



# DRAFT MINUTES

## San Francisco County Transportation Authority

Tuesday, December 17, 2019

### 1. Roll Call

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

**Present at Roll Call:** Commissioners Fewer, Mar, Mandelman, Peskin, Preston, Ronen and Yee (7)

**Absent at Roll Call:** Commissioners Safai (entered during Item 2), Stefani (entered during Item 2), Walton (entered during Item 2) and Haney (4)

**Commissioner Preston moved to excuse Commissioners Haney, seconded by Commissioner Mandelman. Commissioner Haney was excused without objection.**

Commissioner Preston thanked Chair Peskin and the Board and said it was an honor to be sworn in as District 5 Supervisor and a privilege to serve on the Transportation Authority Board. He said he was looking forward to weighing in on transportation issues and appreciated the briefing he received from Transportation Authority staff prior to the meeting.

### 2. Chair's Report - INFORMATION

Chair Peskin noted that Commissioner Preston's inaugural meeting coincided with the arrival of the San Francisco Municipal Transportation Agency's (SFMTA's) new Director of Transportation, Jeffrey Tumlin. He said the Board was wishing him well and looked forward to supporting him in his new post.

Chair Peskin reported that he was pleased to serve on the Muni Reliability Working Group, which just concluded its work last week. He said the task force, convened by Mayor Breed, brought together over a dozen industry experts and policy advisors from around the state and region to review Muni's operations and structure, with a view to advising Director Tumlin on short term actions to improve performance. He thanked the co-chairs SFMTA Director Gwyneth Bordon and former Controller Ed Harrington, as well as Controller Ben Rosenfield, Director Tilly Chang and SFMTA Director of Transit Julie Kirschbaum and their staffs for keeping the group focused and productive.

Chair Peskin reported that at the top of the working group's list of recommendations was to focus on hiring and retention of Muni's workforce, including adding 525 new bus and train operators by 2021. Hiring drivers was necessary to stabilize the existing service, as was hiring supervisors, electricians and maintenance workers. He said it would take reforms to expedite training and hiring, and partnerships with community college and workforce programs to build up and retain Muni's workforce. In addition, the agency needed to replace its outdated train control system, add service to reduce crowding and close equity gaps and continue to implement on-street priority treatments to address rising congestion. Chair Peskin said the final report would be



issued in January and he hoped to agendize a presentation to the Board soon thereafter.

Chair Peskin acknowledged the recent progress and continued challenges with the new Muni Siemens Light Rail Vehicles (LRVs). He said, while he understood the doors and mean distance between breakdowns were improving, the vehicles experienced another shear pin break, which would result in some operational impacts until the new pins were delivered. He said overall the picture appeared to be improving as more vehicles are being deployed into service and he looked forward to a full report from SFMTA Muni staff and Transportation Authority oversight staff in January.

There was no public comment.

### **3. Executive Director's Report - INFORMATION**

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

Chair Peskin asked how the conversations between Transportation Authority staff and the Transbay Joint Powers Authority (TJPA) staff would be characterized as it relates to the memorandum of understanding among project partners that would cover the proposed two-year work program and recommended integrated project team approach based on recommendations from the expert peer review panel.

Director Chang said there were a few items that remained outstanding and all parties wanted to make sure that the right structure for who would be responsible and accountable for which tasks were set in place. She said there were agreements on the integrated project team and the Executive Steering Committee (ESC), with the ESC reporting to the TJPA board. Director Chang said the team was working to ensure the TJPA board had oversight of the work and that the accountability made sense from the standpoint of who was contracting with consultants and who was contracting for certain work to be done.

Chair Peskin said he wanted to ensure that the structure proposed to the Transportation Authority Board, which was fundamentally a bottom-up structure would be honored.

Director Chang said she appreciated the reminder and agreed wholeheartedly with that approach.

Commissioner Fewer mentioned that there was a stretch west of Masonic Avenue that was in need of repaving. She noted that the 5 Muni bus ran a lot on the westbound lane of Masonic and asked if there were additional funds to do an extra even half block of repaving.

Director Chang said staff would be happy to follow up on the request.

During public comment Albert Sandoval advocated for wheelchair-bound users and requested that Muni take into consideration wheelchair users who were waiting for the bus. He asked that bus shelters with a clear sight of approaching buses be built for the disabled community.

