



# DRAFT MINUTES

## **San Francisco County Transportation Authority**

Tuesday, May 9, 2023

### **1. Roll Call**

Chair Mandelman called the meeting to order at 10:00 a.m.

**Present at Roll Call:** Commissioners Chan, Dorsey, Engardio, Mandelman, Melgar, Preston, Peskin, Ronen, and Walton (9)

**Absent at Roll Call:** Commissioners Safai (entered during Item 3) and Stefani (entered during item 3) (2)

### **2. Approve the Minutes of the April 25, 2023 Meeting - ACTION**

There was no public comment.

Commissioner Peskin moved to approve the minutes, seconded by Commissioner Ronen.

The minutes were approved without objection by the following vote:

Ayes: Commissioners Chan, Dorsey, Engardio, Mandelman, Melgar, Preston, Peskin, Ronen, and Walton (9)

Absent: Commissioners Safai and Stefani (2)

### **3. Community Advisory Committee Report - INFORMATION**

Vice Chair Kat Siegal presented the Community Advisory Committee (CAC) report for the April 25 meeting. Vice Chair Siegal reported that the CAC requested that BART extend the elevator ambassador program to all San Francisco stations and staff them with a staff from a neighborhood community-based organization. She continued by reporting that the CAC next discussed the School Access Plan Final Report where some CAC members commented that they wanted the transit ambassador strategy to be bumped from a tier 2 to a tier 1 recommendation, and also were interested in the recommendation about expanding shuttle and yellow bus programs. Vice Chair Siegal reported that a few CAC members did express a lack of confidence due to the lack of quantified data about the effectiveness of the recommendations. Finally she stated that with respect to the Active Communities plan, the CAC requested more information on how community partners from equity priority communities were chosen and requested that additional community partners from District 10 and Chinese language communities be identified.

There was no public comment.

### **4. Appoint Sean Kim as the District 1 Representative to the Community Advisory Committee Meeting - ACTION**

Amelia Walley, Analyst, presented the item per the staff memorandum.



Sean Kim spoke to his interest and qualifications in being reappointed to the CAC.

Commissioner Chan stated that Sean Kim was a first generation Korean American small business owner, who along with his wife Alice, has been very dedicated to community building. She stated that she was excited to appoint Sean Kim to the CAC and that his past experience as a member of the Geary Bus Rapid Transit (BRT) CAC would help him in this role and that he would represent the voice of small business owners and people of color.

Vice Chair Melgar thanked Commissioner Chan for bringing this appointment forward and stated that she supported it. She explained that while she had not always agreed with Sean Kim in the past, it was important to engage with people who you disagree with because it lead to better decisions. She stated that it was good to have the diversity of our city reflected on the CAC.

Commissioner Safai stated that it was great to have the perspective of a small business owner on the CAC and that he was happy to support the appointment.

Commissioner Chan thanked her colleagues and agreed that it was critical to have different voices represented. She stated that in the past, decisions have been made for the community rather than by the community, especially around land use and housing. She agreed with Vice Chair Melgar in that the involvement of diverse voices would lead to better policies and projects.

During public comment, Henry Chan spoke in support of Sean Kim.

Jean Barish spoke in support of Sean Kim and stated that as a district 1 resident she was familiar with his work and that he was uniquely qualified for the CAC seat. She stated that in addition to owning Joe's Ice Cream with his wife Alice, he was a leader of the Geary Boulevard Merchants Association. She went on to state that he used Muni to get his kids to school and around the city and that this allowed him to understand the needs of the Richmond District's residents.

Richard Rothman stated the district 1 seat had been vacant for a while and thought that Sean Kim would be an excellent candidate. He stated that Mr. Kim really understood what went on along the Geary Street corridor and that he really knew the neighborhood.

Commissioner Chan moved to appoint Sean Kim to the CAC, seconded by Vice Chair Melgar.

