



DRAFT MINUTES

San Francisco County Transportation Authority

Tuesday, July 28, 2020

1. Roll Call

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

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

Absent at Roll Call: Commissioners Haney, Ronen, Safai (entered during Item 3), and Yee (entered during Item 2) (4)

Chair Peskin made a motion to excuse Commissioner Ronen, which was approved without objection.

2. Chair's Report - INFORMATION

Chair Peskin congratulated staff and project funding partners Treasure Island Development Authority, Caltrans, Bay Area Toll Authority, and the United States Coast Guard on the groundbreaking of the Southgate Road Realignment Project which commenced earlier in the month. He added the \$64 million project will provide a safer connection for bicyclists and pedestrians, as well as east bound motorists onto I-80 and the San Francisco-Oakland Bay Bridge.

Chair Peskin conveyed solidarity and support to the MUNI operator who was assaulted by three juvenile passengers, after asking them to wear face coverings for public health and safety; compounding the incident was that it was possibly a hate crime on those of Asian descent in regards to the coronavirus. He reported he had made inquiries to the San Francisco Police Department and District Attorney's office and would ensure a thorough investigation was held, standing with all the drivers and front-line workers during the COVID pandemic and show no tolerance for hate or abuse.

Chair Peskin also announced that he, along with Commissioners Walton and Haney, introduced a Caltrain 1/8-cent sales tax to be placed on the November ballot. He stated he remained hopeful that the San Mateo County representatives will join the Transportation Authority in supporting a comprehensive path forward that will advance the measure of the voter consideration, and if passed, would set up an immediate and long term source of funds for Caltrain. Chair Peskin added now was the time for all partner counties to come together and fund Caltrain to create an equitable, accountable organization.

There was no public comment.

3. Executive Director's Report - INFORMATION

Tilly Chang, Executive Director, presented the item.



Commissioner Preston inquired how federal funds were allocated to projects beyond the Cares Act, which Director Chang had mentioned in her report. He added that constituents were concerned with the loss of bus lines during this pandemic and were eager for solutions to bring the lines back. Director Chang responded that the Federal Transportation Administration (FTA) provided each transit operator on an annual basis with formula funds to be used on capital projects in a normal year; however, due to the current pandemic, FTA provided permission for operators to use their formula capital monies for operations. Director Chang stated that the Board could invite back San Francisco Municipal Transportation Agency (SFMTA) Director Jeffrey Tumlin to discuss how the agency would be approaching future financial decisions about the use of the federal funds given that this new flexibility exists. [Subsequently, Joel Goldberg, SFMTA, noted that the SFMTA has been evaluating FTA funds previously awarded to capital projects and reprogramming them, when it makes sense to cover COVID-related operating costs. In most cases, Mr. Goldberg said these funds were under contract and couldn't be redirected, but he said SFMTA was closely looking at remaining balances to determine feasibility of moving funds towards operating costs.]

During public comment, Aleta Dupree requested that the Transportation Authority support the Clipper START program and said the program would be helpful for the people who were not traveling as frequently, as well. She also commented on accessibility issues on BART, requesting that BART continue with the elevator attendant program to help people navigate stations safely.

Consent Agenda

4. **Approve the Minutes of the July 14, 2020 Meeting - ACTION***
5. **[Final Approval] Allocate \$11,230,724 in Prop K Sales Tax Funds and \$1,043,898 in Prop AA Vehicle Registration Fee Funds, with Conditions, for Three Requests - ACTION***
6. **[Final Approval] Adopt the Geneva Avenue/San Jose Avenue Intersection Study Final Report [NTIP Planning] - ACTION***
7. **[Final Approval] Approve the Fiscal Year 2020/21 Transportation Fund for Clean Air Program of Projects - ACTION***
8. **[Final Approval] Affirm the San Francisco County Transportation Authority's Commitment to Supporting Efforts to Improve Cost-Effectiveness and to Advance Equity in Project Development and Delivery for Certain San Francisco Projects Proposed for Plan Bay Area 2050 - ACTION***
9. **[Final Approval] Authorize the Executive Director to Execute Master Agreements, Program Supplemental Agreements, Cooperative Agreements, Fund Transfer Agreements, and Any Amendments Thereto with the California Department of Transportation for Receipt of Federal and State Funds for the Yerba Buena Island Westside Bridges Seismic Retrofit Project in the Amount of \$382,500; Planning, Programming, and Monitoring in the Amount of \$260,000; and the San Francisco School Access Plan in the Amount of \$164,500 - ACTION***

There was no public comment on the Consent Agenda.

Commissioner Mandelman moved to approve the Consent Agenda, seconded by



Commissioner Preston.

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

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

Absent: Commissioners Haney and Ronen (2)

End of Consent Agenda

10. Investment Report and Debt Expenditure Report for the Quarter Ending June 30, 2020 - INFORMATION*

Cynthia Fong, Deputy Director for Finance & Administration, presented the item.

There was no public comment.

11. Traffic Congestion Mitigation Tax (TNC Tax) Program Guidelines - INFORMATION*

Kaley Lyons, Transportation Planner, Policy and Programming, presented this item.

During public comment, a caller reiterated how important the TNC Tax program is and expressed his support.

There was no public comment for this item.

12. Update on the 15 Third Bus Study [NTIP Planning] - INFORMATION*

Hugh Louch, Deputy Director for Planning, presented the item.

Commissioner Walton shared issues encountered after the removal of the 15 Third bus stop service in 2007. His office called for bringing the Third Street service back to enhance service on the Third Street corridor and in Bayview Hunters point, and to eliminate the delays and inequities that exist within the T line. Commissioner Walton thanked Hugh Louch and team for conducting the study and the for listening to the feedback and proposing opportunities to get the 15 back.

During public comment, Steven Miller shared his concerns with the Third Street bus line being restored, particularly running solely on Third Street. Specifically, he stated that the lanes are not wide enough to accommodate the buses and will cause more traffic build up and cause potential side-swip collisions. He expressed his preference for making improvements to the T-Third since so much money has already been invested in the rail line.

13. Major Capital Project Update - Better Market Street - INFORMATION*

Cristina Calderón Olea, San Francisco Department of Public Works project manager, presented the item.

There was no public comment.

Other Items

14. Introduction of New Items - INFORMATION

There were no new items introduced.

15. Public Comment



There was no general public comment.

16. Adjournment

The meeting was adjourned at 11:09 a.m.