Plan East identified 15 segments within the Hairball. He said SFPW evaluated the lighting through all 15 segments and determined that in Segments F and G, the lighting was adequate, however, there were some areas that could be upgraded. He said the next step was to do additional lighting analysis, including photometric calculations of the lighting levels throughout the entire Hairball. He said that the analysis and lighting improvements were expected to cost \$1.5 million for the entire Hairball area. He said that for segments F and G, SFPW had determined not to implement any lighting improvements and to focus on the path improvements.

Commissioner Ronen said that she was not satisfied with the lighting determination and requested a walk through with SFPW staff during night time hours.

Mr. Froehlich said that he would coordinate a walk through.

Commissioner Tang requested the timeline for track replacements on Taraval and Judah streets

Roger Nguyen, Project Manager at the SFMTA, said that the intersections listed in the funding request could be changed to other priorities, but the SFMTA's plan was to start once funding was received. He said the SFMTA could provide a schedule, but that it would be high level.

Commissioner Tang asked for an update to properly notify residents in the areas that might be impacted.

Mr. Nguyen said that notifying the public was part of the SFMTA's outreach plan, as well as minimizing construction hours.

Commissioner Yee also requested to be notified when tracks were replaced and noted that the project might cause delays for his constituents.

During public comment Alex Lansberg, member of the San Francisco electrical construction industry, commented that the SFMTA did not have the capacity to evaluate electric bus proposals and had submitted grant proposals to various grant making bodies to study how electric buses would work within the city. He recommended that the city move forward with a pilot program first before procuring all electric buses, even if it requires using local funds. He said that the procurement of 30 foot buses under consideration would occur too soon to benefit from knowledge gained through a potential pilot, but that there was a large procurement anticipated in the mid-2020s to replace diesel hybrid buses and SFMTA would not be prepared to consider electric buses for that procurement without conducting a pilot project very soon..

Chris Waddling asked if the District 9 and 10 CAC members could take part in the Hairball walk through and said he was glad to see storm water management on the Alemany project. He requested that a bike counter be considered on segments F and G of the Hairball project, provided that there is one that is relatively tamper-proof, to get a sense of how many people use the bike path.

Kristen Leckie, Community Organizer at the San Francisco Bicycle Coalition, commented in support of the Hairball and Alemany funding requests. She said that eastbound Cesar Chavez was an important entrance to the bike path that ran under the US 101 and connected bicyclists from the Mission, and other northern neighborhoods, to the Southeast of San Francisco. She said that the multi-use path that connects Cesar Chavez Street to the rest of the bike paths was extremely narrow and dipped at a grade that created dangerous conditions, but that the proposed Prop K allocation would make it safer for riders. She thanked Commissioner Ronen for her support of the projects and reiterated the need for more lighting in the Hairball. She said she looked forward to Phase 2 of the Alemany maze project that would provide safety for people crossing to and from the Alemany farmers market.

Commissioner Fewer moved to approve the item, seconded by Commissioner Ronen.

The item was approved without objection by the following vote:

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

**6. Approve the 2018 Transportation Fund for Clean Air Program Local Expenditure Criteria – ACTION**

Oscar Quintanilla, Transportation Planner, presented the item per the staff memorandum.

Commissioner Yee asked for examples of projects funded in previous years and what type of outreach was being done for the current year.

Mr. Quintanilla stated that previous projects included the clean fuel taxicab incentive program, supporting the transit pass initiative at San Francisco State University, the installation of bicycle parking and the Emergency Ride Home program. He said that for the current year the Transportation Authority had reached out to current project sponsors through the Transportation Authority's technical working group and to agencies that receive funds from other grant programs like Prop AA or Prop K.

Commissioner Yee asked who benefitted from the clean taxi cab voucher project.

Mr. Quintanilla said that the project provides a rebate to taxi cab owners who purchase clean fuel or hybrid taxi cabs.

There was no public comment.

Commissioner Ronen moved to approve the item, seconded by Commissioner Tang.

The item was approved without objection by the following vote:

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

**7. Adopt Positions on State Legislation – ACTION**

Mark Watts, State Legislative Advocate, and Amber Crabbe, Assistant Deputy Director for Policy and Programming, presented the item.

Commissioner Cohen noted that on item 7 of the agenda, Senator Wiener's name was misspelled.

Commissioner Yee commented that he was disappointed that Assembly Bill (AB) 342 which would allow automated speed enforcement, had not passed the senate floor and asked that the SFMTA work to revive the bill. He said that the cities of San Francisco and San Jose had conducted

research that demonstrated that the automated speed enforcement mechanism worked and was effective in reducing vehicle speeds and collisions.

Mr. Auyoung said that SFMTA's Government Affairs Director, Kate Breen, was working with San Francisco's state legislative delegation to look at next steps. He said the SFMTA would continue to work with stakeholders and the Board to support adoption of automated speed enforcement.

Commissioner Yee asked that the SFMTA keep the Board updated, expressed his willingness to help secure authorization for automated speed enforcement, and asked Board members to back his efforts to revive AB 342.

Mr. Auyoung responded in the affirmative.

There was no public comment.

Commissioner Safai moved to approve the item, seconded by Commissioner Kim

The item was approved without objection by the following vote:

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

**8. Internal Accounting and Investment Report for the Six Months Ending December 31, 2017 – INFORMATION**

Cynthia Fong, Deputy Director for Finance and Administration, presented the item per staff memorandum.

There was no public comment.

**Other Items**

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

Chair Peskin requested that Transportation Authority staff provide the Board a construction traffic coordination update in March.

**10. Public Comment**

There was no public comment.

**11. Adjournment**

The meeting was adjourned at 11:00 a.m.