



# DRAFT MINUTES

## CITIZENS ADVISORY COMMITTEE

April 22, 2015 MEETING

### 1. Committee Meeting Call to Order

The meeting was called to order by Chair Christopher Waddling at 6:02 p.m. CAC members present were Myla Ablog, John Larson, Santiago Lerma, Eric Rutledge, Jacqueline Sachs, Raymon Smith, Peter Tannen, Chris Waddling and Wells Whitney. Transportation Authority staff members present were Cynthia Fong, Anna LaForte, Vanessa Lauf, Maria Lombardo, Mike Pickford, Chad Rathmann and Steve Rehn.

### 2. Chair's Report – INFORMATION

Chair Waddling announced that votes would now be taken by roll call.

#### Consent Calendar

3. **Approve the Minutes of the March 25, 2015 Meeting and the April 8, 2015 Special Meeting – ACTION**
4. **State and Federal Legislative Update – INFORMATION**
5. **Citizens Advisory Committee Appointment – INFORMATION**

Raymon Smith requested that the April 8 Special Meeting minutes be amended to correct his statement on Item 3 from 'the community might want to know how individual members of the CAC voted' to 'the community has a right to know'. Myla Ablog commented on Item 5, saying she encouraged the Plans and Programs Committee to continue to cultivate diversity on the CAC. Ms. Sachs echoed Ms. Ablog's comments.

There was no public comment on the Consent Calendar.

The Consent Calendar was approved by the following vote:

Ayes: CAC Members Ablog, Larson, Lerma, Rutledge, Sachs, Smith, Tannen and Waddling

Abstained: CAC Member Whitney

Absent: CAC Member Larkin

#### End of Consent Calendar

6. **Adopt a Motion of Support for the Allocation of \$772,900 in Prop K Funds, with Conditions, and Appropriation of \$90,000 in Prop K Funds, Subject to the Attached Fiscal Year Cash Flow Distribution Schedules – ACTION**

Mike Pickford, Transportation Planner, presented the item per the staff memorandum. He stated that the staff recommendation had since changed to include an additional location to the scope of the Chavez/Bayshore/Potrero NTIP Capital project as requested by the San Francisco Municipal Transportation Agency.

During public comment, Roland Lebrun asked if the presentation, including the revised staff recommendation, could be attached to the agenda packet and uploaded to the Transportation Authority's website.

Chair Waddling moved to amend the item to include the additional location in the scope, seconded by Wells Whitney.

The motion to amend the item was approved by the following vote:

Ayes: CAC Members Ablog, Larson, Lerma, Rutledge, Sachs, Smith, Tannen, Waddling and Whitney

Absent: CAC Member Larkin

The amended item was approved by the following vote:

Ayes: CAC Members Ablog, Larson, Lerma, Rutledge, Sachs, Smith, Tannen, Waddling and Whitney

Absent: CAC Member Larkin

## **7. Major Capital Projects Update – Presidio Parkway – INFORMATION**

Lee Saage, Deputy Director for Capital Projects, introduced the item and John Fisher, Assistant Vice President at Parsons Brinckerhoff, presented the item.

Wells Whitney said it was clear the park would not be finished by June 1st but asked for confirmation that all traffic would be transferred to the newly constructed roadways by that date. Mr. Fisher confirmed that was correct. Mr. Whitney asked if work on the park would continue while traffic was flowing. Mr. Fisher said that it would.

Myla Ablog said that she had worked on Crissy Field and that there was currently a big outreach effort underway to seek public input on the parkland.

Jacqueline Sachs asked why there were not many workers on the project from Marin and Napa Counties. Mr. Fisher responded that the San Francisco Office of Economic and Workforce Development fielded requests from contractors for workers and had made an effort to utilize local workers. He noted that to some extent the statistics reflect who was available with the right skills when needed for the job.

There was no public comment.

## **8. Adopt a Motion of Support for Authorizing the Executive Director to: Replace the Transportation Authority's Commercial Paper Program with a Revolving Credit Agreement (Revolver); Enter into an up-to-\$140 Million Revolver with State Street Public Lending Corporation; Enter into an Alternate Credit Facility if Negotiations with State Street are Not Successful; Amend or Enter into the Associated Legal Documents; Take All Necessary Related Actions; and Negotiate the Agreement Payment Terms and Non-Material Agreement Terms and Conditions – ACTION**

Cynthia Fong, Deputy Director for Finance & Administration, presented the item per the staff memorandum.

Mr. Waddling asked if the \$600,000 in savings from implementing the new credit agreement was an annual savings or accrued over the life of the agreement. Ms. Fong responded that it was an annual savings, totaling \$1.8 million over the life of the agreement.

Santiago Lerma asked if the Transportation Authority had consulted outside financial advisors. Ms. Fong responded that both the Transportation Authority's financial advisors and bond

counsel were consulted and agreed with the proposed recommendation.

Wells Whitney asked if there were reasons besides reduced risk and cost for implementing the new instrument, such as expiration of the current letter of credit agreement. Ms. Fong responded in the affirmative.

