



DRAFT MINUTES

PLANS AND PROGRAMS COMMITTEE

Tuesday, February 11, 2014

1. Roll Call

Chair Mar called the meeting to order at 10:48 a.m. The following members were:

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

Absent at Roll Call: Commissioners Avalos (entered during Item 4), Breed and Kim (3)

Consent Calendar

2. Approve the Minutes of the January 14, 2014 Meeting – ACTION

3. Recommend Adoption of the Fiscal Year 2014/15 Transportation Fund for Clean Air Local Expenditure Criteria – ACTION

Chair Mar called the Consent Calendar after Item 4.

There was no public comment.

The Consent Calendar was approved, without objection.

End of Consent Calendar

4. Citizens Advisory Committee Report – INFORMATION

Chair Mar called this item after Item 1.

Citizens Advisory Committee (CAC) Vice Chair Joseph Flanagan reported that Items 3 and 6 from the agenda were considered by the CAC at its January 22 meeting. He reported that the CAC passed Items 3 and 6 unanimously.

There was no public comment.

The item was approved, without objection.

5. Recommend Appointment of Two Members to the Citizens Advisory Committee – ACTION

Courtney Aguirre, Transportation Planner, presented the item per the staff memorandum.

Peter Tannen, Aaron Goodman, and Glenn Rogers spoke to their interest and qualifications in being appointed to the Citizens Advisory Committee (CAC).

Chair Mar asked if Commissioner Wiener was supportive of Mr. Tannen's reappointment to the CAC.

Peter Tannen confirmed that Commissioner Wiener was supportive of his reappointment.

During public comment, Jackie Sachs spoke in support of Mr. Tannen's reappointment to the CAC. She also spoke in support of Michele Jacques' appointment to the vacant District 7 seat on the CAC. She commented that there were currently only three females serving on the CAC.

Commissioner Yee stated that he was still interviewing people for the District 7 seat and would like to continue the vacancy.

Chair Mar commented on the importance of having a diverse (including in terms of gender) and representative CAC.

The motion to reappoint Mr. Tannen to the CAC was approved, without objection.

The remaining vacancy was continued at the call of the chair, without objection.

The item was approved, without objection.

6. Recommend Allocation of \$1,468,550 in Prop K Funds, with Conditions, and \$392,450 in Prop AA Funds, with Conditions, for Four Requests, Subject to the Attached Fiscal Year Cash Flow Distribution Schedules and Amendment of the Prop AA Strategic Plan and Relevant Prop K 5-Year Prioritization Programs – ACTION

Seon Joo Kim, Transportation Planner, presented the item per the staff memorandum.

Chair Mar stressed the importance of these projects for pedestrian safety and expressed the desire for projects to advance quickly to prevent pedestrian collisions, such as those in Districts 6 and 7. He stated the traffic signals on Geary and 22nd and Geary and 26th were critical around senior centers and schools, and residents had requested traffic calming in the area for years. Chair Mar thanked staff for moving these projects forward and expressed his support.

Commissioner Campos asked about the proposed locations for the curb ramps request. Ms. Kim referred to page 69 of the enclosure for the locations and noted that the locations were only those that would be funded by the current request.

During public comment, Marc Christensen of Merced Extension Triangle Neighborhood Association suggested installation of speed radar monitors along Alemany Boulevard between Brotherhood Way and St. Charles Avenue in both directions, along Brotherhood Way between Arch Street and Lake Merced Boulevard, and along Sunset Boulevard between Ocean Avenue and Wawona Street. Mr. Christenson stated these corridors were heavily used and traffic travelled above the posted speed limit.

Aaron Goodman of SF Tomorrow presented a photo of Sunset Boulevard from the San Francisco Chronicle to highlight the safety issue posed by wide boulevards with transit crossing but without an adequate time and space for pedestrian crossings. Mr. Goodman stated a recent collision resulting in a fatality occurred at Sunset Boulevard and Yorba Street. Mr. Goodman suggested studying the entire length of Sunset Boulevard more closely to address safety, transit, and congestion issues along the intersecting transit routes, including N-Judah and L-Taraval; major crossing corridors, such as Sloat Boulevard and Ocean Avenue; additional corridors leading to the area, such as Junipero Serra Boulevard and Randolph Street; and numerous nearby schools.

Chair Mar asked about the amount of Target's contribution to Signal Contract 33 and the location of the related signal work. Anna LaForte, Deputy Director for Policy and Programming, responded that according to Manito Velasco, San Francisco Municipal Transportation Agency Transportation Engineer, Target had contributed approximately \$400,000 for traffic signals at Anza Street and Masonic Avenue. Chair Mar mentioned the location intersected Districts 1 and 2, and was near District 5. Chair Mar commended Target for its contribution to improve street safety.

