



DRAFT MINUTES

PLANS AND PROGRAMS COMMITTEE

Tuesday, May 13, 2014

1. Roll Call

Chair Mar called the meeting to order at 10:42 a.m. The following members were:

Present at Roll Call: Commissioners Breed, Campos, Mar and Yee (4)

Absent at Roll Call: Commissioner Kim (entered during Item 9) (1)

2. Citizens Advisory Committee Report – INFORMATION

Brian Larkin, Citizens Advisory Committee (CAC) member, reported that at its April 23 meeting, the CAC considered and unanimously passed Items 4, 8 and 9 from the agenda.

During public comment, Roland Lebrun elaborated on the discussion that took place on Item 12 at the CAC meeting. He expressed concern over the transportation implications of closing the Quint Street Bridge in that during the evening commute there would be no viable access to the other side of the train tracks. He also expressed concern over the financial implications of closing the bridge in that there would be a combined loss of \$10 million in state and Federal Transit Administration funds. Mr. Lebrun proposed a compromise in closing the bridge by following the 2005 study which suggested that Caltrans only needed 65-70 feet of space and could leave a small underpass for the future Oakdale Caltrain station.

Chair Mar asked Mr. Lebrun if he had presented this to the CAC. Mr. Lebrun responded in the affirmative.

Consent Calendar

3. Approve the Minutes of the April 15, 2014 Meeting – ACTION

4. Recommend Approval of the Fiscal Year 2014/2015 Transportation Fund for Clean Air Program of Projects – ACTION

5. Progress Report on Performance Audit of the San Francisco Municipal Transportation Agency – INFORMATION

There was no public comment. The consent calendar was approved without objection.

The consent calendar was approved by the following vote:

Ayes: Commissioners Breed, Campos, Mar and Yee (4)

Absent: Commissioner Kim (1)

End of Consent Calendar

6. Recommend Appointment of Two Members to the Citizens Advisory Committee – ACTION

Courtney Aguirre, Transportation Planner, presented the item per the staff memorandum.

Angela Minkin spoke to her interest and qualifications in being reappointed to the Citizen Advisory Committee (CAC). She expressed interest in improving pedestrian safety in District 11.

Chair Mar stated that Commissioner Avalos was supportive of the reappointment of Ms. Minkin.

During public comment, Aja Monet of Alliance for a Better District 6 stated that the commissioners should consider pedestrian safety issues when appointing CAC members. He added that CAC members should consider bicyclists and their need to follow traffic laws when making funding decisions.

Gilbert Criswell of New District 8 spoke in support of the reappointment of Ms. Minkin to the CAC. He stated that the CAC should continue to support the Central Subway project and the extension of the line into North Beach and Fisherman's Wharf. He added that the CAC should advocate for free Muni service for seniors and persons with disabilities.

Chair Mar stated that Commissioner Kim was still seeking a candidate for District 6 to nominate for one of the open seats.

One vacancy was continued at the call of the Chair, without objection.

Chair Mar moved to recommend reappointment of Ms. Minkin, seconded by Commissioner Campos. The motion to recommend reappointment of Ms. Minkin to the CAC was approved by the following vote:

Ayes: Commissioners Breed, Campos, Mar and Yee (4)

Absent: Commissioner Kim (1)

7. Recommend Appointment of One Member to the Geneva-Harney Bus Rapid Transit Community Advisory Committee – ACTION

Rachel Hiatt, Principal Transportation Planner, presented the item per the staff memorandum.

Leah LaCroix and Alexander Mullaney spoke to their interest and qualifications in being appointed to the Geneva-Harney Bus Rapid Transit Community Advisory Committee (GHCAC). Ms. LaCroix expressed interest in transit efficiency and equity. Mr. Mullaney referred to his efforts improving the Balboa Park BART Station area.

Commissioner Yee asked Ms. LaCroix where she attended school in San Francisco. Ms. LaCroix stated that she attended a small faith-based school.

There was no public comment.

Commissioner Campos moved to recommend appointment of Ms. LaCroix, seconded by Commissioner Yee. The motion to recommend appointment of Ms. LaCroix to the GHCAC was approved by the following vote:

Ayes: Commissioners Breed, Campos, Mar and Yee (4)

Absent: Commissioner Kim (1)

8. Recommend Approval of the Strategic Analysis Report on Local and Regional Bike Sharing Organizational Models – ACTION

Amber Crabbe, Principal Transportation Planner, presented the item per the staff memorandum.

Chair Mar asked if Bay Area Bike Share was the only regional system in the country. Ms. Crabbe stated the systems in Washington D.C. and Boston allowed local jurisdictions to enter into a regional system.

