



DRAFT MINUTES

San Francisco County Transportation Authority

Tuesday, May 19, 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, Peskin, Preston, Ronen, Safai, Stefani Walton, and Yee (9)

Absent at Roll Call: Commissioners Safai (entered during Item 3) and Walton (entered during Item 3) (2)

2. Chair's Report - INFORMATION

Chair Peskin recognized and thanked Caltrans, which completed the U.S. 101 Alemany Deck Replacement Project, a critical safety project to rebuild about 800 feet of the elevated freeway deck, ahead of its already expedited ten-day schedule, and for successfully managing noise and dust throughout the intense 24-hour-a-day, seven-day a week work period. He further thanked the SFMTA and California Highway Patrol for ensuring safety of construction crews and keeping traffic flowing; Commissioners Ronen and Walton and their offices for keeping the community informed and involved; and all nearby residents and businesses for their patience throughout the project.

Chair Peskin also commented on the evolution of SFMTA's slow streets program, which supports resident wellness by closing neighborhood streets to vehicular through traffic to provide more space for walking, cycling, and recreation. He expressed his support for a thoughtful rollout of 13 streets in the past weekend, including in District 3, bringing the total number of corridors to 20. Chair Peskin further commented that the re-routed streets were providing much-needed open space and access for essential trips, and said he was hearing positive feedback from constituents. He also spoke of the closures of the Great Highway, JFK Drive in Golden Gate Park, Shelley Drive in McLaren Park, and Twin Peaks Boulevard eastern loop, and thanked the SFMTA and San Francisco Recreation and Parks for working in consultation with supervisorial offices, as well as with the Department of Public Health, to provide more space for social distancing and active recreation during the COVID-19 pandemic. Chair Peskin said he looked forward to supporting small businesses next during the recovery period with making room at the curb and in streets to support pick-up and drop-off and needs for outside seating for neighborhood retail, business, and cafes. He acknowledged the North Beach Business Association and the Telegraph Hill Dwellers for pioneering the activity on several blocks of upper Grant Avenue in the North Beach neighborhood and thanked his staff person Lee Hepner for working with the residents, merchants, and the SFMTA. Chair Peskin stated he wanted to work with the SFMTA to see how the Transportation Authority can further support these citywide initiatives.



There was no public comment.

3. Executive Director's Report - INFORMATION

Tilly Chang, Executive Director, presented the item.

During comment, Francisco Da Costa commented that there was no guidance on pandemic protocols for the public and how to address commissioners in person.

Roland Lebrun opined that the Caltrain sales tax measure would not be placed on the November 2020 ballot, further he urged the Board to condition support for Caltrain sales tax measure on a change in management of Caltrain.

Consent Agenda

- 4. Approve the Minutes of the May 12, 2020 Meeting - ACTION***
- 5. [Final Approval] Allocate \$3,257,155 in Prop K Sales Tax Funds, with Conditions, and \$140,000 in Prop AA Vehicle Registration Fee Funds for Seven Requests - ACTION***
- 6. [Final Approval] Approve the Transportation Authority's Project Priorities for the Senate Bill 1 Local Partnership Program Competitive Grant Program and Amend the Prop K 5-Year Prioritization Program for the Pedestrian Circulation and Safety Category - ACTION***
- 7. [Final Approval] Award a One-Year Professional Services Contract to McMillen Jacobs Associates in an Amount Not to Exceed \$1,000,000 for Rail Tunnel Planning Services for the Pennsylvania Avenue Extension Project - ACTION***

There was no public comment on Item 4.

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

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

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

Absent: none

End of Consent Agenda

- 8. [Final Approval on First Appearance] Allocate \$250,000 in Prop K Funds, with Conditions, to San Francisco Department of the Environment's Emergency Ride Home Program - ACTION***

Anna LaForte, Deputy Director for Policy & Programming, and Joseph Sweiss, Policy & Communications Officer for the Department of the Environment, presented the item.

Commissioner Haney expressed his support for the item and thanked staff at both agencies for their quick turnaround efforts and appreciated the Department of the Environment's extensive outreach made to multiple communities. He asked for outreach to also be made to coalitions that work with housing providers.

During public comment, Francisco Da Costa suggested that housing be provided for essential workers rather than just emergency rides.

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



The item was approved without objection by the following vote:

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

Absent: none

9. State and Federal Legislation Update - ACTION*

Mark Watts, State Legislative Advocate, and Amber Crabbe, Policy Program Manager, presented the item.

During public comment, Aleta Dupree expressed her support for Assembly Bill 1286 (Muratsuchi) regarding insurance regulations on shared mobility devices. She also commented on Assembly Bill 1112 (Friedman) regarding local regulation on shared mobility devices, expressing her support for statewide standardization of shared mobility devices to facilitate people's travel between jurisdictions.

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

The item was approved without objection by the following vote:

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

Absent: none

Other Items

10. Introduction of New Items - INFORMATION

There were no new items introduced.

11. Public Comment

During general public comment, Aleta Dupree expressed support for more diversity in mobility options in San Francisco, which entails a decrease in Single Occupancy Vehicles that contribute to congestion. She said she is able to do her part by using shared mobility devices and public transit. She also noted that she supports congestion pricing, which would still be needed to manage congestion even if all vehicles become electric.

Francisco Da Costa requested that direct ride service be made available between General Hospital and sick patients' residences to prevent the public from being in an adverse situation.

12. Adjournment

The meeting was adjourned at 11:05 a.m.