



DRAFT MINUTES

PLANS AND PROGRAMS COMMITTEE

Tuesday, March 15, 2016

1. Roll Call

Chair Tang called the meeting to order at 10:36 a.m. The following members were:

Present at Roll Call: Commissioners Avalos, Cohen, Peskin and Tang (4)

Absent at Roll Call: Commissioner Farrell (entered during Item 6) (1)

2. Citizens Advisory Committee Report – INFORMATION

Chris Waddling, Chair of the Citizens Advisory Committee (CAC), reported that at its February 24 meeting, the CAC considered four items on the committee's agenda. He said the CAC unanimously approved Item 4, and that the CAC's comments were to look more closely at non-commute hours, connections to the BART travel incentives pilot program, and commuters traveling to the south bay, as well as to have a multi-agency effort look at alternatives to private commuter shuttles. He said the CAC unanimously approved Item 6 with one abstention, and that member comments were related to clarifications on the selection of fund allocation processes, which were clarified by staff, and that public comments included concern about geographic equity in pedestrian safety projects. Chair Waddling said that the CAC also unanimously approved Item 7 with one abstention, and that on Item 8, the CAC's comments were mostly related to the timeframe of delivery of the Geary Boulevard light rail transit project, which should be considered sooner than later because of projected increases in demand. Lastly, he said that the CAC believed there should be greater investment in public transit in the eastern and southeastern neighborhoods of the city to handle the expected increases in population as well as to serve existing populations.

There was no public comment.

Consent Calendar

3. Approve the Minutes of the February 9, 2016 Meeting – ACTION

4. Recommend Approval of the Improving West Side Transit Access Strategic Analysis Report – ACTION

There was no public comment.

The Consent Calendar was approved without objection by the following vote:

Ayes: Commissioners Avalos, Cohen, Peskin and Tang (4)

Absent: Commissioner Farrell (1)

End of Consent Calendar

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

ACTION

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

Chair Tang commented that Commissioner Yee had communicated his support to reappoint John Lason as a representative of District 7.

Commissioner Peskin stated that he would like to continue the vacancy for a representative of District 3 to allow additional time for candidate recruitment.

Marlo McGriff spoke to his interest and qualification in being appointed to the Citizens Advisory Committee.

Commissioner Avalos moved to recommend reappointment of John Larson and continue the remaining vacancy, seconded by Commissioner Cohen.

There was no public comment.

The motion to recommend reappointment of Mr. Larson was approved without objection by the following vote:

Ayes: Commissioners Avalos, Cohen, Peskin and Tang (4)

Absent: Commissioner Farrell (1)

6. Recommend Approval of the 2016 Prop AA Call for Projects Programming Recommendations Totaling \$2,192,934 for Four Projects and Amendment of the Prop AA Strategic Plan – ACTION

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

Commissioner Peskin commented that there had been a pedestrian fatality at the intersection of Broadway and Powell Streets a few days prior and that there were immediate improvements that could be made to the dangerous intersection before the Chinatown Broadway Streetscape project was implemented.

Chair Tang commented that she was looking forward to improvements that would help with access at the Daly City BART Station.

During public comment, Andrew Yip noted that an elderly person had recently been killed at an intersection in Chinatown and said that pedestrians should be careful when crossing the street and aware of traffic conditions.

The item was approved without objection by the following vote:

Ayes: Commissioners Avalos, Cohen, Farrell, Peskin and Tang (5)

7. Recommend Allocation of \$10,975,410 in Prop K Funds and \$794,980 in Prop AA Funds, with Conditions, for Six Requests, Subject to the Attached Fiscal Year Cash Flow Distribution Schedules – ACTION

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

Commissioner Avalos asked how much a fare transfer would be for passengers on the Muni 14R transferring to BART at the Daly City station. Mr. Pickford responded that he was not certain and would follow up.

There was no public comment.

The item was approved without objection by the following vote:

Ayes: Commissioners Avalos, Cohen, Farrell, Peskin and Tang (5)

8. Rail Capacity Strategy Update – INFORMATION

Grahm Satterwhite, Transit Planner at the San Francisco Municipal Transportation Agency (SFMTA), presented the item.

Chair Tang commented that the long-term view of actions needed to improve the city's public transportation system was helpful and emphasized that it would be preferable to have improvements sooner than later.

There was no public comment.

9. Bay Area Rapid Transit Perks Program Update – INFORMATION

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

There was no public comment.

10. Introduction of New Items – INFORMATION

Commissioner Peskin said that with the recent pedestrian fatality near Jean Parker Elementary School, it was the fourth such fatality in Chinatown in as many years. He requested that staff work with the SFMTA to utilize Neighborhood Transportation Improvement Program planning funds to implement recommendations from the Chinatown Neighborhood Transportation Plan that was approved the year prior, and requested an update at the next Plans and Programs Committee meeting.

Commissioner Peskin requested that the Transportation Authority, in partnership with the SFMTA and the Planning Department, build off of a previous land use study regarding the SFMTA's Kirkland Bus Yard in District 3. He noted that according to Proposition K passed in 2015, the city was allowed to build affordable housing on city-owned sites that were identified as surplus property, however the Kirkland Bus Yard was not included on that list. He requested that the new study explore the feasibility of building affordable housing on the site, possibly above the bus yard, as well as a temporary relocation site for the bus yard should it advance.

Commissioner Cohen asked why the Kirkland Bus Yard site was not identified in the proposition passed by voters. Commissioner Peskin responded that while the SFMTA had previously determined that the Kirkland Bus Yard was surplus to its needs, the SFMTA subsequently changed that determination due to the future Van Ness Avenue Bus Rapid Transit system. He added that what he was proposing was to explore the possibility of maintaining the bus yard while adding housing above it.

Chair Tang said that the city was currently looking for a training facility for new bus drivers but that there was concern over the lease currently being considered at the Board of Supervisors, and that the Kirkland Bus Yard seemed to be an adequate sized facility so perhaps this issue should be considered in the proposed study.

During public comment, Andrew Yip commented on civilized culture.

11. Public Comment

During public comment, Andrew Yip commented on the cultivation of virtues.

12. Adjournment

The meeting was adjourned at 11:28 a.m.