



# DRAFT MINUTES

## PLANS AND PROGRAMS COMMITTEE

Tuesday, January 17, 2017

### 1. Roll Call

Chair Tang called the meeting to order at 10:04 a.m. The following members were:

**Present at Roll Call:** Commissioners Safai, Sheehy and Tang (3)

**Absent at Roll Call:** Commissioners Breed and Farrell (2)

### 2. Citizens Advisory Committee Report – INFORMATION

Chris Waddling, Chair of the Citizens Advisory Committee (CAC), reported that at its January 11 special meeting, the CAC considered and passed Item 4 from the agenda.

There was no public comment.

### 3. Approve the Minutes of the December 6, 2016 Meeting – ACTION

There was no public comment.

The minutes were approved without objection by the following vote:

Ayes: Commissioners Safai, Sheehy and Tang (3)

Absent: Commissioners Breed and Farrell (2)

### 4. Recommend Allocation of \$653,101 in Prop K Funds, with Conditions, to the Bay Area Rapid Transit District for the Balboa Park Station Eastside Connections – Additional Scope Project, 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 Mr. Pickford to address the cost increases mentioned in Mr. Waddling's CAC report. Mr. Pickford replied that the work under consideration was a contract option that was separate from other aspects of the project. He said that previous lower cost estimates for the overall project presented to the Board were less completely developed than the current estimate, and that the current level of construction activity throughout the city had resulted in higher costs for many projects.

Anna LaForte, Deputy Director for Policy and Programming, added that the base contract had been bid on over a year prior. She said that staff discussed project costs with BART staff and that they said higher costs for the overall project were due to the added scope of the contract option under consideration as well as the bidding environment at the time that the contract was put out for bid. She said that the construction costs were typical for recent contracts and that there were also corresponding increases in contingency costs when a project scope was increased.

Commissioner Tang asked about concerns that the CAC had related to the architectural design of the station. Ms. LaForte replied that BART staff said that there had been many discussions related to the design with the architect of the station additions and that it was agreed that the station needed a “front door” access point. She said that the discussions also conclude that a glass structure would be appropriate for the largely concrete station structure.

Commissioner Safai said that he thought the project was an important step to open up a poorly designed station, especially to provide pedestrian access.

During public comment, Chris Waddling said that he had spoken to the architect who designed the new station features included in the project. He said the design for the greenhouse was based on the brutalist work of the architect James Stirling, whose glass structures responded to their often overcast weather settings. He said the shape and material of the new glass roof would provide an opposite complement to the heavy forms of the existing station. He said the architect considered the passions of the original station architect, Ernest Born, and thought Born would have considered the new design an aesthetic foil to the heavy massing of the original design.

Chair Tang said that she thought almost any change would look better than the current conditions.

The item was approved without objection by the following vote:

Ayes: Commissioners Safai, Sheehy and Tang (3)

Absent: Commissioners Breed and Farrell (2)

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

There were no new items introduced.

**6. Public Comment**

During public comment, Andrew Yip commented on the openness of the human heart.

**7. Adjournment**

The meeting was adjourned at 10:19 a.m.