



DRAFT MINUTES

San Francisco County Transportation Authority

Tuesday, October 26, 2021

1. Roll Call

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

Present at Roll Call: Commissioners Chan, Haney, Mar, Mandelman, Melgar, Preston, Peskin, Ronen, Safai, Stefani, and Walton (11)

Absent at Roll Call: Commissioner (0)

2. Chair's Report - INFORMATION*

Chair Mandelman reported that in the month of October, they celebrated the completion of two great projects with city agencies and community members in Japantown and the Fisherman's Wharf area. He continued by congratulating the San Francisco Municipal Transportation Agency (SFMTA) for delivering the first phase of Geary bus rapid transit project via the Geary Rapid Project. He said the Geary Rapid Project made transit faster and more reliable by adding dedicated red side bus lanes, signal priority and a dozen bus bulbs on one of San Francisco's busiest transit corridors. Chair Mandelman added that the project also brought much-needed safety improvements along this high-injury corridor, including new crosswalks at Buchanan and Webster Streets, reconnecting Japantown with the Fillmore and Western Addition, which were historically divided by the construction of the Geary Expressway in the late 60's. He said that the Transportation Authority led environmental planning for the project and provided over \$13 million to fund the project and he was very pleased that the SFMTA delivered the project on-time and on-budget, and he hoped that trend would continue as the project progressed westward to the Richmond, in phase 2.

Chair Mandelman also congratulated San Francisco Public Works on their opening of Jefferson Street Phase 2. He shared that the project included three blocks of streetscape improvements between Powell and Jones Streets, completing the design developed from the 2010 Fisherman's Wharf Public Realm Plan. He added that it featured widened sidewalks, pedestrian-scale lighting, new landscaping, and public seating, and the project would improve pedestrian safety along a street that sees more than 60,000 pedestrians per day on a typical summer weekend. With Vice Chair Peskin's support, he said, the Transportation Authority was a significant contributor to the project, providing \$8 million or approximately half of the funding to complete the work, with sales tax and state gas tax funds that the agency programs.

With respect to Plan Bay Area (PBA) 2050, Chair Mandelman shared that the Association of Bay Area Governments (ABAG) and the Metropolitan Transportation Commission (MTC) adopted PBA 2050 as the region's long-range transportation and land-use plan the week prior. He acknowledged that it was not an easy process, and thanked representatives on both bodies including Commissioners Ronen and Mar,



and the Transportation Authority staff for helping to ensure all of their priorities were included in the plan. He added that as they wrote in a joint letter with Mayor Breed, they looked forward to working with both agencies and colleagues around the Bay Area to advance regional rail, fund transit core capacity needs at Muni, BART and Caltrain, and improve equitable housing and transportation policies in the region. Chair Mandelman continued saying that as part of the next focus on implementation, they appreciated MTC staff's recommendation to allocate \$30 million in federal transit covid relief funds to SFMTA to support restoration of Muni service. He thanked Commissioner Ronen for advocating for this important investment in equitable access at the MTC.

Lastly, Chair Mandelman, took a moment to remember Becky Hogue, a long time Treasure Island resident and former Transportation Authority Community Advisory Committee member representing District 6 who had recently passed away. He shared that Becky was always highly involved in her community, working on accessibility issues citywide, serving on the Pedestrian Safety Advisory Committee including as its Chair, and later focused on Treasure Island, where she lived for many years and served on the Treasure Island Development Authority (TIDA)'s Community Advisory Board. He closed by saying that they would remember Becky fondly for her legacy of community service.

There was no public comment.

3. Executive Director's Report - INFORMATION*

Tilly Chang, Executive Director, presented the item.

There was no public comment.

4. Approve the Minutes of the October 19, 2021 Meeting - ACTION

There was no public comment.

Vice Chair Peskin moved to approve the minutes, seconded by Commissioner Ronen.

The minutes were approved without objection by the following vote:

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

Absent: Commissioner (0)

Consent Agenda

5. [Final Approval] Allocate \$985,700 in Prop K Funds and \$220,000 in Prop AA Funds, with Conditions, and Appropriate \$100,000 in Prop K funds for Four Requests - ACTION

6. [Final Approval] Approve San Francisco's Program of Projects for the 2022 Regional Transportation Improvement Program - ACTION

7. [Final Approval] Approve the 2022 Prop AA Vehicle Registration Fee Strategic Plan Policies and Screening and Prioritization Criteria and Amend the 2017 Prop AA Strategic Plan - ACTION

Vice Chair Peskin moved to approve the consent agenda, seconded by Commissioner Ronen.



The consent agenda was approved without objection by the following vote:

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

Absent: Commissioner (0)

End of Consent Agenda

8. Execute Contract Renewals and Options for Various Annual Professional Services in an Amount Not to Exceed \$725,000 - ACTION

Lily Yu, Principal Management Analyst, Finance and Administration, presented the item per the staff memorandum.

There was no public comment.

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

The item was approved without objection by the following vote:

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

Absent: Commissioner (0)

9. Progress Update on the Caltrain 22nd Street Station Access Study and the San Francisco Planning Department Southeast Rail Station Study - INFORMATION

Jesse Koehler, Rail Program Manager, introduced the item and presenters. Anthony Simmons, Director of Systemwide Planning with Caltrain, and Anna Harvey, Rail Program Manager with San Francisco Planning Department presented the item.

Commissioner Walton thanked the Transportation Authority staff for conducting the 22nd Street Station Access Study. He said he understands that it will be a very expensive endeavor, but the station has been operating too long without being Americans with Disabilities Act (ADA) accessible.

Commissioner Walton also thanked the Planning Department staff for their work on additional Caltrain stations in the southeast sector of San Francisco, and said is looking forward to advancing the recommendations and getting this work done.

During public comment, with respect to the Southeast Rail Station Study Roland Lebrun suggested that it wasn't a question of either Cesar Chavez or a Mariposa station but should be both. However, he continued to say that the Mariposa station should be relocated to 7th street between 16th and Townsend, at which point the Transbay Joint Powers Authority's proposal for a 4th and Townsend station becomes redundant. With respect to phasing, Mr. Lebrun said that the 22nd street station will continue to have service as long as Caltrain provides service to the 4th and King station.

10. 101 Mobility Action Plan Update - INFORMATION

Aliza Paz, Senior Transportation Planner, presented the item.

There was no public comment.



Other Items

11. Introduction of New Items - INFORMATION

There were no new items introduced.

12. Public Comment

During public comment Roland Lebrun thanked the Transportation Authority and MTC for allowing public participation at the Downtown Extension Executive Steering Committee meeting. He however shared his frustration stating that TJPA does not share or post the recordings from the meetings and suggested that Transportation Authority or MTC staff take over hosting their future meetings.

13. Adjournment

The meeting was adjourned at 10:57 a.m.