



DRAFT MINUTES

FINANCE COMMITTEE

Tuesday, November 15, 2016

1. Roll Call

Chair Mar called the meeting to order at 11:44 a.m.

Present at Roll Call: Commissioners Campos, Cohen, Kim and Mar (4)

Absent at Roll Call: Commissioner Yee (1)

Consent Calendar

2. Approve the Minutes of the October 11, 2016 Meeting – ACTION

3. Internal Accounting and Investment Report for the Three Months Ending September 30, 2016 – INFORMATION

There was no public comment.

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

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

Absent: Commissioner Yee (1)

End of Consent Calendar

4. Recommend Acceptance of the Audit Report for the Fiscal Year Ended June 30, 2016 – ACTION*

Cynthia Fong, Deputy Director for Finance and Administration, introduced the item and Ahmad Gharaibeh with Vavrinek, Trine, Day & Co., LLP, who presented the item.

Chair Mar noted that the proposed Fiscal Year 2016/17 budget included a projection of \$27 million in sales tax revenues but that the actual amount was \$5 million less, and asked how the projections were made and whether future projections would need to be adjusted. Ms. Fong replied that in the June 30th accounting report there was a 4% increase in sales tax revenues projected but that the actual amount ended up being 1.9%. She said the Transportation Authority worked with Beacon Economics on an annual basis to calculate projections but also worked with the Controller's Office on an ongoing basis to compare estimates. She said the most recent accounting report showed that sales tax revenues were still not at 4% and that staff would monitor them through the holiday season and would consider adjusting the projections for the proposed budget amendment in early 2017.

There was no public comment.

The item was approved without objection by the following vote:

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

Absent: Commissioner Yee (1)

5. **Bayshore Boulevard/Cesar Chavez Street/Potrero Avenue Intersection Improvement Study Update – INFORMATION**

Anna LaForte introduced the item and Thalia Leng, Transportation Planner at the San Francisco Municipal Transportation Agency (SFMTA), who presented the item.

Commissioner Cohen asked if the improvements included new retaining walls being built or only existing walls being reinforced. Ms. Leng replied that it would include a combination of replacing and reinforcing existing walls.

Commissioner Cohen asked if the lighting improvements included in segments M, N and O would be to assets of the San Francisco Public Utilities Commission (SFPUC) or Pacific, Gas and Electric. Ms. Leng replied that the lighting that would be replaced in these segments belonged to SFPUC, but that it would entail working with San Francisco Public Works (SFPW) as well.

Commissioner Cohen asked how it was determined that the funding would be allocated to segments M, N and O rather than segments F and G. Ms. Leng replied that the funding available in the SFMTA's Capital Improvement Program (CIP) was about the same amount as the funding needed for segments M, N and O, and that these segments were already moving forward. She said that SFMTA would be identifying funding for segments F and G.

Commissioner Cohen asked if segments M, N and O were a higher priority than segments F and G. Ms. Leng replied that the referenced segments had roughly the same priority, but that the available funding in the CIP was for road work which was a better match for the work being done in segments M, N and O, and that work on these segments would also be managed by the SFMTA. She added that the work for segments F and G was for bicycle and pedestrian improvements and would be managed by SFPW, so SFMTA would be working with SFPW to identify funding.

Commissioner Campos asked what the completion dates were for the respective segments. Ms. Leng replied that for segments M, N and O most of the funding was already in place so preliminary engineering would be completed in spring 2017, near-term improvements completed in summer 2017, and construction beginning in 2018. She added that the schedule for segments F and G would need to be put together based on funding availability.

Commissioner Campos commented that it was good that segments M, N and O were moving forward but that it was not acceptable that segments F and G would have to wait, and asked if the respective segments were of the same priority then why weren't they moving forward at the same time. Ms. Leng replied that it was a matter of funding availability.

Commissioner Campos suggested that if funding was being allocated from the Transportation Authority to the SFMTA for these segments it could potentially be redirected so that the segments moved forward together.

Commissioner Cohen commented that she agreed with Commissioner Campos that the segments should be advanced at the same time. She stated that this item was just an update on the "Hairball" intersection that was a result of a District 10 Neighborhood Transportation Improvement Program project initiated a year prior. She added that the intersection had been a problem for many years and noted that the presentation did not include references to the homeless population residing in the area which created dangerous situations for the various modes traveling through the area. She asked what the schedule was for the entire package of improvements to the intersection. Ms. Leng replied that SFMTA's work was based on funding availability and they were

currently focusing on the aforementioned segments, but that the improvements to these segments should help later segments move forward. She added that these initial segments were prioritized as part of the planning process and public outreach that took place in 2012 and built off previous studies. She said the strategy was to move forward with these key segments and over the next few years identify additional funding for a larger planning process and likely reprioritize the remaining segments.

Commissioner Campos commented that the improvements included in segments M, N and O should move forward as quickly as possible but that the timeline for the remaining segments was unacceptable. He suggested that a hearing be called at the Board of Supervisors to discuss this issue and that a specific funding plan for the rest of the segments should be produced within the next month because it was an equity issue.

Ms. Leng commented that this phase of the project had just completed and suggested that SFMTA staff come back to the Committee to present on a method to close the remaining funding gaps.

There was no public comment.

6. State and Federal Legislative Update – INFORMATION

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

There was no public comment.

7. Introduction of New Items – INFORMATION

There was no public comment.

8. Public Comment

There was no public comment.

9. Adjournment

The meeting was adjourned at 12:25 p.m.