



DRAFT MINUTES

SAN FRANCISCO COUNTY TRANSPORTATION AUTHORITY

Tuesday, July 24, 2018

1. Roll Call

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

Present at Roll Call: Commissioners Brown, Cohen, Fewer, Peskin, Ronen, Stefani, and (6)

Absent at Roll Call: Commissioners Yee (entered during Item 2), Kim (entered during Item 3), Safai (entered during Item 13), Mandelman and Tang (5)

Commissioner Ronen moved to excuse Commissioner Tang, seconded by Commissioner Cohen. Commissioner Tang was excused without objection.

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

2. Chair's Report – INFORMATION

Chair Peskin welcomed Commissioners Brown and Mandelman and said he looked forward to working with them on key issues that would shape city policies in the coming months and years. He highlighted the opening of San Francisco Public Works' (SFPW) Broadway Chinatown Streetscape Improvement Project and noted that it was the fourth and final phase between Columbus Avenue and the Broadway tunnel. He thanked the Transportation Authority for programming \$5.3 million in federal One Bay Area Grant (OBAG) funds, provided by the Metropolitan Transportation Commission (MTC), and \$2.4 million in Prop K and AA funds five years ago to the project. He said the funding made the busy arterial safer with narrower traffic lanes, bulbouts, bus shelters, raised cross walks, street trees, benches and street lights among other safety improvements. He also thanked the Chinatown Community Development Center (CCDC) for their long-term advocacy and SFPW staff for redesigning portions of the project with the CCDC. He thanked the public for putting up with the year-long construction and said they would be pleased with the finished project.

Chair Peskin reported that another major vision zero project that was funded by the Transportation Authority, with a combination of local and regionally provided federal funds, was the San Francisco Municipal Transportation Agency's (SFMTA's) completed Masonic Avenue Complete Streets Project. He said the project spanned Supervisorial Districts 5, 2 and 1 and was a full redesign of Masonic Street from Fell to Geary Streets. He said the project included wider sidewalks, a new median, paving, landscaping, lighting and upgraded sewer infrastructure. He said the Transportation Authority provided \$10.2 million in OBAG funds and approximately \$400,000 in Prop K sales tax dollars to the project and that the SFMTA anticipated holding an opening event in August.

Chair Peskin reported that the Transbay Joint Powers Authority (TJPA) had set a date of August 11, 2018 for the grand opening of the Salesforce Transit Center. He said the Transportation Authority had played a major role in funding and supporting the development of the regional transit center which housed a hub for 11 local and regional transit systems including Muni, AC Transit, SamTrans and eventual rail connections for the Downtown Extension of Caltrain and high-speed rail. He said the integrated transit center in the Caltrain extension program was the largest project in the Prop K expenditure plan and had designated up to \$270 million toward the project. He reported that the Transportation Authority had allocated \$175 million in Prop K funds, with a request to add more for the downtown extension design agendized. He said the project was not easy but had already made a major impact catalyzing over a decade of development across the transbay transit district, which included much needed affordable housing. He congratulated the TJPA and thanked the funding partners and all of the Commissioners and Supervisors' past and present.

On behalf of the Transportation Authority, Chair Peskin expressed his deepest sympathies to the family of Nia Wilson who was fatally stabbed at the MacArthur Bart station. He said the Board was relieved that a suspect had been taken into custody and would support Bart representatives on next steps. He sent the Board's condolences to the families of Dimitri Scottkin, a 69-year-old who was struck and killed while crossing Slope Boulevard and Kevin Manning, a petty cab driver who was hit riding on the Embarcadero. He noted that a Vision Zero Committee meeting was coming up and hoped to talk about more that could be done to prevent these crashes, deaths and injuries.

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 July 10, 2018 Meeting – ACTION

5. [Final Approval] State and Federal Legislation Update – ACTION

Commissioner Cohen asked if the legislation for Senate Bill (SB) 1014 was amended.

Amber Crabbe, Public Policy Manager, stated the state Legislature had been in recess and there had been no further action on the bill. She said the Transportation Authority's state legislative advocate had been in contact with the author and had discussed their concerns with the bill.

Commissioner Cohen asked if the staff recommended that the Board take a no position on the item unless it was amended.

Ms. Crabbe said the recommendation before the Board was to maintain the original support if amended position, to allow staff to work with the author to get the amendments that were outlined in the memo.

