



DRAFT MINUTES

FINANCE COMMITTEE

Tuesday, January 13, 2015

1. Roll Call

Chair Cohen called the meeting to order at 11:35 a.m.

Present at Roll Call: Commissioners Christensen, Cohen, Farrell, Tang and Wiener (5)

Consent Calendar

2. Approve the Minutes of the December 9, 2014 Meeting – ACTION
3. Recommend Exercising the Second One-Year Option of the Consultant Contracts with Arup North America Limited, Nelson\Nygaard Consulting Associates, and Stantec Consulting Services Inc. and Increasing the Contract Amounts by \$836,000, to a Combined Total Amount Not to Exceed \$1,736,000, for On-Call Transportation Planning Services, and Authorizing the Executive Director to Modify Contract Payment Terms and Non-Material Contract Terms and Conditions – ACTION
4. Recommend Approval of the Revised Administrative Code, the Revised Rules of Order, the Revised Debt, Fiscal, Investment and Procurement Policies, and the Travel, Conference, Training and Business Expense Reimbursement Policy - ACTION

There was no public comment.

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

Ayes: Commissioners Christensen, Cohen, Farrell, Tang and Wiener (5)

End of Consent Calendar

5. Recommend Increasing the Amount of the Professional Services Contract with Mark Thomas & Company, Inc. by \$66,841 to a Total Amount Not to Exceed \$665,022 for Planning, Environmental, and Engineering Services; Increasing the Amount of the Professional Services Contract with S&C Engineers, Inc. by \$130,000, to a Total Amount Not to Exceed \$550,700, for Construction Management Services; Increasing the Amount of the Construction Contract with O.C. Jones & Sons, Inc. by \$348,000 to a Total Amount Not to Exceed \$2,369,468; Authorizing the Executive Director to Modify Payment Terms and Non-Material Contract Terms and Conditions for All Three Contracts; and Authorizing an Additional Construction Allotment of \$213,800 to a Total Amount Not to Exceed \$400,800 for the Folsom and Fremont Street Off-Ramp Realignment Project – ACTION

Liz Rutman, Senior Engineer, presented the item per the staff memorandum.

There was no public comment.

The item was approved without objection.

6. Recommend Approval of the Scope of Work for the Improving West Side Transit Access Strategic Analysis Report – ACTION

Maria Lombardo, Chief Deputy Director, presented the item per the staff memorandum.

Commissioner Tang explained the challenges with public transportation in the west side of the city, including neighborhoods in Districts 1, 4 and 7. She said the primary focus of the report would be the large constituency from her district that makes frequent trips to downtown San Francisco and the south bay. She said the report would build upon work that was already being done through the Muni Forward Initiative (MuniFWD) and the San Francisco Transportation Plan (SFTP), and would ideally produce recommendations that lead to actionable items to improve west side transportation.

Ms. Lombardo stated that the report would also build off of the Sunset Blueprint, which identified transit accessibility and reliability as a top community concern, and the San Francisco Transportation Plan, which found geographic disparities in transportation service quality in outlying neighborhoods. She explained that Strategic Analysis Reports were typically short documents but produce concrete recommendations. She said the report would start with history, context, and a summary of relevant studies such as MuniFWD and SPUR's Ocean Beach Master Plan. She said staff would identify one or more specific travel markets to focus on, and would analyze them to evaluate current travel options and opportunities for improvement beyond what is already planned, focusing on transit but potentially other options such as shared-use modes. She added that the analysis could be supplemented by focus groups and interviews. She stated the final document would list packages of recommended strategies, types of projects, and potential policies for each of the travel markets, which would ideally translate into recommendations that could move forward. She said the Board would have the opportunity to accept the report with or without the recommendations. She added that while the report was focused on the west side, it would lend itself to accessibility issues in outlying neighborhoods and that all of the work would contribute to the next SFTP update.

Commissioner Wiener commented that improved transit options on the west side of the city were long overdue. He added that transit investment should follow housing and asked if the report would also look at projected housing production.

Ms. Lombardo responded that housing would not be the focus of the report but it would be studied on a high-level.

Commissioner Tang commented that in an ideal situation, plans for housing and transit would be developed in tandem. She said given the nature of the west side of the city, she was hopeful that the report would provide high-level options incorporating the possibility of housing units being added, but also provide recommendations for near-term transportation improvements

Commissioner Wiener commented that in Districts 6 and 10, tens of thousands of housing units were being added. He stated that the T-Third line was inadequate and that the parts of the city being developed were going to need greater transit investment and should be prioritized. He said when speaking with residents on the west side of the city who were skeptical of adding housing units, it would be helpful to highlight the link between housing and transportation investment.

Commissioner Christensen commented that she participated in a similar study which looked at the extension of the T-Third line. She asked if this report would include data on population

nodes or attractions, which were key generators of trips, and not just the user groups. She added that it underscored how close land use planning was tied to transportation.

Ms. Lombardo commented that the report recommendations would be grouped into short-, mid- and long-term. She said the long-term recommendations would be tied to options for land use development. She said the lead staff would be Deputy Director for Planning David Uniman and Senior Transportation Planner Ryan Greene-Roesel, and that the work would largely be done in-house, with a small portion of the work proposed through the on-call planning contract which was passed on the consent calendar.

There was no public comment.

The item was approved without objection.

7. State and Federal Legislative Update – INFORMATION/ACTION

Amber Crabbe, Assistant Deputy Director for Policy and Programming, presented the item per the staff memorandum.

Ms. Crabbe reported that at his signing in ceremony Governor Brown spoke about getting roads, highways, and bridges in adequate shape and pointed to a \$59 billion backlog but did not propose any new funding initiatives for transportation. She said that the budget included a conservative projection of \$1 billion for cap and trade, a number that would likely be increased through the May Revise once auction proceeds came in. She noted that the state's Road Usage Charge Technical Advisory Committee would meet for the first time in January.

Ms. Crabbe stated that on December 16 President Obama signed the \$1.1 trillion combined Continuing Resolution and Omnibus Appropriations bill into law, keeping the federal government funded through the end of Federal Fiscal Year 2015. She reported that the bill froze most transportation programs at prior-year levels but bumped up funding for the federal New and Small Starts programs and decreased funding for the Transportation Investment Generating Economic Recovery (TIGER), also eliminating the TIGER Planning grant program.

There was no public comment.

8. Introduction of New Items

Chair Cohen requested a strategic analysis report for District 10.

There was no public comment.

9. Public Comment

There was no public comment.

10. Adjournment

The meeting was adjourned at 12:01 p.m.