



# DRAFT MINUTES

## PLANS AND PROGRAMS COMMITTEE

Tuesday, September 15, 2015

### 1. Roll Call

Chair Tang called the meeting to order at 10:37 a.m. The following members were:

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

**Absent at Roll Call:** Commissioners Breed (entered during Item 3) and Farrell (entered during Item 4) (2)

### 2. Citizens Advisory Committee Report – INFORMATION

Chris Waddling, Chair of the Citizens Advisory Committee (CAC), reported that at its September 2 meeting, the CAC considered and unanimously passed Item 5 from the agenda. He said the CAC was excited about the BART travel incentives program but that they thought a possible problem in implementation could be users not wanting to share data. Mr. Waddling said another allocation in Item 5, the Quint Street Bridge replacement, was of special concern to District 10 and the community. He said the special conditions in the allocation raised concerns that the project would not be implemented, but that staff had assured him that was not the case and that the conditions were for the City to have security around the funding. Mr. Waddling said that the project was expected to move forward and that Quint Street would be closed for the bridge replacement in the near future.

During public comment, Andrew Yip spoke about the length of time to plan projects.

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

There was no public comment.

The Minutes were approved without objection by the following vote:

Ayes: Commissioners Breed, Christensen, Tang and Yee (4)

Absent: Commissioner Farrell (1)

### 4. Recommend Appointment of Five Members to the Geary Corridor Bus Rapid Transit Citizens Advisory Committee – ACTION

Colin Dentel-Post, Transportation Planner, presented the item per the staff memorandum.

Cyndi Bakir, Peter Gallotta, and Benjamin Horne spoke to their interests and qualifications in being appointed to the Geary Corridor Bus Rapid Transit (BRT) CAC.

During public comment, Andrew Yip spoke about the qualifications of the applicants.

Commissioner Breed moved to recommend reappointment of Joanna Fong, Benjamin Horne, Peter Gallotta, and Jolsna John.

Commissioner Farrell commented that he supported reappointing the current members for continuity, and for the remaining at-large seat he supported Elliott Talbot who was a regular transit rider and advocate who would bring a great perspective to the project.

Commissioner Christensen commented that she also supported reappointing the current members, and for the remaining at-large seat she supported Kate Lazarus who was a frequent transit rider that lived in the Richmond area.

Commissioner Yee asked whether the current members seeking reappointment had regularly attended the meetings. Mr. Dentel-Post responded that they had all regularly attended, participated, and offered significant contributions to the project.

Commissioner Yee commented that he would also support the incumbents. He added that he appreciated candidates who attended the Plans and Programs Committee meeting to show their willingness to serve and that he supported Cyndi Bakir for the remaining at-large seat.

Chair Tang said she would also support reappointing the current members.

Commissioner Breed stated that she would also support Cyndi Bakir for the remaining at-large seat.

Commissioner Farrell clarified that candidates who were eligible for neighborhood seats, such as Cyndi Bakir, were also eligible for the at-large seats. He agreed with giving preference to candidates who attended the Committee meeting and that he supported Cyndi Bakir for the remaining at-large seat.

Commissioner Christensen seconded Commissioner Breed's motion to reappoint the four incumbents.

Commissioner Yee moved to recommend appointment of Ms. Bakir to the remaining at-large seat, seconded by Commissioner Breed.

The motion to recommend appointment of Cyndi Bakir, Joanna Fong, Peter Gallotta, Benjamin Horne, and Jolsna John was approved without objection by the following vote:

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

**5. Recommend Allocation of \$9,878,876 in Prop K funds, with Conditions, and Appropriation of \$120,800 in Prop K funds, Subject to the Attached Fiscal Year Cash Flow Distribution Schedules – ACTION**

Chad Rathmann, Senior Transportation Planner, and Ryan Greene-Roesel, Senior Transportation Planner, presented the item per the staff memorandum.