The motion to appoint Sean Kim was approved without objection by the following vote:

Ayes: Commissioners Chan, Dorsey, Engardio, Mandelman, Melgar, Preston, Peskin, Ronen, Safai, Stefani, and Walton (11)

## **5. State and Federal Legislation Update - ACTION**

Mark Watts, Sacramento Advocate, and Amber Crabbe, Public Policy Manager, presented the item per the staff memorandum.

Vice Chair Melgar thanked staff for the presentation and stated that it was good news. She stated that she was excited to support Assembly Bill (AB) 361 (Ward) which would



allow for easier enforcement of traffic violations for cars double parked blocking bike lanes. She spoke anecdotally about her bike commute to City Hall along Portola which had a narrow bike lane that was often encroached on by commercial vehicles and commuter buses and that this was very dangerous and occurred all over the city.

There was no public comment.

Vice Chair Melgar moved to approve the item, seconded by Commissioner Peskin.

The item was approved without objection by the following vote:

Ayes: Commissioners Chan, Dorsey, Engardio, Mandelman, Melgar, Preston, Peskin, Ronen, Safai, and Stefani (10)

Absent: Commissioner Walton (1)

**6. Allocate \$4,270,000 in Traffic Congestion Mitigation Tax Funds, with Conditions, to the San Francisco Municipal Transportation Agency for the FY24 & FY25 Application-Based Residential Traffic Calming Program – - ACTION**

Lynda Viray, Transportation Planner, presented the item per the staff memorandum.

Chair Mandelman asked when the new Traffic Calming Program process would begin.

Damon Curtis, Traffic Calming Program Manager, stated that it would begin on July 1st.

There was no public comment.

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

The item was approved without objection by the following vote:

Ayes: Commissioners Chan, Dorsey, Engardio, Mandelman, Melgar, Preston, Peskin, Safai, and Stefani, (9)

Absent: Commissioners Ronen and Walton (2)

**7. Approve Programming Priorities for Up to \$5,640,041 in San Francisco's Estimated Fiscal Year 2023/24 State Transit Assistance County Block Grant Funds – ACTION\***

David Long, Transportation Planner, presented the item per the staff memorandum.

There was no public comment.

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

The motion was approved without objection by the following vote:

Ayes: Commissioners Chan, Dorsey, Engardio, Mandelman, Melgar, Preston, Peskin, Ronen, Safai, Stefani, and Walton (10)

**8. Adopt the School Access Plan Final Report – ACTION**

David Long, Transportation Planner, presented the item per the staff memorandum.

There was no public comment.

Vice Chair Melgar moved to approve the item, seconded by Commissioner Dorsey.



The motion was approved without objection by the following vote:

Ayes: Commissioners Chan, Dorsey, Engardio, Mandelman, Melgar, Preston, Peskin, Ronen, Stefani, and Walton (10)

Absent: Safai (1)

**9. Preliminary Fiscal Year 2023/24 Budget and Work Program - INFORMATION\***

Lily Yu, Principal Management Analyst, and Tilly Chang, Executive Director, presented the item per the staff memorandum.

Commissioner Chan thanked Director Chang and her staff for their leadership and appreciated her expertise and great advice. She stated that she was excited to work with the Transportation Authority on the Geary/19<sup>th</sup> Avenue Subway Regional Connection Study.

Director Chang thanked Commissioner Chan and gave kudos to her staff.

During public comment, Roland Lebrun stated that he was concerned that objective number 26 from the Executive Director's 2023 performance objectives was missing from the work program plan. He explained that the Baylands Development Corporation had issued an notice of preparation for the Baylands Specific Plan in April and that the circulation plan was lacking.

## **Other Items**

**10. Introduction of New Items - INFORMATION**

There were no new items introduced.

**11. Public Comment**

During public comment, Roland Lebrun commented on the Caltrain fiscal cliff issue and proposed holding the VTA accountable to their obligated contributions and having the other two involved counties match them, thereby helping Caltrain with it's financial situation.

**12. Adjournment**

The meeting was adjourned at 11:03 a.m.