



# DRAFT MINUTES

## SAN FRANCISCO COUNTY TRANSPORTATION AUTHORITY

Tuesday, March 13, 2018

### 1. Roll Call

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

**Present at Roll Call:** Commissioners Breed, Peskin, Ronen, Safai, Sheehy, Stefani and Tang (7)

**Absent at Roll Call:** Commissioners Cohen (entered during Item 3), Yee (entered during Item 3), Fewer and Kim (4)

**Commissioner Breed moved to excuse Commissioner Kim, seconded by Commissioner Sheehy. Commissioner Kim was excused without objection.**

**Commissioner Ronen moved to excuse Commissioner Fewer, seconded by Commissioner Yee. Commissioner Fewer was excused without objection.**

### 2. Citizens Advisory Committee Report – INFORMATION

John Larson, Chair of the Citizens Advisory Committee (CAC), reported that on item 7, allocation of Prop K funds, the CAC recommended approval of the item, but a question was raised if the SFMTA had thought about buying the components of the traffic signals and doing the work themselves. Mr. Larson said that a CAC member with subject matter expertise said it was more cost effective to contract the work out, especially because of irregular work schedules and because of excavation work required that was not normally within the SFMTA's traffic signal shop expertise. Mr. Larson stated that the CAC also recommended authorizing the construction manager/general contractor project delivery method for the Yerba Buena Island Westside Bridges Seismic Retrofit Project. Mr. Larson stated that CAC members were informed that from a federal funding point of view each of the 8 bridges were independent, which meant 8 separate environmental reports were drafted. He said it was noted that categorical exemptions from the California Environmental Quality Act (CEQA) and categorical exclusion from the National Environmental Policy Act (NEPA) were obtained to help streamline the process. He said that CAC members compared the cost of Yerba Buena Island Westside Bridges project to the cost to construct the Quint-Jerrold Connector Bridge and concluded that the latter looked disproportionately expensive.

Mr. Larson said the CAC received an update on the Quint-Jerrold Connector Road project and was encouraged that Trans-Metro appeared willing to sell the needed land for the connector road. He said the CAC expressed appreciation to Chair Peskin for his attention to getting toward a solution for the project. He said the CAC also received updates about the ConnectSF vision documents and Regional Measure 3 (RM3) and stated that all CAC members were interested in the degree of outreach that community members received in the process. Regarding RM3, Mr.

Larson mentioned CAC members were interested to see if an income adjusted rebate or toll might be possible to address affordability issues, with the proposed bridge toll increase. He said that CAC members urged that crucial content on the Transportation Authority's website be professionally translated and that it not solely on on-line services such as google translate. Mr. Larson reported that during new business, the CAC called for an update from San Francisco Municipal Transportation Authority (SFMTA) leadership on what the agency was doing to address system operation and reliability issues in the Muni Metro (rail) system.

There was no public comment.

**3. Approve the Minutes of the February 27, 2018 Meeting – ACTION**

There was no public comment.

Commissioner Sheehy moved to approve the minutes, seconded by Commissioner Tang.

The minutes were approved without objection by the following vote:

Ayes: Commissioners Breed, Cohen, Peskin, Ronen, Safai, Sheehy, Stefani, Tang and Yee  
(9)

Absent: Commissioners Fewer and Kim (2)

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

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

John Larson spoke to his interests and qualifications in being reappointed to the CAC.

Commissioner Yee said that he was very happy with Mr. Larson in his role as CAC Chair and looked forward to bridging the CAC with the Vision Zero Committee. Commissioner Yee said that he fully supported Mr. Larson.

There was no public comment.

Commissioner Yee moved to reappoint John Larson to the CAC, seconded by Commissioner Stefani.

The motion to reappoint John Larson was approved without objection by the following vote:

Ayes: Commissioners Breed, Cohen, Peskin, Ronen, Safai, Sheehy, Stefani, Tang and Yee  
(9)

Absent: Commissioners Fewer and Kim (2)

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

Mark Watts, State Legislative Advocate, presented the item.

Commissioner Breed commented on Assembly Bill (AB) 3059 and said she appreciated the forward thinking of the sponsor bill and the ongoing work of the transportation task force. She said she believed San Francisco was not at a point to seek state pricing regulations and that congestion pricing was something the Board needed to continue to study and discuss with the public, like it did with Lombard Street in District 2. She supported the recommended positions but stated that she wanted to make sure thorough studies around congestion pricing were conducted to understand congestion pricing's impacts and whether it would have a significant impact with Lombard Street in particular. She said it was yet to be determined but was looking forward to the data when implemented.

Chair Peskin said the Board of Supervisors held a hearing about Senate Bill (SB) 827, sponsored by Senator Weiner, and requested that Transportation Authority staff conduct an independent analysis about potential transportation impacts and value recapture as it related to transportation infrastructure needs. He said the Planning Department of the city and county of San Francisco had already conducted an independent analysis.

There was no public comment.

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

The item was approved without objection by the following vote:

Ayes: Commissioners Breed, Cohen, Peskin, Ronen, Safai, Sheehy, Stefani, Tang and Yee (9)

Absent: Commissioners Fewer and Kim (2)

**6. Approve a One-Year Professional Services Contract with lowercase productions in an Amount Not to Exceed \$150,000 for the Redesign and Upgrade of the Transportation Authority's Website – ACTION**

Eric Young, Senior Communications Officer, presented the item per the staff memorandum.

There was no public comment.