The item was approved, without objection.

7. Draft Neighborhood Transportation Improvement Program Planning Guidelines – INFORMATION

Chad Rathmann, Senior Transportation Planner, presented the item per the staff memorandum.

Transportation Authority Chair Avalos expressed the need for pedestrian safety and bicycle projects to be quickly implemented. He stated that further involving residents in the design and planning processes of projects would be beneficial, and that he believed the Neighborhood Transportation Improvement Program (NTIP) would enable residents to be more involved.

Tilly Chang, Executive Director, stated NTIP would work to develop a flexible program that would involve the public, form new community partnerships, address disparities, and coordinate with implementing agencies and Board member offices.

Chair Mar expressed satisfaction regarding the NTIP criteria for inclusion of community involvement, and NTIP's focus on equity and communities of concern. Chair Mar stated immigrant communities in District 1 were active in improving the neighborhood, but engaging small businesses remained a challenge. Chair Mar added NTIP would allow residents the opportunity to provide input into a community vision.

Commissioner Yee asked if community groups could write a proposal for a planning project given funds would not be available until Fiscal Year 2014/15. Ms. Chang stated that community groups with community-led planning proposals could apply if the plans identified projects that would be eligible for Prop K funds. She added NTIP funds would be available starting in summer 2014. She stated that assembling a team of agencies and/or consultants might be necessary to assist community groups with the planning process and to ensure that projects are moving toward implementation. Commissioner Yee requested clarification on the process of community groups making cost assumptions for planning projects. Ms. Chang stated that the Transportation Authority would be available to provide guidance to project leads—agencies or community groups—in creating scopes, budgets, and deliverables, as well as defining roles for all parties involved through a project charter for planning efforts.

Transportation Authority Chair Avalos stated District 11 residents expressed the need for traffic calming and pedestrian safety, but he added community groups were not organized. He commented that NTIP would help build capacities of community groups. Transportation Authority Chair Avalos asked how the Transportation Authority would ensure community-led planning processes would lead to deliverable projects. Ms. Chang stated that NTIP would require that agency staff work on educating the public regarding the planning and project delivery process and the types and cost of different treatments. Commissioner Avalos stated NTIP would allow residents to observe how Vision Zero would be achieved. He added community-

level input would pressure agencies to coordinate to achieve Vision Zero goals. Mr. Avalos stated that District 11 would be holding a town hall meeting regarding pedestrian safety. Chair Mar commented that NTIP would allow residents to consider complete street projects and other types of projects they had not been considering. He stated that Peter Lauterborn from his staff would be the best contact for District 1 residents interested in being involved in the process. He also voiced support for leveraged funds, including those from Target for traffic signal improvement. He added NTIP would help leverage other efforts, such as the funds from University of San Francisco to improve pedestrian safety.

During public comment, Aaron Goodman stated Brotherhood Way could be a good connector for neighborhoods to Lake Merced. He added Alemany Boulevard would be a good pedestrian connector to the weekend Alemany Flea Market. He added the San Francisco Public Utilities Commission had considering daylighting the creek on Brotherhood Way, and stated this would be an opportunity for agency coordination related to pedestrian improvements.

Marc Christenson stated the traffic calming projects on Alemany Boulevard, Sunset Boulevard and Brotherhood Way mentioned by Mr. Goodman should be included in the future planning processes. He voiced his support for NTIP and commended the Plans and Programs Committee in working to move the program forward.

8. Introduction of New Items – INFORMATION

There was no public comment.

9. Public Comment

During public comment, Marc Christensen of the Merced Extension Triangle Neighborhood Association spoke in support of two stops being added to the 19th Avenue Transit Study; one stop at Ocean Avenue and Eucalyptus Drive and the other at Winston Drive and 19th Avenue. He said the rationale for putting a stop at Ocean and Eucalyptus was that it would serve the Ocean Avenue merchant's corridor, along with the students attending Lowell and Mercy High Schools. He said the rationale for putting a stop at Winston and 19th was that it would serve the Stonestown Mall and transit points for Muni Lines 17, 28, and 29.

Aaron Goodman commented that the projected creation of jobs and corresponding funding towards transit projects over the next twenty-five years was centered on downtown and ignores the Sunset and western side of the city. He said that the demand of predicted trips exceeds transit supply, and that to maintain the quality of life the usage of trains and cars needs to be flipped. He said that the only way to do that in a dense urban area was to solve it through a jump in mass transit over the next five years.

10. Adjournment

The meeting was adjourned at 11:37 a.m.