



DRAFT MINUTES

San Francisco County Transportation Authority

Tuesday, May 12, 2020

1. Roll Call

Chair Peskin called the meeting to order at 10:01 a.m.

Present at Roll Call: Commissioners Fewer, Haney, Mandelman, Mar, Peskin, Preston, Ronen, Safai, Stefani, and Walton (10)

Absent at Roll Call: Commissioner Yee (1)

2. CAC Chair's Report - INFORMATION

John Larson, Chair of the Citizens Advisory Committee (CAC) said the CAC would be reconvening on May 27 for its first virtual meeting since the shelter-in-place orders. He commented that staff had been keeping the CAC apprised of Board meetings during this time and had been offering briefings to CAC members.

There was no public comment.

3. Approve the Minutes of the April 28, 2020 Meeting - ACTION*

There was no public comment.

Commissioner Preston moved to approve the Consent Agenda, seconded by Commissioner Mandelman.

The item was approved without objection by the following vote:

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

Absent: none

4. Allocate \$3,257,155 in Prop K Sales Tax Funds, with Conditions, and \$140,000 in Prop AA Vehicle Registration Fee Funds for Seven Requests - ACTION*

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

Commissioner Preston expressed support for the Western Addition Pedestrian Lighting project. He noted that the project had resulted from community input, through the Western Addition Community-Based Transportation Plan approved in 2017. He said the project would improve pedestrian safety, enhance community connections to recreational spaces, and help with the overall walkability of community-prioritized streets by installing additional pedestrian lights. Commissioner Preston also noted that the lighting plan was only one of a number of projects he advocated for in the Western Addition, including the Buchanan mall. He thanked Michelle Wu of Public Works, Ms. LaForte and Mike Pickford of the Transportation Authority, and SFMTA staff who had been involved with the Western Addition Community-Based Transportation Plan. He also thanked the Mo' Magic Collaborative,



Citizen Film, and all of the community members in the Western Addition that took part in planning project. Finally, he thanked the SF Public Utilities Commission and the Recreation and Park, SF Police, and Planning Departments.

There was no public comment.

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

The item was approved without objection by the following vote:

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

Absent: none

5. Approve the Transportation Authority's Project Priorities for the Senate Bill 1 Local Partnership Program Competitive Grant Program and Amend the Prop K 5-Year Prioritization Program for the Pedestrian Circulation and Safety Category - ACTION*

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

Commissioner Safai thanked Director Chang and staff for prioritizing the Mission / Geneva Safety Project as the top priority for the Local Partnership Program Competitive Grant Program nominations. He said his district has been working on the project for many years, as it addresses important safety improvements along the Mission/Geneva corridor. He indicated that multiple community members have been injured or killed in the area. He spoke of engaging and planning with members of the community since 2017, including development of the Excelsior and Outer Mission Neighborhood Strategy that informed the scope and elements of this project. Commissioner Safai expressed excitement that design is being finalized. He added that while staff anticipates that construction on the corridor can begin in 2021, he pointed out that there is a small portion of this work that could begin as soon as funds are awarded. He indicated that the project includes crosswalks, traffic signals, bulb-outs, moving transit stops, and bike improvements. Lastly, Commissioner Safai indicated that this is one of the largest investments that the City will have made in District 11 in terms of infrastructure in the last 50 years, totaling over \$20 million.

Chair Peskin asked Ms. LaForte to reiterate why the passage of Prop D, the TNC Tax, is generating additional funding out of SB1.

Ms. LaForte answered that the passage of the TNC Tax allows the City and County of San Francisco to qualify for Local Partnership Program (LPP) formula funds because the voter-approved tax is dedicated to transportation. She explained that LPP formula funds are distributed throughout the state, based on revenues generated by voter-approved measures that are passed to fund transportation. She added that there is also one-time funding available when a new measure is passed, which San Francisco is eligible for with the passage of Prop D.

There was no public comment.

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

The item was approved without objection by the following vote:

Ayes: Commissioners Fewer, Haney, Mandelman, Mar, Peskin, Preston, Ronen,



Safai, Stefani, Walton, and Yee (11)

6. Award a One-Year Professional Services Contract to McMillen Jacobs Associates in an Amount Not to Exceed \$1,000,000 for Rail Tunnel Planning Services for the Pennsylvania Avenue Extension Project - ACTION*

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

Chair Peskin noted that the Board had received written public comment from Roland Lebrun expressing support for the item and the recommended contractor.

During public comment, Aleta Dupree commented that undergrounding the busy railroad was important, especially from a safety standpoint, and she requested that the 22nd street station be quickly made ADA accessible.

Roland Lebrun thanked the Chair for reading his email into the record, expressed his support for the item, and requested looking north of Townsend Street for extending the project.

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

The item was approved without objection by the following vote:

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

Absent: none

7. Internal Accounting Report, Investment Report, and Debt Expenditure Report for the Nine Months Ending March 31, 2020 - INFORMATION*

Cynthia Fong, Deputy Director for Finance & Administration presented the item.

There was no public comment.

Other Items

8. Introduction of New Items - INFORMATION

There were no new items introduced.

9. Public Comment

There was no general public comment.

10. Adjournment

The meeting was adjourned at 10:43 a.m.