Chair Tang asked for staff to elaborate on concerns related to the Quint-Jerrold Connector Road project that were raised at the September 2 Citizens Advisory Committee (CAC), as detailed by Chris Waddling, Chair of the CAC, during Item 2.

Anna LaForte, Deputy Director for Policy and Programming, responded that the concerns were in regard to what would happen to the Prop K sales tax funds if escrow failed to close or if the project failed to move forward. Ms. LaForte noted that if escrow failed to close, the Prop K sales tax funds would return to the Transportation Authority, and that if the project were not to move forward after two years after escrow closed, the Transportation Authority would ask the City to sell the property. Ms LaForte said if that was the case, the amount of funds returned

would be the lesser of either the original purchase price or the sale price, less the cost of maintaining the property up to the time of sale.

Chair Tang asked how the Commuter Benefits Ordinance Employer Outreach project was evaluated in terms of effectiveness.

Krute Singa, Senior Clean Transportation Program Coordinator at the San Francisco Department of the Environment, responded that participation had risen to approximately 80 percent compliance.

Chair Tang asked what the City was doing to achieve a better compliance rate.

Ms. Singa responded that the City was focused on providing outreach through direct consultations with businesses and promoting the ordinance through business associations. She added that the City's participation had increased in part because of joint outreach with the Healthcare Security Ordinance, which had the same threshold of employees for mandatory employer participation as the Commuter Benefits Ordinance, as well as joint outreach through the Bay Area regional commuter benefits program.

Chair Tang asked for confirmation as to whether this was the final year of Prop K funding for the Commuter Benefits Ordinance Employer Outreach program. Ms. Singa confirmed that it was the final year.

Chair Tang asked what the incentives for the San Francisco BART Travel Incentive Program project were likely to be. Ms. Greene-Roesel responded that the likely options would either be Clipper Card value or cash. She noted that in Singapore the incentive was transit card value, but that Singapore's transit cards were much more flexible and could be used for more than just travel expenses. She stated that incentive options would be tested with surveys as part of the project, and that higher value prizes would also be examined through surveys.

During public comment, Andrew Yip spoke about advances in technology.

The item was approved without objection by the following vote:

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

**6. Plan Bay Area 2040: San Francisco Call for Projects and Draft Goals and Objectives – INFORMATION**

Maria Lombardo, Chief Deputy Director, and Amber Crabbe, Assistant Deputy Director for Policy and Programming, presented the item per the staff memorandum.

Commissioner Christensen commented that she was pleased to see a placeholder to allow the Rail Capacity Study move forward and that the extension of the Central Subway project was included as one of the projects under consideration in the Study.

During public comment, Andrew Yip spoke about economic progress.

The item was approved without objection by the following vote:

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

**7. Update on One Bay Area Grant Program Cycle 1 Projects – INFORMATION**

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

Commissioner Yee asked for clarification regarding the total amount of \$38.8 million listed in the presentation, and also regarding the Safe Routes to School funding.

Ms. Crabbe responded that \$35.3 million of the One Bay Area Grant funds went to projects, but that the remaining portion went to oversight and planning work by the Transportation Authority. She said the \$2.5 million programmed for Safe Routes to School went to two projects and the remaining \$1.2 million was a component of the Chinatown Broadway Streetscape project.

Commissioner Yee asked for confirmation that the Transportation Authority's planning funds were 10% of Cycle 1. Ms. Crabbe clarified the amount was under 8%.

Chair Tang commented that she recognized that neighborhoods in the West Side were not included in the priority development areas and so funding for Cycle 1 projects went primarily towards other areas of the City, but that she looked forward to finding ways to leverage some of the Cycle 2 funding to bring improvements to West Side neighborhoods.

During public comment, Andrew Yip spoke on Broadway intersections.

**8. Introduction of New Items – INFORMATION**

There was no public comment.

**9. Public Comment**

There was no public comment.

**10. Adjournment**

The meeting was adjourned at 11:40 a.m.