



DRAFT MINUTES

PLANS AND PROGRAMS COMMITTEE

Tuesday, February 9, 2016

1. Roll Call

Chair Tang called the meeting to order at 10:06 a.m. The following members were:

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

Absent at Roll Call: Commissioner Cohen (1)

2. Citizens Advisory Committee Report – INFORMATION

Chris Waddling, Chair of the Citizens Advisory Committee (CAC), reported that at its January 27 meeting, the CAC considered and unanimously passed Item 6 from the agenda. Regarding the procurement of the new buses, he said the CAC focused on the design of the buses, specifically the interior lighting and headlights. He noted that Peter Tannen had inquired about the warranty on the buses, as Mr. Tannen had heard that similar buses being used in Chicago had issues with the hybrid propulsion systems, but was assured by San Francisco Municipal Transportation Agency (SFMTA) staff that the warranty covered those issues. He said that Mr. Tannen also inquired about why the bike lanes on Golden Gate Avenue would not be parking buffered, but that SFMTA staff responded that the pavement quality was too poor, and that there were concerns about people blocking bike lanes and perceived threats of increased crime by shielded cars.

Consent Calendar

3. Approve the Minutes of the January 12, 2016 Meeting – ACTION

4. Recommend Adoption of the Fiscal Year 2016/17 Transportation Fund for Clean Air Local Expenditure Criteria – ACTION

There was no public comment.

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

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

Absent: Commissioner Cohen (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.

Roger Kuo spoke to his interest and qualification in being appointed to the Citizens Advisory Committee.

Chair Tang stated that all applicants for the Citizens Advisory Committee were required to appear before the Plans and Programs Committee at least once before being eligible for appointment. She said that Commissioner Wiener was interested in reappointing Peter Tannen, who currently represented his district on the CAC.

Commissioner Peskin moved to recommend reappointment of Peter Tannen and continue the remaining vacancy to allow additional time for candidate recruitment, seconded by Chair Tang.

There was no public comment.

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

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

Absent: Commissioner Cohen (1)

6. Recommend Allocation of \$49,341,000 in Prop K Funds, with Conditions, Subject to the Attached Fiscal Year Cash Flow Distribution Schedule – ACTION

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

Chair Tang asked for more detail on why the timeline for the procurement of the hybrid diesel buses had been accelerated. Mr. Pickford responded that the procurement was moved up to take advantage of unexpected production capacity at the manufacturer, and that this would result in expedited delivery of new buses. Chair Tang said that she understood the buses were originally supposed to be put into service in 2019, but would now be in service in July 2017.

Chair Tang asked for more detail on how the new vehicles, both the first and second batches, would be deployed so that they were spread equally across the city. She also asked if there was a plan for particular lines, and whether the vehicles in the worst condition would be replaced first. Monique Webster, Senior Manager of Capital Finance at the San Francisco Municipal Transportation Agency (SFMTA), responded that SFMTA staff would follow up with more detail, but noted that typically the oldest vehicles were replaced first.

Commissioner Avalos requested that SFMTA staff follow up on how the new vehicles would be deployed, as well as provide an overall update on the progress of the entire fleet replacement program and any remaining funding gaps. Ms. Webster responded that SFMTA was moving forward with the replacement of buses as well as light rail vehicle replacement and expansion projects. Commissioner Avalos asked for clarification that buses meant both diesel and trolley vehicles, to which Ms. Webster responded in the affirmative.

Commissioner Avalos said that it had been about over a year since he had been briefed on the fleet replacement program and asked Transportation Authority staff to set up a briefing with SFMTA staff on the topic.

There was no public comment.

The item was approved without objection by the following vote:

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

Absent: Commissioner Cohen (1)

7. Improving West Side Transit Access Strategic Analysis Report – INFORMATION

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

Commissioner Avalos asked which hubs the study focused on. Ms. Greene-Roesel responded that the West Portal Muni station and the Daly City BART station were the main areas of focus.

Commissioner Avalos asked about the reasons for the significant ridership growth on the 29-Sunset route. Ms. Greene-Roesel responded that the ridership growth was surprising given the relative lack of land use development along the line, and that she would need to investigate the reasons behind the growth.

Commissioner Avalos commented that lack of space at the West Portal station could make it challenging to accommodate bicyclists. Ms. Greene-Roesel agreed and noted that bicyclist access issues could be examined in the context of the upcoming West Portal Circulation Study.

Commissioner Tang commented that she looked forward to working on how to adjust the 66-Quintara to better leverage the route and thanked staff for the work on the SAR.

There was no public comment.

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 10:43 a.m.