



DRAFT MINUTES

San Francisco County Transportation Authority

Tuesday, March 10, 2020

1. Roll Call

Chair Peskin called the meeting to order at 10:03 a.m.

Present at Roll Call: Commissioners Fewer, Mar, Mandelman, Preston, Peskin, Ronen, Stefani, Walton and Yee (9)

Absent at Roll Call: Commissioners Haney (entered during Item 2) and Safai (entered during Item 2) (2)

2. Citizens Advisory Committee Report - INFORMATION

John Larson, Chair of the Citizens Advisory Committee (CAC), said the CAC was in support of the seamless transit principles, Item 6 on the agenda, and noted that a CAC member's first project during his former transit career was attempting to consolidate the regional transit agencies in 1984. He said the CAC affirmed centrality in addressing equity in the transit principals, the importance of a geographically diverse public coalition and that the proposed task force should look at creating a regional structure to accomplish the goal of providing seamless regional transit service.

Regarding Item 7 on the agenda, Chair Larson said the CAC had a number of follow-up questions concerning the San Francisco' Municipal Transit Agency's (SFMTA) light rail vehicle (LRV) procurement. These included seat redesign, the resolution of coupler issues and the resulting shear pin breaks and Siemens meeting the LRV4 overall performance goals. He said a specific issue arose over inclusion of approximately \$19 million of Education Revenue Augmentation Funds (ERAF) in the \$1.1 billion LRV4 funding plan. One CAC member noted there was major funding issues for teachers and did not feel comfortable recommending ERAF funds for a transit project. He said the SFMTA staff clarified that the ERAF funds in the LRV4 funding plan were one time funds from a previous funding cycle and did not include future ERAF funding. The CAC member requested a list of future projects slated to use ERAF funding be presented to the body to see if the recommendation to redirect funds to education initiatives would be warranted in the future.

Regarding Item 8 on the agenda, Chair Larson said the CAC and public expressed confusion over the proper use of recently installed pedestrian scrambles, specifically in the Tenderloin. One issue was whether diagonal crossing was always permitted at a pedestrian scramble. He said a CAC member asked if the District 3 allocation could be conditioned to include education such as signage and staffing to familiarize pedestrians to new crossing patterns. Lastly, CAC Chair Larson announced that SFMTA Executive Director, Jeffrey Tumlin would be attending the April 22 CAC meeting.

There was no public comment.



3. Approve the Minutes of the February 25, 2020 Meeting - ACTION

There was no public comment.

Commissioner Stefani moved to approve the item, seconded by Commissioner Fewer.

The item was approved without objection by the following vote:

Ayes: Commissioners Fewer, Haney, Mar, Preston, Peskin, Ronen, Safai, Stefani, Walton and Yee (10)

Absent: Commissioner Mandelman (1)

4. Appoint One Member to the Citizens Advisory Committee - ACTION

Aprile Smith, Senior Transportation Planner, presented the item per the staff memorandum.

John Larson spoke to his interest and qualifications in being reappointed to the CAC.

Commissioner Yee spoke in support of John Larson and asked the Board to reappoint Mr. Larson for another term.

Commissioner Yee moved to reappoint John Larson to the CAC, seconded by Commissioner Mandelman.

The motion to reappoint John Larson was approved without objection by the following vote:

Ayes: Commissioners Fewer, Haney, Mar, Mandelman, Preston, Peskin, Ronen, Safai, Stefani, Walton and Yee (11)

5. State and Federal Legislation Update - ACTION

Mark Watts, State Legislative Advocate, presented the item per the staff memorandum.

There was no public comment.

Commissioner Yee moved to approve the item, seconded by Commissioner Mandelman.

The item was approved without objection by the following vote:

Ayes: Fewer, Haney, Mar, Mandelman, Preston, Peskin, Ronen, Safai, Stefani, Walton and Yee (11)

6. Adopt a Support Position for the Seamless Transit Principles - ACTION

Michelle Beaulieu, Senior Transportation Planner, and Ian Griffiths, Policy Director with Seamless Bay Area, presented the item per the staff memorandum.