Chair Peskin clarified that the actual language on page 15 of the Board packet stated that the Transportation Authority hereby adopted a revised position of support if amended on SB 1014.

Commissioner Cohen questioned the Transportation Authority staff's recommendation and noted that SB 1014 set a target that the California Air Resources Board and the California Public Utilities

Commission establish targets and goals to reduce emissions from Transportation Network Company vehicles.

Ms. Crabbe clarified that Transportation Authority staff was not recommending an oppose position on the bill, and explained that the recommended position would allow staff to support the bill if the requested amendment were made.

Commissioner Cohen said she appreciated the clarification.

There was no public comment.

Commissioner Cohen moved to approve the Item 5, seconded by Commissioner Yee.

Item 5 was approved without objection by the following vote:

Ayes: Commissioners **Brown**, Cohen, Fewer, Kim, Peskin, Ronen, Stefani and Yee

(8) Absent: Commissioners Mandelman, Safai and Tang (3)

6. **[Final Approval]** Amend the 2019 Prop K Strategic Plan Baseline, Allocating \$19,999,636 in Prop K Funds for Two Requests, with Conditions, and Appropriating \$600,000 for One Request – **ACTION**
7. **[Final Approval]** Allocate \$2,442,213 in Prop K Sales Tax Funds for Four Requests, with Conditions, and Appropriation of \$854,000 in Prop K Funds for One Request – **ACTION**
8. **[Final Approval]** Approve Part 1 of the Fiscal Year 2018/19 Transportation Fund for Clean Air Program of Projects, Programming \$388,003 to Four Projects – **ACTION**

Commissioner Cohen stated she would be supporting Item 8.

There was no public comment.

Commissioner Cohen moved to approve Item 8, seconded by Commissioner Stefani.

Item 8 was approved without objection by the following vote:

Ayes: Commissioners **Brown**, Cohen, Fewer, Kim, Peskin, Ronen, Stefani and Yee

(8) Absent: Commissioners Mandelman, Safai and Tang (3)

9. **[Final Approval]** Adopt a Three-Year Professional Services Contract with Civic Edge Consulting in an Amount Not to Exceed \$150,000 for Strategic Communications, Media and Community Relations Services for the ConnectSF Program – **ACTION**
10. **[Final Approval]** Adopt the Emerging Mobility Evaluation Report – **ACTION**
11. **[Final Approval]** Adopt the Bay Area Rapid Transit (BART) Perks Evaluation Findings Document – **ACTION**

There was no public comment.

Commissioner Yee moved to approve Items 4, 6, 7, 9, 10 and 11 on the Consent Agenda, seconded by Commissioner Fewer.

The underlying consent items were approved without objection by the following vote:

Ayes: Commissioners **Brown**, Cohen, Fewer, Kim, Peskin, Ronen, Stefani and Yee

(8) Absent: Commissioners Mandelman, Safai and Tang (3)

End of Consent Agenda

12. [Final Approval on First Appearance] Adopt an Oppose Position on Proposition 6, the Voter Approval for Future Gas and Vehicle Taxes and 2017 Tax Repeal Initiative – ACTION

Amber Crabbe, Public Policy Manager, presented the item per the staff memorandum.

There was no public comment.

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

The item was approved without objection by the following vote:

Ayes: Commissioners **Brown**, Cohen, Fewer, Kim, Peskin, Ronen, Stefani and Yee

(8) Absent: Commissioners Mandelman, Safai and Tang (3)

13. Update on the Independent Analysis and Oversight Services with Sjoberg Evashenk Consulting, Inc. – INFORMATION

Lien Luu, Deputy Manager at Sjoberg Evashenk Consulting, Inc., presented the item.

Chair Peskin stated that when he first became Chair, he was interested in having something similar to a budget analyst-type function at the Transportation Authority. He noted this was the first work product the Board had seen from the consultant and thought it was helpful. He said Transportation Authority staff and the Board should think about the recommendations over the August recess and agendaize further discussion on the implementation of some of the recommendations after the recess. He said he wanted to model the analysis and oversight of the Transportation Authority after the Board of Supervisor Budget Committee, which he said had a set of performance metrics and allowed the public to understand how their dollars were spent. He said he would add that as a recommendation as well.

