



DRAFT MINUTES

San Francisco County Transportation Authority

Tuesday, February 11, 2020

1. Roll Call

Chair Peskin called the meeting to order at 10:02 a.m.

Present at Roll Call: Commissioners Fewer, Haney, Mandelman, Mar, Preston, Peskin, Stefani and Walton (8)

Absent at Roll Call: Commissioners Yee (entered during Item 2), Ronen (entered during Item 5) and Safai (entered during Item 5) (3)

2. Citizens Advisory Committee Report - INFORMATION

John Larson, Chair of the Citizens Advisory Committee (CAC), reported that the CAC welcomed two new CAC members, representing districts 5 and 9, in January, bringing the CAC to full membership.

He addressed the 2020 State and Federal Legislative Program item, with CAC members discussion of the vetoed legislation for Lombard Street wherein CAC members noted that the time, resources, and funds being allocated towards Lombard Street might have a limited impact on overall congestion and could possibly be better used in neighborhoods of concern. The CAC suggested exploring another way to pay for a reservation system, specifically using a specific tax assessment for the area around the affected part of Lombard Street. Chair Larson reported that the CAC also discussed Senate Bill 50 (Wiener), with one member expressing concern that efforts for needed additional housing should not be slowed or scuttled because of complex issues about transportation not being decided.

Chair Larson addressed the Prop K allocation item on the Board agenda, stated that the CAC focused on the Islais Creek Bridge Catenary Reconstruction project. He said the CAC suggested that closure of the bridge or any detours be timed to avoid sporting and concert events in the area, while also being sensitive to local needs. Further, the CAC urged San Francisco Municipal Transportation Agency (SFMTA) planners to keep the bike routes open as much as possible during the time of the project.

Chair Larson said the CAC shared positive comments about the Pier E2 memorandum of agreement item and expressed excitement about the design and rollout of Pier E2 and future development of the adjacent torpedo building.

Chair Larson reported that a great deal of discussion was generated by a presentation on the public information and outreach campaign for Caltrans U.S. 101 deck replacement project. The CAC asked Caltrans to prioritize public transit in the corridor during the traffic diversions, such as implementing a bus-only lane and adding traffic control for the outer BART stations; conduct preferential hiring among the local community; and use paid internet search results to keep the public updated with the



latest information on the project. Lastly, he reported that the CAC requested SFMTA's new Executive Director, Jeffrey Tumlin, appear at a future CAC meeting.

There was no public comment.

3. Approve the Minutes of the January 28, 2020 Meeting - ACTION

There was no public comment.

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

The item was approved without objection by the following vote:

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

Absent: Commissioners Ronen and Safai (2)

4. Appoint One Member to the Citizens Advisory Committee - ACTION

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

Peter Tannen spoke to his interest and qualifications in being reappointed to the CAC.

Commissioner Mandelman stated that his office interviewed several qualified applicants for the position and was making a motion to reappoint Peter Tannen. He said Mr. Tannen was the longest-serving member of the CAC and was active and engaged.

Commissioner Mandelman moved to reappoint Peter Tannen to the CAC, seconded by Commissioner Yee.

The motion to reappoint Peter Tannen was approved without objection by the following vote:

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

Absent: Commissioners Ronen and Safai (2)

5. State and Federal Legislation Update - ACTION

Mark Watts, State Legislative Advocate, and Maria Lombardo, Chief Deputy Director, presented the item per the staff memorandum.

Commissioner Ronen commented on a poll that showed two-thirds support for a one-cent sales increase for a combined housing/transportation measure in the nine Bay Area counties. She said she had pressed for clarification of the survey questions used to poll voters, expressing skepticism about the results based on the language used. She opined that the polls presented a false picture of a very regressive tax and asked that the Board remain extremely skeptical.

Chair Peskin asked if the entire document was a public record.

Commissioner Ronen said she was not given the entire poll, only pieces of it.

Ms. Lombardo said she believed it was a privately funded poll and would follow up to see if it had been released to the public.



During public comment Ian Griffith, Co-Founder and Director of Seamless Bay Area, said Seamless Bay Area was a non-profit group that wanted to see a more rider-friendly system that would make it more human-centered. He said the Bay Area had a 12% transit mode share regionally and needed the help of San Francisco in combination with regional and transit agencies to improve it. Mr. Griffith said he looked forward to coming back to the Board in the coming months with a resolution supporting the policy direction of the Seamless transit principles.

Francisco Da Costa said there was not enough focus on the regional transportation needs of the elder population. He said strong local representation in Sacramento was needed in order to understand the issues impacting riders on a regional basis.

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

The item was approved without objection by the following vote:

Ayes: Commissioners Fewer, Haney, Mandelman, Mar, Preston, Peskin, Ronen, Safai, Stefani, Walton and Yee (11)

6. Approve the 2020 State and Federal Legislative Program - ACTION

Amber Crabbe, Public Policy Manager, presented the item per the staff memorandum.

Commissioner Preston asked if staff knew who would be authoring legislation around speed limits and, if approved, whether it would take effect next January or if it would become an urgency bill to take effect sooner.

Ms. Crabbe said the Zero Traffic Fatalities Task Force report just came out last week and staff was not aware if a bill would be moving forward or who would be authoring the legislation. She said there was interest by many jurisdictions across the state regarding the topic of speed limits. Ms. Crabbe added that staff would bring any introduced legislation to the Board as soon as they had more details, noting that it was something SFMTA and other city agencies had interest in, consistent with the city's Vision Zero goals.

