



# DRAFT MINUTES

## PLANS AND PROGRAMS COMMITTEE

Tuesday, May 12, 2015

### 1. Roll Call

Chair Tang called the meeting to order at 10:02 a.m. The following members were:

**Present at Roll Call:** Commissioners Breed, Christensen and Tang (3)

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

Chair Tang called Item 2 after Item 5.

### 2. Citizens Advisory Committee Report – INFORMATION

Chris Waddling, Chair of the Citizens Advisory Committee (CAC), reported that at its April 22 meeting, the CAC considered and passed Item 5 from the agenda. Mr. Waddling said that on Item 5 the CAC echoed the committee's praise for the proposed projects.

There was no public comment.

### 3. Approve the Minutes of the April 21, 2015 Meeting – ACTION

There was no public comment.

The minutes were approved without objection by the following vote:

Ayes: Commissioners Breed, Christensen, and Tang (3)

Absent: Commissioners Farrell and Yee (2)

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

Mike Pickford, Transportation Planner, presented the item per the staff memorandum.

Commissioner Christensen stated that Wells Whitney had been an excellent representative for District 3 and an asset to the Citizens Advisory Committee (CAC) so she endorsed his reappointment.

Peter Fortune, Roger Kuo, and John Morrison spoke to their interests and qualifications in being appointed to the CAC.

There was no public comment.

Commissioner Farrell asked if the vacant seats had to be filled by candidates from certain districts, and if so which districts were these vacancies for.

Mr. Pickford clarified that CAC seats were not tied to specific districts, but that in practice there had been a representative from each district on the CAC. He said that Mr. Whitney resided in District 3 and that Angela Minkin resided in District 11.

Commissioner Farrell stated that he had worked with Mr. Fortune on a number of projects over the years and noted that he was an amazing advocate in District 2 and would be a great addition to the CAC. He said he understood the practice of having a representative from each district and was happy to continue that tradition.

Commissioner Breed asked if Commissioner Avalos had recommended a candidate from District 11 since the vacancy was continued at the prior month's meeting. She said that although it's not written in the CAC's by-laws, it was important to have representation on the CAC from residents across the city. She said that having a representative from District 11 was especially important because that district was far from the center of the city and its residents faced different challenges with public transportation. Commissioner Breed added that she was impressed with all three candidates who spoke, but especially Mr. Kuo because of his knowledge and experience of riding Muni for many years.

Chair Tang stated that Commissioner Avalos supported Mr. Morrison for the District 11 vacancy, but that it was continued from last month because Mr. Morrison had yet to appear before the committee.

Commissioner Christensen stated that for the District 3 vacancy, Mr. Kuo had made it a tough decision but that Mr. Whitney had served the CAC well and was an avid transit rider. She said that her office had created a supervisors transportation advisory committee and she invited Mr. Kuo to participate.

Chair Tang thanked all three candidates who spoke for attending the meeting and for their interest in serving the CAC, and hoped that they would continue to stay involved in this important topic.

Commissioner Farrell moved to recommend appointment of Mr. Morrison and reappointment of Mr. Whitney, seconded by Commissioner Christensen.

The motion to recommend appointment of John Morrison and reappointment of Wells Whitney to the CAC was approved without objection by the following vote:

Ayes: Commissioners Breed, Christensen, Farrell, Tang and Yee (5)

**5. Recommend 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, and Amber Crabbe, Assistant Deputy Director for Policy and Programming, presented the item per the staff memorandum.

Commissioner Christensen noted that a number of the projects included in this request were of interest to District 3 constituents, including the traffic signal at Columbus and Francisco Streets. She said this signal was near a Hope VI housing project and a pre-kindergarten school and she urged that it be expedited to the extent possible. Commissioner Christensen added that the Polk Street project was not only a bike project but also a pedestrian safety project, and that she was looking forward to its completion. She expressed interest in the Lombard Street planning effort and how congestion on Lombard impacted multiple districts. Lastly Commissioner Christensen noted that she was looking forward to the improvements at the Chavez/Potrero/Bayshore intersection.

Commissioner Farrell thanked Transportation Authority staff and the San Francisco Municipal Transportation Agency for their work on the Lombard Street planning effort and noted that although the project consists of just one block in length it affects the entire neighborhood and two districts.

There was no public comment.

The item was approved without objection by the following vote:

Ayes: Commissioners Breed, Christensen, Farrell, Tang and Yee (5)

## **6. 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, who presented the item.

Commissioner Farrell thanked Mr. Fisher for his presentation and said that although the project was located entirely in District 2, it was truly a regional, state, and even federal project. He said the project was a long time coming but that he believed it represented the future in major transportation projects and was a demonstration of what public-private partnerships could accomplish. Commissioner Farrell stated that it was going to be an amazing finished product and that having the Presidio Trust finish the landscaping over the tunnels would turn it into a world-class landmark.

Commissioner Christensen asked if Presidio Parklands was included in the original agreement or if it was added to the project scope. Mr. Fisher responded that it was not part of the original agreement or added to the project scope but that it was an adjacent project. He said an element of the Presidio Parkway project included landscaping over the tunnels but that the Presidio Trust was currently going through its design process for that area and that if the timing worked out the Presidio Trust could install the landscaping instead.

Commissioner Christensen asked if that meant there was an interim phase. Mr. Fisher stated that for the Presidio Trust it would represent the final phase, and that the Presidio Trust would be relieving the California Department of Transportation from finishing that landscaping element. He elaborated that the project's environmental document dictated what the landscaping should look like on top of the tunnels but that the Presidio Trust would assume the obligation to complete it.

Commissioner Christensen recognized Michael Painter for his bold vision of the Presidio Parkway project and recognized the dedication of Lee Saage and other individuals on the project team who helped bring those ideas to fruition.

Tilly Chang, Executive Director, stated that thanks were also due to former Executive Director, Jose-Luis Moscovich, who championed this project along with Mr. Saage over the past fifteen years. She said that the Presidio Parkway project was innovative in many dimensions and that it harnessed private capital to advance delivery. She added that it was also a good example of a public-public partnership due to the close cooperation between the Transportation Authority, the San Francisco Municipal Transportation Agency, Caltrans, and the Presidio Trust.

Chair Tang stated that she could not wait to drive, walk and bike around the new facilities.

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 10:50 a.m.