



DRAFT MINUTES

FINANCE COMMITTEE

Tuesday, September 8, 2015

1. Roll Call

Chair Avalos called the meeting to order at 11:14 a.m.

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

Absent at Roll Call: Commissioners Campos (entered during Item 4) and Mar (2)

Consent Calendar

2. Approve the Minutes of the July 14, 2015 Meeting – ACTION

3. Investment Report for the Quarter Ended June 30, 2015 – INFORMATION

There was no public comment.

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

Ayes: Commissioners Avalos, Cohen and Kim (3)

Absent: Commissioners Campos and Mar (2)

End of Consent Calendar

4. State and Federal Legislative Update – ACTION

Mark Watts, State Legislative Advocate, presented the item per the legislative matrix.

Chair Avalos asked if the bills directing cap and trade funding to disadvantaged communities, as defined by the state, had support. Mr. Watts responded that they did not.

Commissioner Kim asked if Assembly Bill Extraordinary Session 6 was related to high speed rail revenues and Mr. Watts responded that it referred to cap and trade revenues.

Commissioner Avalos asked if the proposed bill redirecting cap and trade funds away from the Affordable Housing Community Sustainability fund to highways was likely to be successful. Mr. Watts replied that he did not believe it would, and that it would likely not meet state requirements for reducing greenhouse gases.

Commissioner Kim asked for an update on Assembly Bill (AB) 6, which the Transportation Authority had adopted an oppose position on. Mr. Watts replied that it would not move forward this year and would be carried over as a two-year bill. Commissioner Kim asked if he thought it would gain ground next year. Mr. Watts responded that he did not think so.

Commissioner Kim asked about the status of AB 23. Mr. Watts responded that the bill was in the same position as AB 6 since it had failed to meet the required deadline so it would also be a two-year bill and taken up in January. He added that he did not think there was support for it.

Commissioner Cohen inquired about the status of AB 2, regarding community revitalization authority and whether it was likely to move forward. Mr. Watts answered that the bill had been moving through the legislative process and had a good chance of being passed. Commissioner Cohen asked about AB 313, regarding the elimination of dwelling units. Mr. Watts replied that AB 313 was meant to make the approval of last year's Enhanced Infrastructure Financing District legislation more palatable to opponents and noted that Assembly Speaker Atkins was confident that Governor Brown would support it.

Commissioner Cohen said she agreed with the support position on AB 35, which would increase the state tax credit for affordable housing, and asked how it would be applied. Mr. Watts replied that it would increase the amount available for the existing program statewide.

Commissioner Cohen asked whether AB 61, which would expand the authority of transit agencies' to allow shuttle operators to stop and pick up passengers, would allow them to charge more for use of the transit stops. Mr. Watts said he was not sure but noted that the bill could not move forward until next year. Commissioner Cohen asked what the bill's author had intended since he was a representative from Southern California. Mr. Watts replied that the author had read an article about what was happening in San Francisco and thought he could help resolve the issue. He added that there was support on record but not enough to move the bill along. Commissioner Cohen asked if San Francisco representatives were supportive of the bill and Mr. Watts replied that he did not know but would check and report back.

Commissioner Cohen asked why there was a support position proposed for AB 744, which would eliminate minimum parking requirements near major transit stops and other special housing. Mr. Watts said the bill was supported by the San Francisco Planning Department.

Chair Avalos noted that AB 744 had passed through the Assembly and was going through the Senate, and asked if the bill was likely to pass. Mr. Watts responded that he believed it would be approved because he had sat through the hearing where it passed readily.

During public comment, Andrew Yip commented on the need for passion in their advocacy.

Mr. Watts reported on Governor Brown's \$3.6 billion proposal to raise transportation revenue. He said this would result in a modest increase in excise and diesel fuel taxes, a road use charge similar to the existing vehicle registration fee, and a one-time repayment from the state's general fund. He stated that the legislation contained other elements such as an advanced mitigation program to help projects through the environmental mitigation process, an expansion of an environmental review exemption for road safety and repair projects within the existing right of way, and an extension of public private partnership law.

Chair Avalos asked if the bill could be approved in the current special session. Mr. Watts responded that the special session was running concurrently with the regular session, which would end on Friday of that week, but that the special session could be extended.

Francisco DaCosta commented on bills being deliberated in Sacramento. He said that San Francisco needed to look at congestion and the increase in its carbon footprint. He noted there was a lot to be done in the city's southeast sector, particularly with respect to roads and quality of life issues.

Tilly Chang, Executive Director, expressed appreciation for Governor Brown for his proposal and San Francisco's delegation of representatives for all their hard work bringing the proposed revenue measure for transportation to this point. She said it was clear that the state was focused

on addressing the highway repair backlog but that they also worked with urban areas to advocate for the inclusion of funds for transit state of good repair, as well as bike, pedestrian, and complete streets improvements. She recognized Assemblymember Chiu and Ed Reiskin, Director of Transportation at the San Francisco Municipal Transportation Agency Director, for organizing efforts throughout the state.

The item was approved without objection by the following vote:

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

Absent: Commissioner Mar (1)

Commissioner Campos motioned to excuse Commissioner Mar's absence, seconded by Commissioner Cohen.

5. Recommend Executing a Funding Agreement with the Bay Area Rapid Transit (BART) District for a Three-Year Period in an Amount Not to Exceed \$406,000 for the San Francisco BART Travel Incentives Pilot Project and Authorize the Executive Director to Negotiate Agreement Payment Terms and Non-Material Agreement Terms and Conditions – ACTION

Ryan Greene-Roesel, Senior Transportation Planner, presented the item per the staff memorandum.

Chair Avalos asked whether there had been previous outreach to BART riders to encourage them to travel outside the peak period, and if it had been successful.

Ms. Greene-Roesel responded that outreach on this scale had not previously been attempted, but that the results would be closely monitored to determine whether the approach was cost-effective.

Commissioner Campos asked how the software would work.

Ms. Greene-Roesel responded that interested riders would sign up with their Clipper Cards, and a software program would determine how to target incentives to travelers to maximize shifting out of the peak period.

Anna LaForte, Deputy Director for Policy and Programming, commented that the total cost of the program was \$953,000, of which \$508,000 would be provided from a Value Pricing Program award which the Transportation Authority received from the Federal Highway Administration; \$400,000 would be from BART operating revenues; and the remaining \$45,000 would be from Prop K sales tax revenues.

During public comment, Andrew Yip said that if trains could be provided every minute, there would be no crowding.

The item was approved without objection by the following vote:

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

Absent: Commissioner Mar (1)

6. Introduction of New Items – INFORMATION

There was no public comment.

7. Public Comment

During public comment, Andrew Yip commented on the District 3 Supervisorial election.

8. Adjournment

The meeting was adjourned at 11:50 a.m.