



# DRAFT MINUTES

## SAN FRANCISCO COUNTY TRANSPORTATION AUTHORITY

Tuesday, May 20, 2014

### 1. **Roll Call**

Chair Avalos called the meeting to order at 11:07 a.m. The following members were:

Present at Roll Call: Commissioners Avalos, Breed, Chiu, Cohen, Kim, Tang, Wiener and Yee (8)

Absent at Roll Call: Commissioners Campos, Farrell, and Mar (3)

### 2. **Approval of Minutes for December 14, 2013 Meeting – ACTION**

There was no public comment.

The minutes were adopted by the following vote:

Ayes: Commissioners Avalos, Breed, Chiu, Cohen, Kim, Tang, Wiener and Yee (8)

Absent: Commissioners Campos, Farrell, and Mar (3)

### 3. **Chair's Report – INFORMATION**

Chair Avalos reported that this past month, three developments took place in the transportation. He said that there was Bike to Work Day and the completion of the Polk Street bike facilities earlier this month. He stated that as many folks had mentioned during Bike to Work Day celebrations, it was terrific to see record numbers of cyclists participate in the 20th anniversary of that event. He added bicycle safety and connectivity improved with the great cycle path on Polk and Market Streets. He explained that these relatively low-cost but highly effective projects – like the painted red bus lanes on Geary and Market Streets – were needed citywide. He thanked the San Francisco Municipal Transportation Agency (SFMTA) and Department of Public Works (DPW) for those improvements. He underscored that more such projects were coming as part of the streets bond, Transit Effectiveness Project, Walk First, Bicycle Strategy and Vision Zero efforts.

Chair Avalos congratulated Commissioner Cohen, the Mayor's Office and Planning Department on the conclusion of the Schlage Lock Development project negotiations and agreements. He said that all parties involved were excited to see this deal come together – overcoming the challenges of the loss of Redevelopment – to produce 1,700 units of affordable housing and much needed mixed use development, open space and transportation improvements. He said that the Transportation Authority had been a long-standing partner in this effort and it was supporting the project through an upcoming action to program funds for pedestrian access from Leland Avenue, through the site, to the Caltrain station at Bayshore, as well as its ongoing efforts to lead a planning study for the development of the Geneva-Harney Bus Rapid Transit (BRT) link through the area.

Chair Avalos highlighted that lastly, the general obligation bond measure for transportation

was introduced by Mayor Lee and the Board of Supervisors last week. He said that this measure would generate \$500 million for investment in the city's transportation system – without raising property taxes. He explained that the bond would increase Muni reliability and travel speed, upgrade transit stops and stations, improve pedestrian and bicycle safety, and prepare for growth on the city's busiest travel corridors. He said that the \$500 million general obligation bond was one of several recommendations of the San Francisco 2030 Transportation Task Force, which Mayor Lee had convened last year to examine San Francisco's transportation infrastructure needs and prepare for the city's future. He added that discussions and work continued on other potential companion measures – such as the Vehicle License fee – to help meet transportation needs that total over \$10 billion through 2030.

Chair Avalos noted that just that day, Supervisor Wiener proposed a Charter amendment. Chair Avalos said that he was keen to dialogue further on how to shape the legislative and policy options with Supervisor Wiener and others.

Chair Avalos stated that to share these investment proposals, City agencies were holding open house events together in every part of town. He said that Commissioner Breed had hosted a meeting last week, and he had just attended a meeting in his district the previous night. He underscored that these were important conversations that touched on all issues from road repair and pedestrian safety to Muni crowding, travel times and reliability. He said that the District 6 workshop with Commissioner Kim would be held tonight at the Gene Friend Recreation Center at 270 6th Street from 6:00 to 7:30 p.m. He encouraged members of the public to visit [sftransportation2030.com](http://sftransportation2030.com) to find out when and where the remaining workshops would be held.

There was no public comment.

4. **Executive Director's Report – INFORMATION**

Tilly Chang, Executive Director, presented the Executive Director's Report.

There was no public comment.

**Items from the Finance Committee**

5. **Adopt Positions on State Legislation – ACTION**

There was no public comment. This item was approved without objection.

The item was adopted by the following vote:

Ayes: Commissioners Avalos, Breed, Chiu, Cohen, Farrell, Kim, Tang, Wiener and Yee (9)

Absent: Commissioners Campos and Mar (2)

6. **Adopt the Proposed Fiscal Year 2014/15 Annual Budget and Work Program and Amend the Prop K Strategic Plan – ACTION**

There was no public comment. This item was approved without objection.

