



# DRAFT MINUTES

## San Francisco County Transportation Authority

Tuesday, November 19, 2019

### 1. Roll Call

Chair Peskin called the meeting to order at 10:06 a.m.

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

**Absent at Roll Call:** Commissioners Brown (entered during Item 8), Haney (entered during Item 8) and Safai (3)

**Commissioner Mandelman moved to excuse Commissioners Haney and Brown, seconded by Commissioner Stefani. Commissioners Haney and Brown were excused without objection.**

**Commissioner Ronen moved to excuse Commissioner Safai, seconded by Commissioner Brown. Commissioner Safai was excused without objection.**

### 2. Chair's Report - INFORMATION

Chair Peskin reported that the past weekend was the 5th annual World Day of Remembrance for Traffic Victims in San Francisco. He thanked WalkSF, President Yee, Supervisor Mandelman and Bay Area Families for Safe Streets for honoring the victims and families of those killed and injured by avoidable crashes, and for shining a light on the need to reduce speeding. Chair Peskin reported that to date in 2019, 26 people had died in traffic collisions, in contrast to the 23 traffic fatalities in all of 2018. He said of this year's total, 15 people killed were pedestrians and one was a cyclist.

Chair Peskin reported that the city had laid out a set of actions, with the recent establishment of a Safe Streets State of Emergency, that could have an immediate benefit, from daylighting and bulb outs to increase visibility and slow motorists down, to putting in more scrambles and red light cameras. He said the Transportation Authority had funded Quick Builds and policy directives to prioritize safety over traffic and parking. He said it had to be the Board's focus and priority in order to turn the numbers around.

Chair Peskin recognized the anticipated passage of Prop D, by San Francisco voters in this November's election. He thanked Assemblymember Phil Ting for carrying the authorizing legislation for the per-trip Transportation Network Companies (TNC) fee, and the state delegation, as well as Mayor Breed and Uber and Lyft, for supporting Prop D throughout the legislative and approval process. He also thanked Sunny Angulo from his office for her work as well as Transportation Authority staff. Chair Peskin said it was the first such tax in the State and for the city meant \$35 million more per year to grow Muni service and pay for safer streets.

Chair Peskin welcomed the San Francisco Municipal Transportation Agency's (SFMTA's) incoming Director for Transportation Jeffrey Tumlin and congratulated Mayor Breed and the SFMTA Board for their successful recruitment. He said Mr. Tumlin



would have the benefit of the Muni Reliability Working group, on which Commissioner Mandelman and he served.

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 5, 2019 Meeting - ACTION**

**5. [Final Approval] Allocate \$870,000, with Conditions, and Appropriate \$5,700,000 in Prop K Sales Tax Funds for 6 Requests - ACTION**

**6. [Final Approval] Approve the Amended Program of Projects for the 2020 Regional Transportation Improvement Program - ACTION**

**7. [Final Approval] Authorize the Executive Director to Increase the Amount of the Professional Services Contract with Civic Edge Consulting by \$100,000, to a Total Amount Not to Exceed \$250,000, for Strategic Communications, Media and Community Relations Services for the ConnectSF Program - ACTION**

There was no public comment.

Commissioner Walton moved to approve the Consent Agenda, seconded by Commissioner Yee.

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

Ayes: Commissioners Fewer, Mar, Mandelman, Peskin, Ronen, Stefani, Walton and Yee (8)

Absent: Commissioners Brown, Haney and Safai (3)

**End of Consent Agenda**

**8. Appoint Up to Two Members to the Citizens Advisory Committee - ACTION**

Aprile Smith, Senior Transportation Planner, presented the item per the staff memorandum.

Kevin Ortiz spoke to his interest and qualifications in being appointed to the CAC.

Sarah Rogers spoke to her interest and qualifications in being appointed to the CAC.

Philip Bailey spoke to his interest and qualifications in being appointed to the CAC.

Stephanie Liu spoke to her interest and qualifications in being appointed to the CAC.

Commissioner Ronen thanked all CAC applicants for being interested and willing to serve. She said she would be making a motion to appoint Kevin Ortiz to the CAC and noted that he worked as the Teens Program Manager at Jamestown Community Center. Commissioner Ronen said Mr. Ortiz provided services and leadership develop to youth in the Mission and was a fierce advocate in the fight against displacement of low-income communities and communities of color. She said District 9 faced complex



transportation issues, which included balancing tensions between community needs and those of commuters passing through the district's two regional transit hubs. She said Mr. Ortiz brought a strong commitment to meaningful community engagement and had been a voice for transit justice and equitable transportation policies. Commissioner Ronen thanked Mr. Ortiz and said she looked forward to working with him.

Commissioner Ronen moved to appoint Kevin Ortiz to the CAC, seconded by Commissioner Walton.

Commissioner Brown thanked all the applicants who came forward and asked them to stay engaged regardless of who was appointed to the CAC. She made a motion to nominate Stephanie Liu to the CAC and spoke about Ms. Liu's years of experience working on climate change policy in both the private and public sectors. She said Ms. Liu's perspective as a mother and woman of color would guide her as she tackled policy with a focus on equity. She said the CAC debated and voted on complicated and complex issues and felt Ms. Liu's equity lens would benefit the CAC.

Commissioner Brown moved to appoint Stephani Liu to the CAC, seconded by Commissioner Ronen.

The motion to appoint Kevin Ortiz was approved without objection by the following vote:

Ayes: Commissioners Brown, Fewer, Haney, Mar, Mandelman, Peskin, Ronen, Stefani, Walton and Yee (10)

Absent: Commissioner Safai (1)

The motion to appoint Stephanie Liu was approved without objection by the following vote:

Ayes: Commissioners Brown, Fewer, Haney, Mar, Mandelman, Peskin, Ronen, Stefani, Walton and Yee (10)

Absent: Commissioner Safai (1)

#### **9. 2019 State and Federal Legislation Summary - INFORMATION**

Mark Watts, State Legislative Advocate, and Amber Crabbe, Public Policy Manager, presented the item per the staff memorandum.

There was no public comment.

#### **Other Items**

#### **10. Introduction of New Items - INFORMATION**

Commissioner Walton provided an overview of his and Commissioner Haney's congestion pricing tour in London and Stockholm. He said it was important for the city to identify congestion pricing goals and determine if those goals benefit all residents.

Commissioner Haney said it was an informative trip and noted that the city was part of an ongoing conversation with the other seven American cities that participated on the congestion pricing tour. He said the city had a long way to go and needed to collect a lot of data and set a timeline.



Commissioner Walton thanked the Board and Transportation Authority for supporting Commissioner Haney and himself.

Chair Peskin stated that Commissioner Walton and himself, along with one of Mayor Breed's staff met with members of the Peninsula Corridor Joint Powers Board and had a productive conversation in regard to possible Caltrain governance reform.

**11. Public Comment**

Shirley Johnson, former Chair of the Caltrain Bicycle Advisory Committee, thanked Commissioner Walton for his vision to go forward with asking that Caltrain governance be reconsidered and that SamTrans be separated from Caltrain.

**12. Adjournment**

The meeting was adjourned at 11:00 a.m.