



TREASURE ISLAND MOBILITY MANAGEMENT AGENCY

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DRAFT MINUTES

Treasure Island Mobility Management Agency

Tuesday, March 21, 2023

1. Roll Call

Chair Dorsey called the meeting to order at 9:41 a.m.

Present at Roll Call: Commissioners Dorsey, Engardio, Peskin, Preston, Ronen, Stefani, and Walton (7)

Absent at Roll Call: Commissioners Chan, Mandelman (entered during Item 8), Melgar, and Safaí (4)

2. Chair's Report - INFORMATION

Chair Dorsey expressed he was pleased to see the agreement with Treasure Island Development Authority (TIDA) for pre-development activities for affordable housing as part of the Regional Early Action Planning or REAP grant on the agenda, with the project on Parcel E1.2 as the third affordable housing project on Treasure Island designated for seniors and some units reserved for current residents of the island. He continued it was great to see housing development advancing and the grant helping accelerate the city's efforts.

The Chair appreciated all the work that the Transportation Authority was doing to rehabilitate and upgrade infrastructure on Treasure Island and Yerba Buena Island, to improve it for residents and to support future development, with the Southgate project to be complete and open in April and contracts for the West Side Bridges work up for final approval. Chair Dorsey noted the project will provide seismic safety and create hundreds of well-paying jobs with a lot of work going into the funding plan for the Yerba Buena Island Multi-use Path, advanced design, and secured environmental clearance. He thanked Transportation Authority staff and TIDA for their collaboration with Caltrans, Metropolitan Transportation Commission, and the Coast Guard on these projects.

During public comment, Ross Liebenson, member of the San Francisco Board Sailors Association, said the grant funding on the agenda should be used to fully fund the ferry system and not to impose a toll on the island, nor the on-island shuttle, due to lack of access to the north side of the island. They said they have attended all the outreach meetings but were not being heard.

Tom Gansbury, representing recreational users of Treasure Island, requested the Board to reconsider the proposed toll on the island. They said the City should be encouraging public access on the island, occasional users would not know about the toll, and that the recreational users who paid for the toll would not receive the benefits to payers as stated by the proposal.

Carol Harvey, reporter for the San Francisco Bay View, opposed the proposed toll on the island.

TIMMA counsel interjected that the previous comments were not related to the agenda



item and that commenters needed to speak to Item 2.

Clerk Saunders asked any remaining speakers to make their comments related to Item 2 or wait until Item 8 to make general public comment.

3. Executive Director's Report - INFORMATION

Tilly Chang, Executive Director, presented the report.

There was no public comment.

4. Approve the Minutes of the January 24, 2023 Meeting - ACTION

There was no public comment.

Commissioner Walton moved to approve the minutes, seconded by Commissioner Preston.

The minutes were approved without objection by the following vote:

Ayes: Commissioners Dorsey, Engardio, Peskin, Preston, Ronen, Stefani, and Walton (7)

Absent: Commissioners Chan, Mandelman, Melgar, and Safaí (4)

Items Recommended from TIMMA Committee

5. [Final Approval] Approve and Authorize the Executive Director to Execute a Memorandum of Agreement with the Treasure Island Development Authority for \$2,000,000 in Regional Early Action Planning Grants Program 2.0 Funds for Pre-development Activities for Treasure Island Parcel E1.2 - ACTION

Commissioner Walton asked to clarify that nothing on the item included the toll. Ms. Chough confirmed that nothing in the grant application implicated anything regarding the toll.

The item was approved without objection by the following vote:

Ayes: Commissioners Dorsey, Engardio, Peskin, Preston, Ronen, Stefani, and Walton (7)

Absent: Commissioners Chan, Mandelman, Melgar, and Safaí (4)

6. [Final Approval] Accept the Audit Report for the Fiscal Year Ended June 30, 2022 - ACTION

The item was approved without objection by the following vote:

Ayes: Commissioners Dorsey, Engardio, Peskin, Preston, Ronen, Stefani, and Walton (7)

Absent: Commissioners Chan, Mandelman, Melgar, and Safaí (4)

Other Items

7. Introduction of New Business - INFORMATION

There were no new items introduced.



8. Public Comment

Clerk Saunders announced that TIMMA received two public comments in advance of the meeting, which had been posted to the agency's website.

During general public comment, Jeff Kline, long-time resident of Treasure Island, said that many people did not attend the committee meeting the previous week and wanted to comment on Item 5 during this meeting. They said they opposed the toll and said there was a lack of transparency and accountability, and that the toll was fatally flawed, and would not generate the revenue as projected by TIMMA.

Carol Harvey, reporter for San Francisco Bay View, opposed the proposed toll and said Treasure Island should be free to everyone. They said two-thirds of island residents could not go car-free as they needed a car to transport their children to school, get to the hospital, or for a disability that prevented them from sitting on a bus. They also said that profits from the new development should go back to providing housing for residents currently living on the island. They further said that profits from new developments rather than tolls should be used as a form of funding for Treasure Island transit services.

Steve Stallone, member of Treasure Island Organizing Committee, said they were surprised that the public could not comment at the meeting since there were only two Board members present at the previous week's committee meeting and people were waiting to comment at the current meeting.

Ross Liebenson said that TIMMA staff statements about public outreach, which was conducted by One Treasure Island, were flawed and lacked a full report. They continued that staff went completely against what attendees of the focus groups requested. They said the outreach was not listening to recreational users of the island, whose needs were an equity issue. They said that if the Water Emergency Transportation Authority needed funding for a new ferry, it should come from the developers and purchasers of the properties not the public seeking access to public lands and shorelines.

After public comment, Chair Dorsey responded to speakers that his office was always open to input from the public and invited the public to contact his office to express their thoughts and concerns.

9. Adjournment

The meeting was adjourned at 10:07 a.m.