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

The item was approved without objection by the following vote:

Ayes: Commissioners Breed, Cohen, Peskin, Ronen, Safai, Sheehy, Stefani, Tang and Yee (9)

Absent: Commissioners Fewer and Kim (2)

**7. Allocate \$8,795,721 in Prop K Funds for Six Requests, with Conditions – ACTION**

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

Commissioner Yee asked for an update on the new transit and pedestrian bulbs on 19th Avenue, Junipero Serra Boulevard and Holloway Avenue. He asked how those changes fit into the larger modification and expansions that were being proposed in the development of Park Merced.

Kevin Chu, Project Manager at the SFMTA, said that the project along 19th Avenue that described the pedestrian bulbs and transit bulbs was a separate project from the M-Line Realignment Project. He said the M-Line Realignment Project through Park Merced was in the early stages of design but noted that replacement of transit and pedestrian bulbs was scheduled for construction later in the year.

Commissioner Safai spoke about the necessity of using District 11's Neighborhood Transportation Improvement Program (NTIP) funds for traffic calming measures. He mentioned that two pedestrians and one bicyclist were killed in car crashes, and multiple others have been hit by cars in District 11 since he was elected Supervisor 14 months ago. He said those incidents were the reason the Board aggressively promoted Vision Zero. He said when he heard that there was \$600,000 available in NTIP funds, he wanted to prioritize what he had heard from residents in the last two years, which was traffic calming. He said District 11 was going to prioritize looking at neighborhood parks first and would be working with San Francisco Recreation and Parks Department, the Transportation Authority and the SFMTA. He said District 11 was installing

raised crosswalks and speed humps, and with the SFMTA had prioritized restriping of all the yellow crosswalks at the beginning of the school year. He believed that restriping every yellow crosswalk had a significant impact on protecting children and families on their way to school. He said the SFMTA had committed to matching a significant amount of the \$600,000 and hoped to get as many speed humps installed over the next year.

Commissioner Safai said District 11 was somewhat unique because it was bounded by two major freeways and there was a significant amount of freeway entrances and exits in and around District 11 that lead to a significant amount of speeding and frustration with cars coming on and off the freeway. He said he wanted to prioritize those areas to protect pedestrians and thanked Director Chang and the Transportation Authority, along with Director Reiskin and the SFMTA.

Commissioner Tang said 19th Avenue began to be repaved in the summer of 2017 but coincided with the repaving of Sunset Boulevard, which resulted with Sunset Boulevard getting a patch job instead in 9 areas. She said the repaving of Sunset Boulevard got delayed until 2020, which would be the same year that the repaving of 19 Avenue was scheduled to start. She wanted to make sure all the different agencies were coordinating the timing and mentioned that the west side could not have two major corridors out at the same time. She said if 19th Avenue was going to be repaved in 2020, then she would request that the Sunset Boulevard repaving be pushed up earlier. She said she would follow up with Public Works staff.

Mr. Quintanilla said that the Transportation Authority would follow up with Public Works, regarding Commissioner Tang's request.

There was no public comment.

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

The item was approved without objection by the following vote:

Ayes: Commissioners Breed, Cohen, Peskin, Ronen, Safai, Sheehy, Stefani, Tang and Yee (9)

Absent: Commissioners Fewer and Kim (2)

**8. Authorize the Executive Director to Utilize the Construction Manager/General Contractor Delivery Method for the Yerba Buena Island Westside Bridges Retrofit Project – ACTION**

Eric Cordoba, Deputy Director for Capital Projects, presented the item per the staff memorandum.

There was no public comment.

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

The item was approved without objection by the following vote:

Ayes: Commissioners Breed, Cohen, Peskin, Ronen, Safai, Sheehy, Stefani, Tang and Yee (9)

Absent: Commissioners Fewer and Kim (2)

**9. Execute Contract Options for On-Call Legal and On-Call Transportation Planning Services in an Amount Not to Exceed \$2,500,000 – ACTION**

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

memorandum.

There was no public comment.

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

The item was approved without objection by the following vote:

Ayes: Commissioners Breed, Cohen, Peskin, Ronen, Safai, Sheehy, Stefani, Tang and Yee (9)

Absent: Commissioners Fewer and Kim (2)

**10. Extend the Vision Zero Committee of the Transportation Authority for an Additional Two-Year Period – ACTION**

Anna LaForte, Deputy Director for Policy and Programming, presented the item per the staff memorandum.

Commissioner Yee said that the Vision Zero Committee had been rewarding for him to serve on, and that it had been an opportunity for committee members to focus specifically on Vision Zero issues. He said it was important to recognize that last year, there were the fewest fatalities recorded in the history of the city because of the commitment to the Vision Zero policy. He said that collisions that led to injuries and fatalities were preventable and mentioned that one of his interns was hit last month by a Transportation Network Company (TNC) driver while crossing a street. He said already this year, three people had been killed, and that those families would continue to live with their grief. He said although progress had been made through traffic calming and education, more needed to be done. He said the Vision Zero Committee would work in collaboration with the Vision Zero Task Force to further strengthen the committee. He supported the extension of the committee and looked forward to working with the Board on policies and recommendations to move the city closer to its Vision Zero goals.

There was no public comment.

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

The item was approved without objection by the following vote:

Ayes: Commissioners Breed, Cohen, Peskin, Ronen, Safai, Sheehy, Stefani, Tang and Yee (9)

Absent: Commissioners Fewer and Kim (2)

**Other Items**

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

There were no new items introduced.

**12. Public Comment**

During public comment, Andrew Yip spoke about political leadership and true morality in culture.

**13. Adjournment**

The meeting was adjourned at 10:58 a.m.