Commissioner Preston asked if there was opposition from other jurisdictions.

Ms. Crabbe said the taskforce was convened to get some resolution and agreement among various stakeholder groups on effective strategies to address traffic fatalities and noted that she had not specifically heard of opposition. She said the inclusion of speed limit strategies in the task force's report, which included parties who opposed it in the past, was a positive sign.

There was no public comment.

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

The item was approved without objection by the following vote:

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

Absent: Commissioner Walton (1)

7. Allocate \$5,832,072, with Conditions, in Prop K Sales Tax Funds Seven Requests -



ACTION

Kaley Lyons, Transportation Planner, presented the item per the staff memorandum.

In regard to the traffic signal hardware visibility upgrades and traffic signal upgrades, Commissioner Haney said he was surprised that there were not many intersections in the Tenderloin. He asked if someone from the SFMTA could speak to that given the level of need and number of collisions across the entire neighborhood.

Geraldine De Leon, Project Manager at the SFMTA, said there were some locations identified in the Tenderloin as part of the traffic signal visibility upgrade request, and added that other projects for signal upgrades were being considered in the area.

Commissioner Haney asked which of the listed signal upgrades would be in the Tenderloin.

Ms. De Leon referenced page 64 on the item enclosure for traffic signal visibility upgrades and said there was a list of over 48 intersections that the SFMTA was considering for the upgrade project. She said the allocation request was for the current year and would be selecting about 15 intersections from the list. Ms. De Leon said the locations were selected based on collision history and a pattern of right-angle collisions. She said the selected locations had not been finalized, but could include locations from the Tenderloin.

Commissioner Fewer said there were very few District 1 traffic upgrades on the list and asked if it would be helpful if her office worked with the SFMTA to identify intersections that needed upgrades.

Ms. De Leon said the SFMTA could work with her office and noted that there were other projects under design and further along in the process in terms of implementation.

Commissioner Fewer said it would be helpful for the SFMTA to coordinate the timing of those projects with District 1 traffic calming meetings being organized by her office.

During public comment Francisco Da Costa asked that the SFMTA revisit the traffic lights on San Bruno Avenue and see whether they are functional.

Jody Medeiros, Executive Director at Walk San Francisco, spoke in support of the SFMTA's traffic signal upgrades and echoed Commissioner Haney's comments regarding neighborhoods like the Tenderloin which are part of the Vision Zero High Injury Network. She noted that some traffic signals were so old that they could perform certain functions like enabling pedestrian scrambles. She asked that the Board prioritize neighborhoods that had gone 40-50 years without traffic signal investments. As a partner in the Safe Routes to School program, she said she supported the \$1 million investment and asked the Board if the investment was enough.

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

The item was approved without objection by the following vote:

Ayes: Commissioners Fewer, Haney, Mandelman, Mar, Preston, Peskin, Ronen, Safai, Stefani, Walton and Yee (11)



8. Adopt Fiscal Year 2020/21 Transportation Fund for Clean Air Local Expenditure Criteria - ACTION

Mike Pickford, Senior Transportation Planner, presented the item per the staff memorandum.

Commissioner Walton asked what types of projects fell under alternative-fuel vehicles and infrastructure priorities.

Mr. Pickford said the program funded direct purchase of vehicles, like the SFMTA's hybrid sedans used for paratransit, and incentives for taxis owners to encourage them to buy hybrid or electric vehicles. He added that the program had funded electric vehicle chargers.

Commissioner Walton asked if different types of electrical vehicles had different types of chargers and if so, how the program determined which chargers would be purchased.

Mr. Pickford said his understanding was that the chargers funded by the program were industry standard and could charge different brands of car. He added that the program had not funded chargers that were specific to a certain type of vehicle.

There was no public comment.

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

The item was approved without objection by the following vote:

Ayes: Commissioners Fewer, Haney, Mandelman, Mar, Preston, Peskin, Ronen, Safai, Stefani, Walton and Yee (11)

Chair Peskin called Item 9 and Item 10 together.

9. Authorize the Executive Director to Execute Eight Project Delivery Agreements and Any Amendments Thereto with the California Department of Transportation for Receipt of State and Federal Funds for the Yerba Buena Island Westside Bridges Seismic Retrofit Project - ACTION

10. Authorize the Executive Director to Execute Amendment No. 5 to the Memorandum of Agreement with the Treasure Island Development Authority for Yerba Buena Island Vista Point Operation Services to Increase the Amount by \$400,000, to a Total Amount Not to Exceed \$1,995,000, and Extend the Agreement Through June 30, 2022 for Operations and Maintenance Services for the New Vista Point at Pier E2 - ACTION

Eric Cordoba, Deputy Director for Capital Projects, presented the items per the staff memorandum.

There was no public comment.

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

The items were approved without objection by the following vote:

Ayes: Commissioners Fewer, Haney, Mandelman, Mar, Preston, Peskin, Ronen, Safai, Stefani, Walton and Yee (11)

11. Internal Accounting Report, Investment Report, and Debt Expenditure Report for the



Six Months Ending December 31, 2019 - INFORMATION

Cynthia Fong, Deputy Director for Finance and Administration, presented the item per the staff memorandum.

There was no public comment.

Other Items

12. Introduction of New Items - INFORMATION

There were no new items introduced.

13. Public Comment

There was no public comment.

14. Adjournment

The meeting was adjourned at 11:08 a.m.