Chair Peskin clarified that an integration among the 27 transit agencies had not happened for many reasons and noted that the core transit systems like Muni, BART and AC Transit had the vast majority of ridership. He said it was important to make sure that core capacity continued to stay robust and was not in any way harmed. Chair Peskin said an example of how we can address the low-hanging fruit of transit system integration was the coordination happening at India Basin and Shoreline Park, where multiple private landowners all had similar signage and trail networks that connected to one another.



Commissioner Yee asked for clarification on the action request being made to the Board.

Chair Peskin said the request was to adopt a support position for the transit principles and agree to publicly be listed as a supporter and recommend that any task force formed through legislation be structured in a way that reflected where the transit ridership was strong and be guided by a principle to enhance and optimize and avoid harming the core system. He said it also affirmed the city's commitment to work with state agencies, the Metropolitan Transportation Commission (MTC), and other transit operators.

There was no public comment.

Commissioner Ronen moved to approve the item, seconded by Commissioner Stefani.

The item was approved without objection by the following vote:

Ayes: Commissioners Fewer, Haney, Mar, Mandelman, Preston, Peskin, Ronen, Stefani, Walton and Yee (10)

Absent: Commissioner Safai (1)

7. Allocate \$60,732,027 in Prop K Sales Tax Funds, with Conditions, for the Light-Rail Vehicle Procurement - ACTION

Anna LaForte, Deputy Director for Policy and Programming, and Julie Kirschbaum, SFMTA Director of Transit, presented the item per the staff memorandum.

Commissioner Peskin thanked the SFMTA for their work and Transportation Authority staff for obtaining independent third-party oversight. He said the Board withheld funding due to a series of performance issues, with the Siemens LRV4, that had been looked at and addressed by the Board and third-parties. He said he understood that that there was urgency to approve the allocation, due to the Breda fleet getting older and failing. Chair Peskin acknowledged that he was dubious to start, but had become increasingly convinced that the Siemens LRV was the right product and that Siemens was going to back the product up. He said he had reached the point where he was ready to vote in favor of the request.

Commissioner Fewer said she was unable to support the allocation of almost \$61 million in light of some of the issues that had not been resolved to her satisfaction. She felt that the coupler issues and need to replace shear pins every 120 days would become a burden. She said she was cautious about spending a large amount of money on a product that could possibly not meet all of the standards.

There was no public comment.

Commissioner Mandelman moved to approve the item, seconded by Commissioner Mar.

The item was approved by the following vote:

Ayes: Commissioners Haney, Mar, Mandelman, Preston, Peskin, Ronen, Safai, Stefani, Walton and Yee (10)

Nays: Commissioner Fewer (1)



8. Allocate \$1,819,800 in Prop K Sales Tax Funds, with Conditions, for Two Projects - ACTION

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

Chair Peskin noted that the pedestrian scramble system in the northeast corner of the city was 20 years old and existed throughout Chinatown, North Beach and the Montgomery Street corridor. He said he was fine with education related to how pedestrian scrambles work, but wanted to share that there was a lot of local exposure to the system already in place.

In regard to the Mission Street Excelsior Safety Project, Mark Dreger, SFMTA Project Manager, said the SFMTA had a quick build project currently designed to be implemented summer 2020. He said the quick build project would bring forth the curb management changes on the street, light restriping that did not require any hardscape and some Muni service changes for better reliability for transit on Mission and Geneva streets.

Commissioner Safai said his office and District 11 had been working with the SFMTA and the Transportation Authority to plan the Mission Street Excelsior Safety Project since he entered office in 2017. He said the project had gone through an extensive community process to create the Excelsior/Outer Mission Neighborhood Strategy to provide vision and parameters. He noted that there would be close to \$20 million in transportation improvements and his office was looking forward to re-envisioning the project. Commissioner Safai said the \$1 million allocation would go towards working quickly to realize the funding available for construction and asked the SFMTA and Transportation Authority staffs to go after grant opportunities that presented themselves for prioritized construction. He thanked his staff for helping convene a number of working groups and hoped the Board would support the allocation request.

