



DRAFT MINUTES

FINANCE COMMITTEE

Tuesday, September 9, 2014

1. Roll Call

Chair Cohen called the meeting to order at 11:03 a.m.

Present at Roll Call: Commissioners Chiu, Cohen, Farrell, Tang and Wiener (5)

Consent Calendar

2. Approve the Minutes of the June 10, 2014 Meeting – ACTION
3. Investment Report for the Quarter Ended June 30, 2014 – INFORMATION
4. Recommend Authorizing the Executive Director to Execute all Master Agreements, Program Supplemental Agreements, Fund Exchange Agreements, Fund Transfer Agreements, Cooperative Agreements and Any Amendments Thereto Between the Transportation Authority and the California Department of Transportation for Receipt of Federal and State Funds, including an Agreement for a Partnership Planning Grant to Support the San Francisco Freeway Performance Initiative Study; the Planning, Programming and Monitoring Program; and the Yerba Buena Island Interchange Improvement – ACTION

There was no public comment.

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

Ayes: Commissioners Chiu, Cohen, Farrell, Tang and Wiener (5)

End of Consent Calendar

5. State and Federal Legislative Update – INFORMATION/ACTION

Mark Watts, state legislative advocate for the Transportation Authority, presented the item.

Mr. Watts noted that the only recommended action was to adopt a new support position on Assembly Bill 141 (Ammiano). He reported that he had been working with Transportation Authority staff since June to move the bill forward in order to firewall the Transportation Authority from the responsibilities and liabilities resulting from its new role as the Treasure Island Mobility Management Agency. He stated that even though it was an urgency measure it passed unanimously out of Committee and passed 74-1 in the Assembly. He said that the bill had moved from enrollment to the Governor's Office and that he was working on gathering letters of support to urge the Governor to sign it.

Mr. Watts stated that Senate Bill (SB) 983 (Hernandez), which wasn't included in the matrix, would have extended high occupancy toll (HOT) lane authorization that had expired in 2012 and would have added Caltrans as an eligible project sponsor. He noted that there was debate over the bill in the Bay Area since initially it had allowed counties to serve as project sponsors but

then was revised to only allow the Metropolitan Transportation Commission to sponsor projects. He reported that the Chair of the Assembly Appropriations Committee shelved the bill over separate concerns about HOT lanes in Southern California.

Mr. Watts described SB 628 (Beall), which was amended to authorize cities and counties to establish enhanced infrastructure financing districts (IFDs) with 55% voter approval required to issue bonds. Mr. Watts stated that the bill contained no affordable housing component. He said that if the Governor signed the bill he expected to see legislation next year to add affordable housing requirements to the enhanced IFD definition.

Mr. Watts reported that SB 1077 (DeSaulnier) would require the California Transportation Commission and the California State Transportation Agency (CalSTA) to form a task force to develop a pilot for a road usage charge in California. He stated that the bill was consistent with recommendations coming out of CalSTA's California Transportation Infrastructure Priorities (CTIP) process so there was a good chance the Governor would sign it.

Mr. Watts said that the Governor had until the end of the month to dispose of 700 to 800 bills.

During public comment, Andrew Yip spoke in support of a cable car line between Market Street and Chinatown.

The item was approved, without objection by the following vote:

Ayes: Commissioners Chiu, Cohen, Farrell, Tang and Wiener (5)

6. Adopt a Motion of Support for the Award of an 12-Month Contract to Parsons Brinckerhoff, Inc. in an Amount Not to Exceed \$250,000, for System Engineering Services for the Treasure Island Mobility Management Program and for Authorizing the Executive Director to Negotiate Contract Payment Terms and Non-Material Contract Terms and Conditions – ACTION

Shari Tavafrashti, Principal Engineer, presented the item per the staff memorandum.

Chair Cohen asked for a description of the funding plan for this project. Ms. Tavafrashti responded that the Fiscal Year 2014/15 work program would be funded by grants from the Federal Highway Administration and the Metropolitan Transportation Commission, as well as funding from the Treasure Island Development Authority. She added that the following month, the Board would consider a request for \$150,000 in Prop K funds to complete the work program for the year, which included the planning, governance and engineering work.

Chair Cohen asked which six newspapers the procurement was advertised in. Ms. Tavafrashti responded that the six newspapers it was advertised in were the San Francisco Chronicle and Examiner, Western Edition, San Francisco Bayview, World Journal, and Small Business Exchange.

Chair Cohen asked if the Transportation Authority paid to take out ads or had contracts with these newspapers. Cynthia Fong, Deputy Director for Finance and Administration, responded that staff typically contacted the newspapers and agencies pertinent to the type of work or services sought.

Chair Cohen asked if there was an established budget to pay for the ads. Ms. Fong responded in the affirmative and stated that procurements would be advertised with the San Francisco Chronicle as well as other small or neighborhood newspapers.

Chair Cohen noted that the procurement had not been advertised in a Spanish language newspaper that serviced the Hispanic community. Ms. Fong responded that the Transportation Authority was not always able to advertise with certain newspapers due to infrequent print schedules or unresponsiveness, but made efforts to reach out.

Ms. Tavafrashti added that the Transportation Authority also advertised with associations such as Women's Transportation Seminar, the Conference of Minority Transportation Officials, and notified other professional societies that represent minorities such as the Hispanic Associates of Engineers.

During public comment, Andrew Yip commented on the November election.

The item was approved without objection by the following vote:

Ayes: Commissioners Chiu, Cohen, Farrell, Tang and Wiener (5)

7. Introduction of New Items

There was no public comment.

8. Public Comment

There was no public comment.

9. Adjournment

The meeting adjourned at 11:29 a.m.