



# DRAFT MINUTES

## PLANS AND PROGRAMS COMMITTEE

Tuesday, January 13, 2015

### 1. Roll Call

Chair Mar called the meeting to order at 10:08 a.m. The following members were:

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

**Absent at Roll Call:** Commissioners Breed and Yee (entered during Item 4) (2)

### 2. Citizens Advisory Committee Report – INFORMATION

Maria Lombardo, Chief Deputy Director, reported that the CAC did not meet since the previous Plans and Programs Committee meeting, but was scheduled to elect a new Chair and Vice Chair prior to the next Plans and Programs Committee meeting.

There was no public comment.

### 3. Approve the Minutes of the December 9, 2014 Meeting – ACTION

There was no public comment.

The minutes were approved without objection by the following vote:

Ayes: Commissioners Campos, Kim and Mar (3)

Absent: Commissioners Breed and Yee (2)

### 4. Recommend Allocation of \$3,815,332 in Prop K Funds, with Conditions, and Allocation of \$1,201,000 in Prop AA Funds, with Conditions, for Seven Requests, Subject to the Attached Fiscal Year Cash Flow Distribution Schedules – ACTION

Anna LaForte, Deputy Director for Policy and Programming, presented the item per the staff memorandum.

Chair Mar recommended that commissioners tour the San Francisco Municipal Transportation Agency's (SFMTA's) maintenance facilities if possible.

Commissioner Kim asked for the definitions of "all-way stop" and "mast-arm mounted signal" in relation to the New Signals Contract 62 request.

Ms. LaForte responded that all-way stops have signs or signals on all streets from all directions at an intersection and referred to a photo in her presentation depicting a signal mast-arm extending over an intersection from a post.

Commissioner Kim asked why the recommended scope included flashing beacons, as she had heard that these devices had problems with short circuits. She stipulated that she did not oppose flashing beacons, and said they were popular with her constituents.

Manito Velasco, Transportation Engineer at SFMTA, responded that flashing beacons that were embedded into the pavement at crosswalks had indeed been problematic because of the wear inflicted by traffic. He said the SFMTA was replacing flashing crosswalks with post-mounted rapid-flashing beacons as part of the scope of New Signals Contract 62, and these were expected to be much more reliable.

Commissioner Campos asked for a list of candidate curb ramp locations not included in the scope of the 2015 request for the San Francisco Public Works' (SFPW's) Curb Ramps program.

Ms. LaForte said she would work with SFPW to provide the list.

Commissioner Kim asked about the timeline for construction of the new signal and pedestrian improvements at 8<sup>th</sup> and Natoma, and also asked about SFMTA's progress in its effort to streamline Vision Zero projects, especially signal improvements. She commented favorably on the speed with which the new "scramble signal" at Stockton and Sacramento was implemented.

Ms. LaForte responded that completion of Contract 62 was scheduled for August 2016, and added that the SFMTA would work with the contractor to turn on individual signals prior to completion of the contract as a whole. She said SFMTA staff was attempting to expedite four or five other signal contracts, which required coordination of several disciplines, including curb ramps, sidewalks, pedestrian signals and other traffic management infrastructure.

Commissioner Campos asked whether Contract 62 identified the order in which improvements would be constructed.

Mr. Velasco responded that previous contracts had specified an order, but technical issues such as material availability were the primary factors in determining order.

There was no public comment.

The item was approved without objection by the following vote:

Ayes: Commissioners Breed, Campos, Kim, Mar and Yee (5)

**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 10:37 a.m.