



DRAFT MINUTES

San Francisco County Transportation Authority

Tuesday, March 12, 2024

1. Roll Call

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

Present at Roll Call: Commissioners Chan, Dorsey, Engardio, Mandelman, Peskin, Preston, Stefani, and Walton (8)

Absent at Roll Call: Commissioners Melgar, Ronen, and Safaí (3)

2. Community Advisory Committee Report - INFORMATION

CAC Chair Kat Siegal reported that the CAC supported both Prop L items on the Board's agenda. She added that CAC members expressed interest in double parking prevention measures related to the Mission Street SoMa Transit Improvements project, including expansion of commercial loading zones to mitigate double parking of delivery trucks in front of businesses.

She noted that during the District 1 Multimodal Transportation Study presentation, the District 1 CAC member flagged lack of bus shelter improvements during the Geary Bus Rapid Transit updates, noted missing signal countdowns at pedestrian intersections, and requested that mobility hubs be connected to regional bus service.

Ms. Siegal also discussed the Caltrain Modernization presentation, which prompted members to request providing later evening service; expanding partnerships with local transit agencies to provide better connectivity to Caltrain stations; and revisiting lower purchase thresholds for employer GoPass programs, noting that some companies dropped their participation in the program due to requirements that employers must purchase passes for all employees rather than also offering options to purchase passes for a subset of employees.

There was no public comment.

3. Approve the Minutes of the February 27, 2024 Meeting – ACTION

There was no public comment.

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

The minutes were approved without objection by the following vote:

Ayes: Commissioners Chan, Dorsey, Engardio, Mandelman, Peskin, Preston, Stefani, and Walton (8)

Absent: Commissioners Melgar, Ronen, and Safaí (3)

4. State and Federal Legislation Update – INFORMATION

Mark Watts, state legislative consultant to the Transportation Authority, presented the



item.

During public comment, Aleta Dupree, member of Team Folds, supported Assembly Bill 2813 (Aguiar-Curry) that would reduce voter approval threshold on a bond measure or special tax; supported Assembly Bill 3061 (Haney) for autonomous vehicle incident reporting but asked that those reports not reflect any personally identifiable data of riders; supported Senate Bill 532 (Wiener) to increase tolls temporarily on Bay Area state-owned toll bridges to fund transit; and expressed concerns over Assembly Bill 1837 (Papan) on the consolidation of Bay Area transit agencies.

5. Adopt a Support Position on Senate Bill 915 (Cortese) – ACTION

Commissioner Chan stated that city streets and neighborhoods were not laboratories and communities deserved a say in how autonomous vehicles operated on local streets, and that Senate Bill 915 would allow local governments to set rules for autonomous vehicles based on a community's needs. Commissioner Chan continued that it was about repairing the flawed government approach to robotaxi deployment, allowing each city and county to adopt policies over autonomous vehicle operation including maximum rates for passenger fares; establishment of vehicle caps; establishment of data transparency; establishment of interoperability for first responders; processes ensuring disability access; and annual inspections for health and safety. She asked Board members to affirm support for the bill, as was done on a similar resolution at the San Francisco Board of Supervisors recently.

During public comment, a speaker opposed autonomous vehicles on city streets, expressing concern for human taxi drivers.

Aleta Dupree, member of Team Folds, opposed the bill, noting she regularly used autonomous vehicles, stating they do not discriminate against people with disabilities, citing experiences of discrimination on public transit, and expressing concern over local jurisdictions potentially refusing to offer robotaxi services as an option for travel on local streets.

Commissioner Chan 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, Peskin, Preston, Safaí, Stefani, and Walton (9)

Absent: Commissioners Melgar and Ronen (2)

6. Adopt the 2023 Prop L 5-Year Prioritization Program for Transportation Demand Management – ACTION

Mike Pickford, Principal Transportation Planner, presented the item per the staff memorandum.

During public comment, Aleta Dupree, member of Team Folds, said that transportation demand management was really important and that pricing could be a method of helping to influence transportation demand, including shifting transit trips to less crowded times. She cited time-of-day pricing on the Washington D.C. Metro and congestion pricing in New York City as examples. She said that there were too many cars on the road and asked how we could get more people into alternative modes.



A speaker said that New York City a poor example to promote transportation demand management. He said that San Francisco should demonstrate what a change could be in this area.

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

The item was approved without objection by the following vote:

Ayes: Commissioners Chan, Dorsey, Engardio, Mandelman, Peskin, Preston, Safaí, Stefani, and Walton (9)

Absent: Commissioners Melgar and Ronen (2)

7. Allocate \$1,440,000 and Appropriate \$108,000 in Prop L Funds, with Conditions, for Four Requests – ACTION

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

During public comment, a speaker commented on Vision Zero.

Aleeta Dupree supported traffic calming but expressed concern over the 20 mile per hour speed limit not being enough to slow drivers down.

Commissioner Dorsey moved to approve the item, seconded by Commissioner Walton.

The item was approved without objection by the following vote:

Ayes: Commissioners Chan, Dorsey, Engardio, Mandelman, Peskin, Preston, Safaí, Stefani, and Walton (9)

Absent: Commissioners Melgar and Ronen (2)

Other Items

8. Introduction of New Items - INFORMATION

There were no new items introduced.

9. Public Comment

During public comment, Aleta Dupree, member of Team Folds, spoke about providing easier options for traveling.

A speaker opposed autonomous vehicles, citing mechanical issues like explosions near fire, vehicle parts pollution, and hidden racism against certain communities.

10. Adjournment

The meeting was adjourned at 10:45 a.m.