### **Consent Agenda**

- 4. Approve the Minutes of the December 10, 2019 Meeting - ACTION**
- 5. [Final Approval] Allocate \$1,519,125, with Conditions, and Appropriate \$110,875 in**



**Prop K Sales Tax Funds for 3 Requests - ACTION**

6. **[Final Approval] Approve the Participatory Budgeting Program of Projects Identified Through the Bayview Community Based Transportation Plan Process - ACTION**
7. **[Final Approval] Approve the 2019 San Francisco Congestion Management Program - ACTION**
8. **[Final Approval] Accept the Audit Report for the Fiscal Year Ended June 30, 2019 - ACTION**
9. **[Final Approval] Approve the Revised Debt Policy and Ratifying the Investment Policy - ACTION**

There was no public comment.

Commissioner Preston moved to sever Item 4, seconded by Commissioner Walton.

The motion was approved without objection.

Item 4 was approved by the following vote:

Ayes: Commissioners Fewer, Mar, Mandelman, Peskin, Ronen, Safai, Stefani, Walton and Yee (9)

Abstain: Commissioner Preston (1)

Absent: Commissioner Haney (1)

Commissioner Fewer moved to approve the underlying Consent Agenda, seconded by Commissioner Safai.

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

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

Absent: Commissioner Haney (1)

**End of Consent Agenda**

10. **[Final Approval] Allocate \$3,330,000 in Prop K Sales Tax Funds, with Conditions, to San Francisco Public Works for Better Market Street 5th to 8th Street Design and Bikeway Pilot - ACTION**

Cristina Olea, Project Manager at San Francisco Department of Public Works, presented the item.

Chair Peskin announced that Commissioner Haney was unable to attend the Board meeting because he was at the preview of the new Shelter and Access for Everyone (SAFE) Navigation Center on the Embarcadero. He said it would be beneficial if Transportation Authority and Public Works staff, along with Commissioner Haney and himself all met. He said the proposed mitigation plan was similar to previous construction mitigation efforts that did not sufficiently assist affected businesses and neighborhoods. He said it was a ten-year megaproject that required a construction mitigation effort early and often.

Commissioner Fewer asked Chair Peskin if he was seeking a continuation on the item



until there was an agreement or commitments on what was mentioned during the presentation.

Chair Peskin said he was not seeking a continuation, but rather emphasizing the need for the construction mitigation program to be more thought out and more resource intensive. He noted that the Board would have many more opportunities to hold up money if needed for leverage.

Commissioner Fewer announced that in her capacity as District 1 Supervisor, her office was working on adding a mitigation fund requirement on to every large construction project similar to what is done to support public art. She said that all future budget projections for large projects would be required to add in a mitigation fund as part of the project cost. She said she looked forward to the support of her colleagues on the legislation.

There was no public comment.

Commissioner Fewer moved to approve the item, seconded by Commissioner Yee.

The item was approved without objection by the following vote:

Ayes: Commissioners Fewer, Mar, Mandelman, Preston, Peskin, Ronen, Stefani, Walton and Yee (9)

Absent: Commissioners Haney and Safai (2)

**11. [Final Approval on First Appearance] Adopt an Oppose Unless Amended Position on Senate Bill 50 (Wiener) to Incorporate Transit Impact Mitigation Provisions - ACTION**

Commissioner Mar presented the item.

During public comment Jeff Rigo said he was in support of the item and Senate Bill (SB) 50 was taking a cart before the horse approach.

Jerry Dratler said he supported the proposed resolution to oppose SB 50 unless amended to include transportation mitigation provisions. He said SB 50 needed to be modified to address the existing disparity in population density between San Francisco, San Jose, and Los Angeles. He added that San Francisco's current public transit infrastructure was unable to support the current population density, let alone the proposed higher densification.

Anastasia Yovanopoulos said it made sense that there be a provision for transportation infrastructure to support the growth policies for transit rich areas and was in support of the resolution to oppose SB 50 unless amended.

Ozzie Rohm reported that San Francisco's transportation system would have a \$22 billion funding gap through 2045 because of the deficiencies in transit. She said the city issued report did not identify a single source that could close the funding gap within the next 25 years.

