



DRAFT MINUTES

SAN FRANCISCO COUNTY TRANSPORTATION AUTHORITY

Tuesday, March 20, 2018

1. Roll Call

Vice Chair Tang called the meeting to order at 10:20 a.m.

Present at Roll Call: Commissioners Breed, Fewer, Kim, Ronen, Stefani and Tang (6)

Absent at Roll Call: Commissioners Safai (entered during Item 15), Cohen, Peskin, Sheehy and Yee (5)

Vice Chair Tang called Items 2 and 3 together, after Items 12 and 13.

2. Chair's Report – INFORMATION

3. Executive Director's Report – INFORMATION

Vice Chair Tang elected to forego the chair's report.

Tilly Chang, Executive Director, presented the Executive Director's Report.

There was no public comment on Items 2 or 3.

The Board lost quorum at 10:34 a.m. during the end of the Executive Director's Report (Item 3). The meeting was adjourned. Vice Chair Tang continued the meeting as a workshop with any presentations or public comment not on the record. The workshop was broadcast live on SFGovTV and the recording is available on their website at sfgovtv.org.

Vice Chair Tang called the Consent Agenda before Items 2 and 3.

Consent Agenda

4. Approve the Minutes of the March 13, 2018 Meeting – ACTION
5. [Final Approval] Appoint John Larson to the Citizens Advisory Committee – ACTION
6. [Final Approval] Adopt Positions on State Legislation – ACTION
7. [Final Approval] 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
8. [Final Approval] Allocate \$8,795,721 in Prop K Funds for Six Requests, with Conditions – ACTION
9. [Final Approval] Authorize the Executive Director to Utilize the Construction Manager/General Contractor Delivery Method for the Yerba Buena Island Westside Bridges Retrofit Project –ACTION

10. **[Final Approval] Execute Contract Options for On-Call Legal and On-Call Transportation Planning Services in an Amount Not to Exceed \$2,500,000 – ACTION**
11. **[Final Approval] Extend the Vision Zero Committee of the Transportation Authority for an Additional Two-Year Period – ACTION**

There was no public comment.

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

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

Ayes: Commissioners Breed, Fewer, Kim, Ronen, Stefani and Tang (6)

Absent: Commissioners Cohen, Peskin, Safai, Sheehy and Yee (5)

End of Consent Agenda

Vice Chair Tang called Items 12 and Item 13 together, before Items 2 and 3.

12. **Update on the Adult School Crossing Guard Program – INFORMATION**
13. **Update on the Valencia Street Bikeway Implementation Plan [NTIP Planning] – INFORMATION**

Vice Chair Tang requested continuance of the Board discussion of Item 12 and Item 13 to a future Board meeting due to the potential loss of quorum. Commissioner Kim moved to continue the items, seconded by Commissioner Ronen. Items 12 and 13 were continued without objection. In recognition of the people who had come to the meeting to speak on Items 12 and 13, Vice Chair Tang called for public comment.

During public comment David Canham stated that the San Francisco Municipal Transportation Agency (SFMTA) had previously provided the Board a report that highlighted certain challenges with the crossing guard program, one of which was retaining and recruiting crossing guards. He said that in one of the SFMTA's presentations to the Board they mentioned that dating back to 2015 they had hired 146 crossing guards but lost 130 in that period. He said that the loss of crossing guards was a crisis for the schools, public and workers and that the crossing guards only worked two and a half hours a day and did not receive benefits or a pension. He said crossing guards only received a single pay rate while other city worker had multiple pay rate steps. Mr. Canham stated that in February 2018 the Service Employees International Union (SEIU) Local 1021 gave the SFMTA a proposal to address the problems and asked the SFMTA to convert the crossing guard positions into civil service part-time positions, to allow the workers to qualify for medical and pension benefits. He said that SEIU Local 1021 had not received a response from the SFMTA but was hoping that the Board would instruct them to resolve the identified challenges.

Joel Kamisher, crossing guard at 19th Avenue and Judah Street, said that members of the public believed that being a crossing guard was an easy job, but noted that guards needed to be diplomatic when dealing with angry drivers. He said the stresses of having pedestrians dash across busy streets, extreme weather conditions, and low wages were reasons crossing guards quit. He asked the Board to consider pay equity and that they discourage the SFMTA from hiring non-union contractors, which he added seemed self-defeating since typically their pay scale would be even lower.

Lashawna Branner, crossing guard at Ocean Avenue and Aptos Avenue, said she worked as a crossing guard for six years and was a shop steward with SEIU Local 1021. She said she worked mornings from 8:00 - 9:30 a.m. and afternoons from 3:30 - 4:30 p.m. but said there were no

crossing guards present to usher students who attended after school programs. She mentioned two incidents where children were struck by vehicles when no crossing guards were present and said that she believed crossing guards' hours should be extended. She said that her previous partner, who had retired after 20 years as a crossing guard, did not receive a pension and that her son recently suffered an accident that left him paralyzed. She said a pension would have helped her retired partner.

Hector Jimenez Cardenas, Union Representative with SEIU Local 1021, said he was a District 1 resident and had observed the difficulty of the crossing guard program maintaining the optimal number of 195 for its staffing. He said the lack of crossing guards led to intersections going without coverage when guards were unable make their shifts. He said the SFMTA was hesitant to discuss the school crossing guard program and would cite budget constraints. He said he supported the push for more school crossing guards and more funding for the program.

Michael Weinberg, political organizer with SEIU Local 1021, said SEIU staff delivered a memo, providing an overview of the proposal that was given to the SFMTA. He summarized the power point presentation that was provided by the SFMTA to the Board and highlighted the difficulties of hiring and retaining crossing guards. He believed that the only way to improve the crossing guard program was by increasing funds and addressing the issues of wages and benefits for the workers.

Kristen Leckie, Community Organizer at the San Francisco Bicycle Coalition, spoke in support of the Valencia Street bikeway implementation plan and thanked Commissioner Sheehy, who worked with the SFMTA on the planning and implementation proposal to improve Valencia Street between Mission and Market Streets. She said the San Francisco Bicycle Coalition was pleased with the thoroughness of the SFMTA's planning and appreciated that the project team was fluent in multiple languages. She said the SFMTA project team had been actively engaging the community and looked forward to seeing it continue at the upcoming public workshop. She said the San Francisco Bicycle Coalition was confident that through the SFMTA's outreach process the project would serve all people who biked on Valencia Street. She said San Francisco Bicycle members were excited to see safety and traffic improvements coming to a major bike corridor.

Other Items

14. Introduction of New Items – INFORMATION

There was no introduction of new items due to loss of quorum

15. Public Comment

There was no public comment due to the loss of quorum

16. Adjournment

The workshop was adjourned at 10:46 a.m.