



DRAFT MINUTES

FINANCE COMMITTEE

Tuesday, July 14, 2015

1. Roll Call

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

Present at Roll Call: Commissioners Avalos, Cohen and Kim (3)

Absent at Roll Call: Commissioners Campos (entered during Item 2) and Mar (2)

2. Approve the Minutes of the June 9, 2015 Meeting – ACTION

There was no public comment.

The Minutes were approved without objection by the following vote:

Ayes: Commissioners Avalos, Campos, Cohen and Kim (4)

Absent: Commissioner Mar (1)

3. State and Federal Legislative Update – ACTION

Amber Crabbe, Assistant Deputy Director for Policy and Programming, presented the item per the legislative matrix.

Ms. Crabbe reported that Governor Brown declared a special legislative session when he released the budget. She said one of the topics was transportation and infrastructure, and that there had been a number of informational hearings on the need to invest and to identify new revenues, though discussions were mostly focused on local streets and highways and not transit.

Chair Avalos asked what the estimated revenue was for Senate Bill 16 which also appears as Senate Bill First Extraordinary Session (SBX1) 1. Ms. Crabbe responded that it was estimated at \$2-3 billion per year and that it would ramp up over five years.

Chair Avalos asked who was proposing SBX1 2, and Ms. Crabbe responded it was State Senator Huff.

Ms. Crabbe stated that at the federal level, the Senate had introduced a six-year reauthorization bill named the Developing a Reliable and Innovative Vision for the Economy Act, but that it mainly focused on highways and roads and included some new restrictions on the percentage of funding that could be spent on transit. She said the bill, if approved, would increase funding for transportation and would increase the flexibility for local jurisdictions to address local concerns. She said a recent development was a proposal to eliminate the Transportation Investment Generating Economic Recovery (TIGER) program, which was a federal competitive grant program which San Francisco and the region had previously received funding from.

Tilly Chang, Executive Director, stated that the General Manager of Bay Area Rapid Transit (BART) had recently announced that she would be proposing to the BART Board to take a bond measure to voters in 2016. She said the Bay Area Council had recently conducted a poll of the

three BART District counties, San Francisco, Alameda, and Contra Costa, to see how voters felt about a potential bond measure for state of good repair and maintenance needs but also to potentially address operational and future expansion needs. Ms. Chang said Transportation Authority staff was working closely with the San Francisco Mayor's Office, the San Francisco Planning Department, the San Francisco Municipal Transportation Agency and BART to better understand the options for a measure.

Commissioner Kim asked if it would require a 2/3 plus one vote to pass since it would be a three county bond measure. Ms. Chang confirmed that was her understanding. Commissioner Kim asked if one county voted below the 2/3 mark and another county voted above the 2/3 mark, would it be the average of the three counties, and Ms. Chang confirmed.

Commissioner Kim asked how many counties could participate in this type of bond measure. Ms. Chang responded that a bond measure could potentially include as many counties as preferred, but that this bond measure would only include the three BART District counties. She added that another regional measure for the bridge tolls would involve all nine of the Bay Area counties. Maria Lombardo, Chief Deputy Director, stated that a Bay Area-wide measure would require state legislation, similar to the regional gas tax for which the Metropolitan Transportation Commission has authority.

There was no public comment.

The item was approved without objection by the following vote:

Ayes: Commissioners Avalos, Campos, Cohen and Kim (4)

Absent: Commissioner Mar (1)

4. Recommend Award of a Two-Year Contract to AECOM Technical Services, Inc. in an Amount Not to Exceed \$400,000 for Planning and Engineering Services for the San Francisco Freeway Corridor Management Study Phase 2, and Authorizing the Executive Director to Negotiate Contract Payment Terms and Non-Material Contract Terms and Conditions – ACTION

Andrew Heidel, Senior Transportation Planner, presented the item per the staff memorandum.

Commissioner Kim stated that this study was of particular interest to District 6 and the downtown area where there was a lot of congestion, and said that she was interested in some of the different management concepts. She asked if AECOM had done this type of work previously and if there was a lot of precedence of these types of innovative approaches.

Mr. Heidel responded that there was a lot of precedent in the San Francisco Bay Area, with a number of efforts underway in the East Bay, including Alameda County in particular. He said the Metropolitan Transportation Commission (MTC) was currently leading a managed lane implementation plan for the entire region, and that most of the efforts were for new high occupancy vehicle (HOV) lanes or the conversion of existing HOV lanes into express lanes. He said that San Francisco posed a unique challenge and that the city's constraints could lead to alternatives that did not include increased freeway capacity.

Tilly Chang, Executive Director, stated that in general California had been a follower state, with more implementation happening in Texas and Florida. She said there was substantial experience in the South Bay and East Bay however, with existing lanes in place in the I-680 and I-580 corridors, and that US-101 was currently under study, particularly in San Mateo County. She said

they would want to continue this into San Francisco and look at conversion and other potential management studies for US-101 and I-280. Ms. Chang noted that AECOM had solid expertise both in the Bay Area and across the country, and that the AECOM team included former MTC staff who were involved in the early Bay Area projects, including HOV and tolling.

There was no public comment.

The item was approved without objection by the following vote:

Ayes: Commissioners Avalos, Campos, Cohen and Kim (4)

Absent: Commissioner Mar (1)

5. Introduction of New Items – INFORMATION

There was no public comment.

6. Public Comment

There was no public comment.

7. Adjournment

The meeting was adjourned at 11:27 a.m.