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# DRAFT MINUTES

# SAN FRANCISCO COUNTY TRANSPORTATION AUTHORITY

Tuesday, November 27, 2018

## 1. Roll Call

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

**Present at Roll Call:** Commissioners Fewer, Kim, Mandelman, Peskin, Ronen, Stefani, Tang and Yee (8)

Absent at Roll Call: Commissioners Brown (entered during Item 2), Cohen (entered during Item 3) and Safai (entered during Item 13) (3)

## 2. Chair's Report – INFORMATION

Chair Peskin thanked San Francisco voters for opposing Prop 6 and passing local Proposition A. He referenced the recent Butte County fires and asked that everyone take bold action to curb greenhouse gas emissions at all levels of government, mentioning the Mayor and Board, as well as other governmental leaders united to lead this effort. Chair Peskin also reported on the passing of Commissioner Kim's legislation to remove parking minimums, making San Francisco the first major city to incentivize housing development over vehicles, and mentioning that both Commissioner Brown and himself were co-sponsors. He commented that the Transportation Authority recognized that a majority of greenhouse gas emissions in San Francisco and California comes from the transportation sector, commenting on the agency's efforts to plan for and invest in transit and to pursue near-term congestion management strategies with public and private sector partners in 2019.

Chair Peskin also reported on changes in Board composition from the recent elections, looking forward to working with the newly elected city supervisors on shared transportation priorities, affecting environmental and public health priorities as well. He further reported on the Bay Area Rapid Transit District's (BART's) recent and future improvements such as new train cars, station entrance canopies, completion of BART's East Side Connections project at the Balboa Park Station, and initiation of planning for a second Transbay Tube to improve commuter connections across the Bay. Chair Peskin further thanked all the participating agencies that were involved with the BART improvement efforts and welcomed new BART Board Member Janice Li.

There was no public comment.

#### 3. Executive Director's Report – INFORMATION

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

There was no public comment.

#### Consent Agenda

- 4. Approve the Minutes of the November 13, 2018 Meeting ACTION
- 5. [Final Approval] Appoint Jerry Levine to the Citizens Advisory Committee ACTION
- 6. [Final Approval] Allocate \$8,731,019 in Prop K Sales Tax Funds for Eleven Requests, with Conditions, and Approve \$200,000 in Prop K Sales Tax Funds for One Request ACTION
- 7. [Final Approval] Adopt 18 2019 Prop K 5-Year Prioritization Programs (5YPPs), with Conditions, Amend 16 2014 5YPPs, Approve a Fund Exchange and Amend the 2017 Prop AA Strategic Plan to Provide \$2,064,919 to the Bus Stop Enhancement Project, and Approve Two Prop K Fund Exchanges to Help Backfill the Regional Improvement Program Shortfall for the Central Subway – ACTION
- 8. [Final Approval] Adopt the 2019 Prop K Strategic Plan ACTION
- 9. [Final Approval] Adopt the Final Freeway Corridor Management Study Phase 2 Report, Authorize the Executive Director to Amend Cooperative Agreement No. 04-2647 with the California Department of Transportation for the U.S. 101/I-280 Managed Lanes for an Additional \$152,000 in a Total Amount Not to Exceed \$227,000, and Approve a Prop K/Local Partnership Program Fund Exchange in Prop K Funds for the U.S. 101/I-280 Managed Lanes Project – ACTION
- 10. [Final Approval] Award a Two-Year Professional Services Contract with MSA Design & Consulting, Inc. in an Amount Not to Exceed \$420,000 for Planning and Technical Services for the ConnectSF Streets and Freeways Study ACTION
- 11. [Final Approval] Award a Two-Year Professional Services Contract, with Options to Extend for Three Additional One-Year Periods, to SPTJ Consulting in an Amount Not to Exceed \$480,000 for Computer Network and Maintenance Services ACTION

There was no public comment.

Commissioner Tang moved to approve the Consent Agenda, seconded by Commissioner Kim.