Chair Mar thanked Karen Schkolnick and staff of the Bay Area Air Quality Management District for pioneering the project. Chair Mar asked for clarification on the relationship of Alta Bicycle Share and the recently bankrupt company. Ms. Crabbe responded the bankrupt company, Bixi, provided Alta Bicycle Share with bike sharing equipment and proprietary software. She added the international portion of the Canadian company had recently been purchased.

Chair Mar asked if staff was currently soliciting private sector sponsors. Heath Maddox, Bike Share Program Manager at the San Francisco Municipal Transportation Agency (SFMTA), stated the SFMTA was working with the Mayor's Office on the organizational structure to fundraise. He stated that the City had created a non-profit to accept private donations and sponsorship revenue. Chair Mar asked for clarification on the feasibility of having multiple private sponsors and whether sponsorship from a single large institution would be a better model to expand bike sharing. Mr. Maddox stated there were different approaches to sponsorship. He stated CitiBike in New York City had a title sponsorship, but that a more common approach was multi-level or station-specific sponsorship that would allow local companies to help fund the expansion of stations. He added one company could engage in a title sponsorship for the whole regional system or for only one part of it, similar to New Balance's title sponsorship in the City of Boston but not in the other participating cities in the Boston region. He added Alaska Airlines was the sponsor for the first 500 bikes in Seattle's system, which was still under development. Commissioner Yee asked how the operating company would resolve the issue of bike share users who encounter full stations with no available parking when returning bikes. Mr. Maddox responded Alta Bicycle Share, the operator of the system, deployed vans to ensure optimal distribution of bicycles and strived to provide available parking spaces at all stations.

Chair Mar emphasized the need to consider equity in the expansion of bike sharing. Mr. Maddox stated the current system had a small number of bicycles, so the system was focused on a core market for financial sustainability. He added when additional funding became available the system would consider equity and communities' desire for station locations.

During public comment Marc Brandt of Parkwide Activities stated that Parkwide was requesting language amendments in the Strategic Analysis Report (SAR) and distributed the requested changes to the Commissioners. Ms. Crabbe responded that staff would review and respond to Mr. Brandt's proposal.

Aja Monet of Alliance for a Better District 6 stated that insurance companies could be potential sponsors and could provide information on insurance at bicycles and stations.

Commissioner Campos made a motion to recommend approval of the SAR with the condition the SAR incorporated some or all of Mr. Brandt's proposed amendments prior to the Board meeting on May 20.

Chair Mar emphasized the distinction between bike sharing for residents and bike rental for tourists.

The item was approved without objection.

The item was approved by the following vote:

Ayes: Commissioners Breed, Campos, Mar and Yee (4)

Absent: Commissioner Kim (1)

9. Recommend Allocation of \$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 Amendment of the Relevant 5-Year Prioritization Programs – ACTION

Seon Joo Kim, Transportation Planner, presented the item per the staff memorandum.

During public comment, Gilbert Criswell of New District 8 expressed opposition to granting additional funding to the SFMTA until it developed a plan for seniors and persons with disabilities to ride Muni for free.

Aja Monet of Alliance for a Better District 6 requested the committee to defer action to ensure better coordination between bicycle and pedestrian projects and bicyclists' compliance with pedestrian right-of-way.

Chair Mar emphasized the importance of moving forward with the five proposed projects, including the speed and volume surveys that would be helpful for analysis, the pedestrian refuge island on Stanyan Street that nearby neighborhood groups had advocated for a long time, and 7th and 8th Streetscape improvements that were critical for the Eastern Neighborhoods.

Commissioner Campos shared his concerns regarding the SFMTA's inaction on the issue of free Muni for low- and middle-income seniors and persons with disabilities, but supported the projects for safety reasons, including the needed improvements near Cesar Chavez Elementary School.

The item was approved by the following vote:

Ayes: Commissioners Campos, Kim, Mar and Yee (4)

Absent: Commissioner Breed (1)

10. Introduction of New Items – INFORMATION

Chair Mar requested a future information item on Clipper 2.0, specifically on the topics of uniform transfer fares, age requirements, and greater acceptance of Clipper on other transit agencies.

There was no public comment.

11. Public Comment

During public comment, Gilbert Criswell of New District 8 and Central City Democrats invited Transportation Authority staff and the Executive Director to the Board of Supervisors Budget Committee meeting. He stated that the meeting was a call for action for seniors and people with disabilities because they needed free Muni now and did not need to wait for a November election.

12. Adjournment

The meeting was adjourned at 11:37 a.m.