



# DRAFT MINUTES

## FINANCE COMMITTEE

Tuesday, October 11, 2016

### 1. Roll Call

Chair Mar called the meeting to order at 12:08 p.m.

**Present at Roll Call:** Commissioners Campos, Mar and Yee (3)

**Absent at Roll Call:** Commissioners Cohen (entered during Item 3) and Kim (2)

### Consent Calendar

#### 2. Approve the Minutes of the June 14, 2016 Meeting – ACTION

#### 3. Investment Report for the Quarter Ended June 30, 2016 – INFORMATION

There was no public comment.

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

Ayes: Commissioners Campos, Cohen, Mar and Yee (4)

Absent: Commissioner Kim (1)

### End of Consent Calendar

#### 4. State and Federal Legislative Update – INFORMATION

Marks Watts, State Legislative Advocate for the Transportation Authority, presented the item per the legislation matrix.

Chair Mar asked, regarding the new Transformative Communities program, what was meant by “transformative”. Mr. Watts responded that it referred to a host of planning and potential implementation projects that would impact a small portion of a community with the intent of transforming the quality of life there. He said it involved a mix of integrated transportation and affordable housing projects that would build on each other and expand the community’s ability to reduce greenhouse gas emissions.

Chair Mar noted that \$140 million was allocated for the program, with 50% going to the County of Fresno, 25% to the County of Los Angeles, and a third county yet to be selected. Mr. Watts added that the Mayor of Fresno had attended all of the budget hearing committees in the spring and so he was not surprised that Fresno received funding.

Commissioner Yee asked which city departments were working on the automated speed enforcement legislation. Mr. Watts replied that he believed the San Francisco Municipal Transportation Agency was leading this effort. Commissioner Yee asked if automatic speed enforcement had any sponsors for the legislation, to which Mr. Watts replied that he was not aware of any and was only informed that this legislation may be a priority in the coming legislative session.

Chair Mar commented thanked Commissioner Campos for his leadership around equity at the Metropolitan Transportation Commission and Commissioner Yee for his work on tour bus safety issues at the local level.

There was no public comment.

**5. Recommend Executing a Memorandum of Agreement with the Treasure Island Development Authority for the Yerba Buena Island Vista Point Operation Services in an Amount Not to Exceed \$500,000 through December 31, 2018, and Authorizing the Executive Director to Negotiate Payment Terms and Non-Material Agreement Terms and Conditions – ACTION**

Eric Cordoba, Deputy Director for Capital Projects, presented the item per the staff memorandum.

Commissioner Yee asked if there would be a new eastbound off-ramp as part of the project. Mr. Cordoba replied that there was an existing eastbound off-ramp on the east side of Yerba Buena Island but that it had been closed for over ten years. He said that it would be reopened as part of the improvements to the interchange expected in mid to late 2018. Commissioner Yee asked if it would be an exit from the right lane. Mr. Cordoba replied that traveling from San Francisco to Treasure Island there was an existing exit from the left lane that would stay open and was the most direct route to Treasure Island, but that once the eastbound off-ramp opened it would be from the right lane and a more direct route to Yerba Buena Island.

There was no public comment.

The item was approved without objection by the following vote:

Ayes: Commissioners Campos, Cohen, Mar and Yee (4)

Absent: Commissioner Kim (1)

**6. Alemany Interchange Improvement Study Update – INFORMATION**

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

Commissioner Campos asked about the community involvement in the study. Ms. Hiatt responded that the study was initiated by the Portola Neighborhood Association which had communicated safety issues with the Alemany Interchange, particularly pedestrian and bicycle access to the local farmer's market located on the north side of Alemany Boulevard. She said there were a number of gaps in the bicycle and pedestrian networks, particularly traveling from north to south across Alemany Boulevard, and that the farmer's market was a very popular destination which led to people making an informal path under the freeway ramps.

Commissioner Cohen commented that improvements to the intersection were a long time coming and noted the population growth in the southeastern sector of the city, particularly in the Portola neighborhood. She said the Alemany interchange was a dangerous intersection and so the improvements should be completed as quickly as possible. She also appreciated that the study took into account the flooding that happened on an annual basis underneath the freeway overpass.

Commissioner Campos asked what the timeline was for funding options. Ms. Hiatt responded that staff would come back within the next few months with a funding plan. She said staff was currently completing outreach regarding design and had cost estimates for design but would be considering which grant sources to target for funding.

Tilly Chang, Executive Director, commented that staff would request Neighborhood Transportation Improvement Program capital funds from District 9 to advance design while the funding plan was completed so that the project could be expedited.

Commissioner Campos noted that his term on the Board of Supervisors would be ending on January 8 and that he would be happy to advocate for specific funding sources at the Transportation Authority Board, the Board of Supervisors, or the Metropolitan Transportation Commission prior to that.

Commissioner Cohen commented that if an action on funding was not taken by January 8 she would also advocate for funding for the project.

There was no public comment.

**7. Introduction of New Items – INFORMATION**

There was no public comment.

**8. Public Comment**

During public comment, Andrew Yip spoke about self-nature and enlightenment.

**9. Adjournment**

The meeting was adjourned at 12:53 p.m.