There was no public comment.

Commissioner Preston moved to approve the item, seconded by Commissioner Safai.

The item was approved without objection by the following vote:

Ayes: Commissioners Fewer, Mar, Mandelman, Preston, Peskin, Ronen, Safai, Stefani, Walton and Yee (10)

Absent: Commissioner Haney (1)

9. Amend the Adopted Fiscal Year 2019/20 Budget to Increase Revenues by \$2.1 Million, Decrease Expenditures by \$71.9 Million and Decrease Other Financing Sources by \$67.0 Million for a Total Net Increase in Fund Balance of \$7.0 Million - ACTION

Cynthia Fong, Deputy Director for Finance and Administration, presented the item per the staff memorandum.

There was no public comment.

Commissioner Mandelman moved to approve the item, seconded by Commissioner Stefani.



The item was approved without objection by the following vote:

Ayes: Commissioners Fewer, Mar, Mandelman, Preston, Peskin, Ronen, Safai, Stefani, Walton and Yee (10)

Absent: Commissioner Haney (1)

10. Approve San Francisco's Draft Plan Bay Area 2050 Fiscally Constrained Project List - ACTION

Michelle Beaulieu, Senior Transportation Planner, presented the item per the staff memorandum.

There was no public comment.

Commissioner Ronen moved to approve the item, seconded by Commissioner Yee.

The item was approved without objection by the following vote:

Ayes: Commissioners Fewer, Haney, Mar, Mandelman, Preston, Peskin, Ronen, Safai, Stefani, Walton and Yee (11)

11. Award a Construction Contract to the Lowest Responsible and Responsive Bidder, Ghilotti Construction Company, Inc., in an Amount not to Exceed \$29,684,453, Authorize the Executive Director to Execute All Other Related Supporting and Supplemental Agreements, and Authorize an Additional Construction Allotment of \$10,961,417, for a Total Construction Allotment Not to Exceed \$40,645,870, for the Southgate Road Realignment Improvement Project - ACTION

Eric Cordoba, Deputy Director for Capital Projects, presented the item per the staff memorandum.

There was no public comment.

Commissioner Mandelman moved to approve the item, seconded by Commissioner Yee.

The item was approved without objection by the following vote:

Ayes: Commissioners Fewer, Haney, Mar, Mandelman, Preston, Peskin, Ronen, Stefani, Walton and Yee (10)

Absent: Commissioner Safai (1)

12. Extend the Vision Zero Committee of the Transportation Authority until December 31, 2020 - ACTION

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

Commissioner Yee spoke in support of extending the Vision Zero Committee and said the work done in the Committee had been valuable to leading to some of the Vision Zero actions that had been taken in the city in the past few years.

There was no public comment.

Commissioner Yee moved to approve the item, seconded by Commissioner Mar.

The item was approved without objection by the following vote:



Ayes: Commissioners Fewer, Haney, Mar, Mandelman, Preston, Peskin, Stefani, Walton and Yee (9)

Absent: Commissioners Ronen and Safai (2)

Other Items

13. Introduction of New Items - INFORMATION

Commissioner Mar said following Commissioner Yee's 2019 resolution requiring the SFMTA to daylight 1,000 intersections, his office worked with the SFMTA staff to develop a data-driven strategy for prioritizing 100 intersections to daylight in District 4. He said it was now moving forward to implementation and would like to request a discussion on the city's approach to daylighting in District 4 at the next Vision Zero Committee meeting. He also requested a discussion at an upcoming Board meeting, in regard to Muni's 90-day action plans. Commissioner Mar said a hearing was previously held on the 90-day action plan matrix, at the Board of Supervisors Land Use and Transportation Committee, and felt an update would be appropriate.

14. Public Comment

During public comment, Edward Mason provided an update on idling commuter shuttle buses, buses with no license plates or no permits and additional violations.

15. Adjournment

The meeting was adjourned at 11:14 a.m.