The item was adopted by the following vote:

Ayes: Commissioners Avalos, Breed, Chiu, Cohen, Farrell, Kim, Tang, Wiener and Yee (9)

Absent: Commissioners Campos and Mar (2)

## Items from the Plans and Programs Committee

7. **Approve the Fiscal Year 2014/2015 Transportation Fund for Clean Air Program of Projects – ACTION**

There was no public comment. This item was approved without objection.

The item was adopted by the following vote:

Ayes: Commissioners Avalos, Breed, Chiu, Cohen, Farrell, Kim, Tang, Wiener and Yee (9)

Absent: Commissioners Campos and Mar (2)

8. **Appoint Angela Minkin to the Citizens Advisory Committee – ACTION**

There was no public comment. This item was approved without objection.

The item was adopted by the following vote:

Ayes: Commissioners Avalos, Breed, Chiu, Cohen, Farrell, Kim, Tang, Wiener and Yee (9)

Absent: Commissioners Campos and Mar (2)

9. **Appoint Leah LaCroix to the Geneva-Harney Bus Rapid Transit Community Advisory Committee – ACTION**

There was no public comment. This item was approved without objection.

The item was adopted by the following vote:

Ayes: Commissioners Avalos, Breed, Chiu, Cohen, Farrell, Kim, Tang, Wiener and Yee (9)

Absent: Commissioners Campos and Mar (2)

10. **Approve the Strategic Analysis Report (SAR) on Local and Regional Bike Sharing Organizational Models – ACTION**

Tilly Chang, Executive Director, said that per Plans and Programs Committee direction at its May 13 meeting to address the public testimony from a representative of the bike rental industry, staff made minor modifications to the enclosed final draft SAR to the public commenter's satisfaction. She thanked Chair Avalos for his leadership on the issue. She said that the analysis had already helped to shape the policy discussion on this topic. She said that the Transportation Authority's counterparts in the area were also looking to initiate such programs. She thanked Transportation Authority staff Amber Crabbe and Michael Schwartz for producing the document and for doing so on time and on budget.

Chair Avalos thanked Ms. Chang for her work on this and for showing how San Francisco could grow the bike share regionally and how to expand the program through the appropriate government structure. He said that the Transportation Authority considered input from all stakeholders in the biking industry in San Francisco.

There was no public comment. This item was approved without objection.

The item was adopted by the following vote:

Ayes: Commissioners Avalos, Breed, Chiu, Cohen, Farrell, Kim, Tang, Wiener and Yee (9)

Absent: Commissioners Campos and Mar (2)

11. **Allocate \$456,707 in Prop K Funds, with Conditions, and \$825,000 in Prop AA Funds, with Conditions, for Five Requests, Subject to the Attached Fiscal Year Cash Flow Distribution Schedules, and Amend the Relevant 5-Year Prioritization Programs – ACTION**

There was no public comment. This item was approved without objection.

The item was adopted by the following vote:

Ayes: Commissioners Avalos, Breed, Chiu, Cohen, Farrell, Kim, Tang, Wiener and Yee (9)

Absent: Commissioners Campos and Mar (2)

#### **Items from the Personnel Committee**

12. **Adopt the Proposed Staff Reorganization Plan and Job Classifications and Amend the Prop K 2013 Strategic Plan Baseline – ACTION**

There was no public comment. This item was approved without objection.

The item was adopted by the following vote:

Ayes: Commissioners Avalos, Breed, Chiu, Cohen, Farrell, Kim, Tang, Wiener and Yee (9)

Absent: Commissioners Campos and Mar (2)

#### **Other Items**

13. **Introduction of New Items – INFORMATION**

Commissioner Wiener said that the Board of Supervisors (BOS) passed a resolution asking the Entertainment Commission and the Office of Economic and Workforce Development to convene a transportation working group to address late night transportation, and to specifically come up with a plan and strategy, in both the long-term and short-term, to improve night time transportation in San Francisco. He stated that the city had major deficiencies in terms of people's ability to get around in the evening and in the middle of the night. He said that the BOS held a hearing at the Land Use Committee and heard from employers, workers, patrons, and late night advocates. He noted that achieving 24-hour service should be a key part of the discussion. He said that there were many other challenges as well. He requested the Transportation Authority's technical support for and collaboration with the working groups in terms of understanding how transportation systems work.

Tilly Chang, Executive Director, said that she would be happy for staff to do so.

There was no public comment.

14. **Public Comment**

There was no public comment.

15. **Adjournment**

The meeting was adjourned at 11:32 a.m.