The Consent Agenda was approved without objection by the following vote:

Ayes: Commissioners Brown, Cohen, Fewer, Kim, Peskin, Ronen, Mandelman, Stefani, Tang and Yee (10)

Absent: Commissioner Safai (1)

#### End of Consent Agenda

#### 12. Update on the Independent Analysis and Oversight Services with Sjoberg Evashenk Consulting, Inc – INFORMATION

Cynthia Fong, Deputy Director for Policy and Financing, presented the item per the staff memorandum.

Chair Peskin asked for more information related to the 9% payment delays.

Ms. Fong explained that one payment had been held up pending Board approval of a report. She also commented that the consultant recommended that the agency provide a service-level agreement with sponsors to provide clarity on expectations related to invoicing, including when an invoice would be rejected, so that a pending payment would not be held up in the queue for so long. Ms. Fong stated that discussions with sponsors would begin in early 2019 regarding

improvements to the reimbursement process.

Chair Peskin thanked Ms. Fong for her report and expressed that the analysis was helpful, inviting questions from Commissioners on the item.

There was no public comment.

#### 13. Regional Measure 3 Implementation Update – INFORMATION

Maria Lombardo, Chief Deputy Director, presented the item per the staff memorandum.

Commissioner Fewer asked about the BART Expansion out to the west side of San Francisco and expressed her frustration at not seeing the funding for District 1, as promised. She further commented that out of the \$50 million for a transbay crossing, she did not think just \$1 million was adequate enough for the development. She expressed that at least \$5 million should have been allocated out to the west side. Commissioner Fewer also expressed that she felt disrespected by the lack of follow-up to her multiple requests for expansion on the west side, which she said was not a transit rich area.

Ms. Lombardo clarified the proposed Regional Measure 3 (RM3) funding ask was just an initial ask to complement work being done on a second crossing by the Metropolitan Transportation Commission through its Bay Crossings work and through the ConnectSF Transit Corridor Study.

Director Chang apologized on behalf of the Transportation Authority for not consulting Commissioner Fewer and said it was not too late to adjust the RM3 proposal. She stated that the Transportation Authority Board's earlier approval of the RM3 priorities included an extension to the west side as part of the line item. She said the line item unfortunately did not make it into the final state legislation. Director Chang said the Transportation Authority had recently assembled around \$1 million of both state and local planning funds for the Transit Corridor Study, which includes an emphasis on filling the rail gap in the northwest part of the city. She added that the agency also had an opportunity to advocate for BART's Measure RR funds (on the order of \$150 million) to begin studies to expand BART to the westside of the city.

Commissioner Cohen expressed that she understood Commissioner Fewer's frustrations in not being heard and the need for expansion to the west side, noting that District 10 was also lacking transit-rich resources. She also acknowledged and thanked the staff on their hard work on the matter, expressing hope for the Chair to be able to help resolve the issues presented.

Commissioner Ronen echoed Commissioner Cohen's comments and expressed her sympathies for Commissioner Fewer's frustrations in not being heard, as well as support for the west side expansion.

Commissioner Yee also echoed the comments of the other two Commissioners, commenting on the rapidly expanding population in District 7, noting that Muni also needed to be improved, not just BART. He expressed frustration at the lack of progress on advancing the M-line undergrounding project.

Chair Peskin stated that he was anticipating being able to meet with Commissioner Fewer and staff shortly to find a resolution for the issues Commissioner Fewer expressed concern over.

There was no public comment.

# 14. Internal Accounting Report, Investment Report, and Debt Expenditure Report for the Three Months Ending September 30, 2018 – INFORMATION

Cynthia Fong, Deputy Director for Policy and Financing, presented the item per the staff memorandum.

There was no public comment.

# Other Items

#### 15. Introduction of New Items – INFORMATION

There were no new items introduced.

#### 16. Public Comment

There was no public comment.

#### 17. Adjournment

The meeting was adjourned at 10:57 a.m.