



DRAFT MINUTES

SAN FRANCISCO COUNTY TRANSPORTATION AUTHORITY

Tuesday, December 4, 2018

1. Roll Call

Chair Peskin called the meeting to order at 10:06 a.m.

Present at Roll Call: Commissioners Brown, Kim, Mandelman, Peskin, Ronen, and Stefani (6)

Absent at Roll Call: Commissioners Tang (entered during Item 2), Yee (entered during Item 2), Cohen (entered during Item 6), Fewer and Safai (5)

Commissioner Ronen moved to excuse Commissioner Safai, seconded by Commissioner Stefani. Commissioner Safai was excused without objection.

2. Citizens Advisory Committee Report – INFORMATION

Peter Tannen, District 8 CAC representative, reported that all of the action items before the Board were unanimously approved by CAC members. He elaborated on the discussion of Item 6, which raised the CAC's concerns about the need for the congestion pricing study to be updated, accounting for TNCs and vulnerable groups such as senior citizens. He said Transportation Authority staff responded that accommodations would be made for these groups. Mr. Tannen also spoke on Item 9, of which CAC members expressed support for in the agency's social responsibility goals in its investment policies, as well as the agency's high bond rating.

There was no public comment.

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

Commissioner Stefani moved to approve the minutes, seconded by Commissioner Kim.

The minutes were approved without objection by the following vote:

Ayes: Commissioners Brown, Kim, Mandelman, Peskin, Ronen, Stefani, Tang and Yee (8)

Absent: Commissioners Cohen, Fewer and Safai (3)

There was no public comment.

4. Appoint Two Members to the Citizens Advisory Committee – ACTION

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

Commissioner Kim read a statement prepared by Beck Hogue that expressed her interest in being reappointed to the CAC.

Commissioner Kim commented on Ms. Hogue's passion for and commitment to the CAC, noting that she would not have missed any meetings had it not been for her medical issues.

Commissioner Kim sought the Board's support in reappointing Ms. Hogue to her previous CAC position. She said that Ms. Hogue would be able to attend meetings again, once her medical issue was resolved.

Commissioner Kim moved to reappoint Becky Hogue to the CAC, seconded by Commissioner Yee.

The motion to reappoint Becky Hogue was approved without objection by the following vote:

Ayes: Commissioners Brown, Kim, Mandelman, Peskin, Ronen, Stefani, Tang and Yee (8)

Absent: Commissioners Cohen, Fewer and Safai (3)

Commissioner Mandelman moved to continue the remaining vacancy for a representative of District 10 to the December 11, 2018 Board meeting, seconded by Commissioner Yee.

The motion to continue the remaining vacancy was approved without objection by the following vote:

Ayes: Commissioners Brown, Kim, Mandelman, Peskin, Ronen, Stefani, Tang and Yee (8)

Absent: Commissioners Cohen, Fewer and Safai (3)

5. Allocate \$25,847,913 in Prop K Sales Tax Funds, With Conditions, for Eight Requests – ACTION – ACTION

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

Chair Peskin informed the Board and public that the information presented, regarding the Central Subway schedule delay, was expected and not new news.

During public comment, Charles Deffarges, Senior Community Organizer at the San Francisco Bicycle Coalition, expressed the organization's support for the Battery and Sansome Bicycle Connections project, noting the need for safer alternatives to The Embarcadero, where pedicab driver Kevin Manning was a fatal collision victim. He thanked Chair Peskin for his support and commented that more work for safer streets was still needed throughout the city.

Danny Sauter commented on the need for greenhouse gas emissions reduction through increased bicycle and walking. He cited studies from Transport for London indicating the quality bike lanes can also contribute to improved economic vitality on a corridor. He also expressed support for enhancements to The Embarcadero and creating safe bike connections between North Beach and downtown areas.

Peter Tannen echoed the comments of previous speakers, supporting the connection of bicycle lanes with Broadway Street and extension to Market Street.

Commissioner Brown moved to approve the item, seconded by Commissioner Mandelman.

The item was approved without objection by the following vote:

Ayes: Commissioners Brown, Kim, Mandelman, Peskin, Ronen, Stefani, Tang and Yee (8)

Absent: Commissioners Cohen, Fewer and Safai (3)

6. Direct Staff to Advance the Proposed Scope of Work and Seek Additional Funding for a Congestion Pricing Study Update – ACTION

Colin Dentel-Post, Senior Transportation Planner, presented the item per the staff memorandum.

Commissioner Brown asked how members of the policy committee would be chosen.

Mr. Dentel-Post replied that staff hadn't yet worked out the details, but anticipated that there would be a need for diverse representation and that staff would seek input from Commissioners offices.

During public comment, Tom Radulovich, Executive Director at Livable City, expressed his support for congestion pricing implementation, noting that it was one of three key levers to help achieve needed mode shift. He described parking policy/management and making bold moves to reallocate space to sustainable modes as the other two key levers and urged the Board to advance all three in tandem.

Amandeep Jawa, Board Member of the San Francisco League of Conservation Voters, also expressed his support for congestion pricing noting that it addressed many of the city's long-standing policy goals, and stating that it was the right thing to do for the city and the planet.

Jodie Medeiros, Executive Director at Walk San Francisco, expressed her support for the congestion pricing study as a way to reduce car trips and collisions. She commented on the city's Vision Zero goal and how transit riders, who are also pedestrians at either end of their transit trip, would benefit significantly from congestion pricing.

Janice Li, Advocacy Director at the San Francisco Bicycle Coalition, expressed her support for the congestion pricing study, commenting on the need to fight for every source of revenue possible to improve the city's streets, as well the overdue need for the study to be updated given the many ways in which the city has changed.

Chair Peskin commented that District 3 would be most affected for the good.

Commissioner Kim moved to approve the item, seconded by Commissioner Brown.

The item was approved without objection by the following vote:

Ayes: Commissioners Brown, Cohen, Kim, Mandelman, Peskin, Ronen, Stefani, Tang and Yee (9)

Absent: Commissioners Fewer and Safai (2)

7. Approve San Francisco's State Transit Assistance County Block Grant Framework for Fiscal Years 2018/19 and 2019/20 – ACTION

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

There was no public comment.

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

The item was approved without objection by the following vote:

Ayes: Commissioners Brown, Cohen, Kim, Mandelman, Peskin, Ronen, Stefani, Tang and Yee (9)

Absent: Commissioners Fewer and Safai (2)

8. Adopt the District 10 Mobility Management Study Final Report [NTIP Planning] – ACTION

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

Commissioner Cohen thanked the agency staff, as well as her own staff, for the completion of the report.

There was no public comment.

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

The item was approved without objection by the following vote:

Ayes: Commissioners Brown, Cohen, Kim, Mandelman, Peskin, Ronen, Stefani, Tang and Yee (9)

Absent: Commissioners Fewer and Safai (2)

9. Approve the Revised Debt and Investment Policies – ACTION

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

Chair Peskin thanked Commissioner Cohen for her work as Retirement Board Member and as the President of the Board of Supervisors, as well as for initiating the request to staff to add the new social responsibility policy to the Investment Policy.

There was no public comment.

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

The item was approved without objection by the following vote:

Ayes: Commissioners Brown, Cohen, Kim, Mandelman, Peskin, Ronen, Stefani, Tang and Yee (9)

Absent: Commissioners Fewer and Safai (2)

Other Items

10. Introduction of New Items – INFORMATION

There were no new items introduced.

11. Public Comment

There was no public comment.

12. Adjournment

The meeting was adjourned at 10:54 a.m.