Stephanie Peek said she supported Commissioner Mar's resolution to oppose SB unless amended because it was well thought out and included funding.

Marlayne Morgan, member of Van Ness Neighbors, said affordable housing was more possible than transit and that transit was required to get people to work and school. She asked the Board to put transit first and support the resolution.



Edward Mason suggested that the SFMTA, Transportation Authority and Planning Department work together to acquire development funds, as opposed to relying on state funding. He added that the nexus study for development and transportation study resulted in transit sustainability fee being reduced by 75%. He said there needed to be more reliance on the developers paying fees.

Cat Carter, Acting Executive Director, San Francisco Transit Riders, said she was in support of Commissioner Mar's resolution. She noted that as a participating organization on the Mayor's task force, the San Francisco Transit Riders were aware of how far behind Muni was on staffing and maintenance. She said it made sense to streamline approvals and funding for transit to increase development and increase housing.

Peter Cohen, member of the Housing Community Counseling Organization, spoke in support of the resolution and said it made sense to tie public policy and transit-oriented development together. He said he believed San Francisco was built as a place to figure out how to do it and do it right.

Commissioner Mar moved to approve the item, seconded by Commissioner Preston.

The item was approved without objection by the following vote:

Ayes: Commissioners Fewer, Mar, Mandelman, Preston, Peskin, Ronen, Stefani, Walton and Yee (9)

Absent: Commissioners Haney and Safai (2)

**Chair Peskin called Items 12, 13 and 14 together.**

**Items from the Personnel Committee**

- 12. [Final Approval] Recommend Adoption of a Rail Program Manager Job Classification and Revised Organization Chart - ACTION**
- 13. [Final Approval] [CLOSED SESSION] Evaluation of Public Employee Performance and Recommend Approval of the Executive Director's Performance Objectives for 2020 - ACTION**
- 14. [Final Approval] Recommend Adoption of the Revised Salary Structure, Amendment of the Existing Employment Agreement and Setting the Annual Compensation for the Executive Director for 2020 - ACTION**

Chair Peskin announced that the Personnel Committee met to discuss the performance evaluation of Director Chang for the performance objectives for the coming year and found her work during the 2019 year to be exceptionally good. He said the Personnel Committee took action in closed session, which he reported out as follows: to recommend a revised salary structure range, which was a 15% increase in the range, but not in salary, to a new range between \$217,893 as a minimum to \$304,712 as a maximum. Chair Peskin said the committee also recommended to the Board an amendment of the employment contract for an additional three years which would last until 2022. The Personnel Committee recommended an annual compensation for the 2020 year with a 5% increase, which was in line with data that the committee reviewed for other similar positions for a total salary of \$267,417, and also recommended that the unspent \$15,000 for employee development be spent in 2020 to help enhance Director Chang's job performance.



There was no public comment.

Commissioner Mar moved to approve the items, seconded by Commissioner Yee.

The items were approved without objection by the following vote:

Ayes: Commissioners Fewer, Mar, Mandelman, Preston, Peskin, Ronen, Stefani, Walton and Yee (9)

Absent: Commissioners Haney and Safai (2)

### **Other Items**

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

There were no new items introduced.

#### **16. Public Comment**

During public comment Roland Lebrun said he was willing to volunteer his time between now and the appointment of the proposed Rail Manager position to the city and the county. He said he was not seeking a salary or benefits, but would only ask for assistance with housing.

Chair Peskin thanked Mr. Lebrun for his offer and said he was welcome to take it up with Transportation Authority staff.

Edward Mason reported a commuter bus update, especially at 24th and Church streets. He reported there were now 100 authorized private commuter buses, plus several other buses that he had been recording on a daily basis. He said there were only two dedicated zones that had been set aside for the commuter buses, and resulted in congestion during peak commute hours. He recommended reevaluating the whole commuter bus program and considering revisiting the Commuter Hub study.

Chair Peskin thanked Mr. Mason for his data and acknowledged that the Board received the emails he sends to the Commissioners. He encouraged Mr. Mason to speak with Joel Ramos, Local Government Affairs Manager at the SFMTA, to see if the SFMTA can find a solution to the commuter bus congestion. He said if the SFMTA could not find a solution that the Transportation Authority Board would look to revisit the program.

#### **17. Adjournment**

The meeting was adjourned at 12:10 p.m.