Chair Peskin asked to hear from Transportation Authority staff and discussed the needed redesign of the Transportation Authority website. Chair Peskin referred to the San Francisco Controller's website use of dashboards as a helpful tool for policymakers and members of the public. He acknowledged that the Transportation Authority was undertaking a revamp of the website and agreed with the recommendation to highlight MyStreet SF, the agency's interactive project map. He said he would like to discuss the benefits and detriments of bringing legal and information technology functions in house and agreed that the annual report should show the reconciliation on project delivery progress that was recommended.

Director Chang said the process provided a lot of insight for Transportation Authority staff given that Prop K had been administered for close to 30 years. She said next year was the Transportation Authority's 30th anniversary and was gratified to see the agency delivering as promised to the voters. She said it was helpful to hear feedback from other partners in the city and across the region on things that the Transportation Authority was doing well and things that could be improved. She said the agency heard the recommendations regarding communications and mentioned the redesign of the website and the need to have semiannual in-depth discussions with partners.

Director Chang said the agency appreciated the in-house versus consulting balance and felt it was good to see that they were in line and were provided good value by their consultants. She said the in-house recommendation for general counsel would be further looked at, as the Transportation Authority approached an operating role with the Treasure Island tolling program. She said the new

role would elevate the level of operational responsibilities, interactions with external partners and potentially things like cyber-attacks.

Chair Peskin recommended that the item return to Board in either September or October.

There was no public comment.

14. Update on the Muni Service Equity Strategy Report – INFORMATION

Sean Kennedy, Muni Forward Program Manager at San Francisco Municipal Transportation Agency, presented the item.

Commissioner Ronen noted the increased service to the 8 Bayshore bus line and expanded 60-foot buses on the 9R San Bruno rapid bus line, both of which traveled through the Portola neighborhood. She said that the Muni Service Equity Report did not specify the Portola as a focused neighborhood and asked if it was included with the Visitacion Valley or Outer Mission. She said she wanted to make sure that Muni was surveying those residents in similar ways because there was congestion on San Bruno Avenue, with frequent reports of rider altercations on both bus lines.

Mr. Kennedy said the report identified rough areas and had grouped Portola within the Visitacion Valley area. He said Muni had been working with the Portola neighborhood to improve the 9 and 9R San Bruno bus lines and would continue to foster relationships as part of the equity strategy process. He said it was a good problem to have a high demand for public transit and that it was up to Muni to find ways to get riders better and more frequent service.

Commissioner Ronen asked if the switch to 60-foot buses on the 9 and 9R San Bruno bus lines had decreased the number of reported rider altercations.

Mr. Kennedy said incidents had gone down but noted that riders did not always report altercations. He said the number of altercations generally seemed to decrease as a result of less crowding on buses.

Commissioner Brown noted that the Western Edition was one of Muni's focus neighborhoods and said she was in Supervisor Breed's office as a legislative aide when the process started. She asked what improvements were being planned and mentioned that none were listed. She said the area had a lot of seniors in the area that were having issues with bus stops being moved and having to walk further distances. She also asked what public safety measures were being taken to eliminate dark bus stops and signs. She said seniors and the public did not feel safe going to the bus stops or being let off on bus stops in the dark.

Mr. Kennedy said Muni implemented the 5R Fulton rapid bus line as a result of the 2016 equity strategy report and significantly increased ridership while reducing crowding. He said Muni continued to work on McAllister and Fulton Streets to improve those services and were looking at making some small-capital adjustments to the 31 Balboa bus line. Mr. Kennedy said Muni was working on improving reliability and frequency of the 31 Balboa and was rolling out new signage at bus stops that included a small beacon of light at the top of each stop sign. He said Muni did not currently have the electrical capability to install lights on every bus stop but had been incorporating lights in each NextBus. He said Muni was also working on decreasing rider wait times as a form of public safety.

There was no public comment.

15. Update on the District 10 Mobility Study [NTIP Planning] – INFORMATION

Rachel Hiatt, Principal Planner, presented the item per the staff memorandum.

There was no public comment.

16. Investment Report and Debt Expenditure Report for the Quarter Ended June 30, 2018 – INFORMATION

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

There was no public comment.

Other Items

17. Introduction of New Items – INFORMATION

There were no new items introduced.

18. Public Comment

There was no public comment.

19. Adjournment

The meeting was adjourned at 11:15 a.m.