Mr. Lerma asked why, if the new loan was such a good deal, staff was not recommending a longer term. Ms. Fong responded that interest rates were substantially higher for the longer term options.

During public comment, Ed Mason noted that the proposed credit instrument was linked to the LIBOR index, and asked if the recent LIBOR scandal should be considered. Ms. Fong responded that any agreement the Transportation Authority enters includes a back-door exit or termination clause. Mr. Lerma commented that the City and County of San Francisco had analyzed the effect of the scandal on its finances and concluded that the net loss was low, as City investments included both winners and losers as a result of manipulation of the index. Raymon Smith asked for clarification if there would be a termination clause. Ms. Fong responded in the affirmative.

The motion was approved by the following vote:

Ayes: CAC Members Ablog, Larson, Lerma, Rutledge, Sachs, Tannen, Waddling and Whitney

Abstained: CAC Member Smith

Absent: CAC Member Larkin

## **9. Preliminary Fiscal Year 2015/16 Annual Budget and Work Program– INFORMATION**

Cynthia Fong, Deputy Director for Finance & Administration, presented the item per the staff memorandum.

Chair Waddling asked about sales tax revenue projections. Ms. Fong responded that revenues had been increasing steadily since the recession, but that the budget and work program assumed a conservative three percent increase over the course of Fiscal Year 2015/16. Maria Lombardo, Chief Deputy, added that the Prop K Strategic Plan incorporated conservative projection for increasing revenues over the entire 30-year life of the Prop K program and that current budget projections exceeded Strategic Plan projections.

Santiago Lerma asked how expenditures could exceed revenues by approximately \$55 million. Ms. Fong responded that the difference reflected grant-funded capital projects expenditures committed for Fiscal Year 2015/16 and that the Transportation Authority did not hold or retain title for the projects it had constructed or for the vehicles and system improvements purchased with sales tax funds. Ms. Lombardo pointed out that Transportation Authority services were categorized into Plan, Fund and Deliver to try and make the work program more digestible.

Jacqueline Sachs asked if the Folsom and Fremont Off-Ramp Realignment project was part of the Transbay Transit Center project. Ms. Lombardo responded that it was a separate project, but that it supported the Transbay Redevelopment Plan. She offered to provide a map of the Transbay Redevelopment Plan improvements made possible by the Folsom Ramps project.

Eric Rutledge asked about the relationship between the budget and the Prop K and Prop AA 5-year prioritization programs. Ms. Lombardo responded that the Prop K and Prop AA 5-Year Prioritization Programs provided a 5-year road map of which projects would be funded in which year. She said the budget focused on projects with funds programmed in Fiscal Year

2015/16 and carryover funds from prior years.

During public comment, Roland Lebrun commented that some Transportation Authority projects include funding from City revenue bonds. He suggested that the presentation slide for the work program include costs.

#### **11. Introduction of New Business – INFORMATION**

Chair Waddling announced that Eric Rutledge would be leaving the CAC for graduate school at Portland State University. Mr. Rutledge said that he had enjoyed working with the CAC, along with the Transportation Authority Board and staff.

Raymon Smith requested that the CAC revisit its by-laws, since they appeared to not have been updated since their adoption. He mentioned the rules on meeting attendance as one area where the by-laws might be refined. Chair Waddling said that he could appoint a subcommittee of three members to review the by-laws if there was interest. Mr. Smith and Santiago Lerma volunteered for the subcommittee and Chair Waddling volunteered to be the third member. Chair Waddling said that the subcommittee would schedule a meeting in the near future. Mr. Smith said that in the meantime, he would review the by-laws to identify specific issues.

Wells Whitney suggested that the Transportation Authority provide legal advice to the subcommittee. Chair Waddling asked whether Transportation Authority council could attend the subcommittee meeting. Maria Lombardo, Chief Deputy, responded in the affirmative.

Raymon Smith requested that the courier who delivered the CAC packets enter his building to drop the materials off and provided instructions.

Jacqueline Sachs stated that Jerry Lee, a former CAC member and former San Francisco Municipal Transportation Agency board member, had passed away.

Peter Tannen said that Bay Area Rapid Transit (BART) and Muni were looking for input on changes to the Civic Center station and that he had spoken with a planner at BART who would be willing to present to the CAC on the project.

Raymon Smith said that he participated in Walk to Work Day and felt it was a big success.

There was no public comment.

#### **12. Public Comment**

During public comment, Ed Mason asked about the issue of floor height compatibility between the vehicles planned for the California High-Speed Rail project and the new vehicles planned for the Caltrain system, and asked if the issue had been resolved yet. Maria Lombardo, Chief Deputy, said a decision was expected by the end of June. Roland Lebrun commented that the amount of passenger seating in draft designs for the new Caltrain vehicles had been reduced from 900 to 600 in an effort to resolve the issue of the floor height compatibility with high-speed rail trains, and recommended finding a solution with less impact on capacity.

#### **13. Adjournment**

The meeting was adjourned at 7:35 p.m.