



# DRAFT MINUTES

## San Francisco County Transportation Authority

Tuesday, January 11, 2022

### 1. Roll Call

Chair Mandelman called the meeting to order at 10:03 a.m.

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

**Absent at Roll Call:** (0)

### 2. [Final Approval on First Appearance] Approve the Resolution making findings to allow teleconferenced meetings under California Government Code Section 54953(e) - ACTION\*

Britney Milton, Clerk of the Transportation Authority, presented the item.

There was no public comment.

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

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: (0)

### 3. Approve the Minutes of the December 14, 2021 Meeting - ACTION\*

There was no public comment.

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

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: (0)

### 4. Election of Chair and Vice Chair for 2022 - ACTION

Chair Mandelman called the nominations for Chair to order.

Commissioner Melgar expressed her admiration for Commissioner Mandelman's chairmanship in the past year. She shared that outside of the meetings they have had great conversations surrounding everything transportation, and how they are approaching the planning issues their districts share at a local and regional level.

Commissioner Melgar motioned to nominate Chair Mandelman to serve another year as Chair.



Commissioner Ronen seconded the motion.

There were no further nominations for Chair.

There was no public comment on the nominations for Chair.

The motion to elect Commissioner Mandelman as Chair was approved without objection by the following vote:

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

Absent: (0)

Chair Mandelman thanked his colleagues for reappointing him as Chair and added that there are major tasks ahead of them in the upcoming year including the renewal of sales tax, moving the Downtown Extension forward, and ultimately getting beyond the pandemic, and he looks forward to accomplishing those tasks alongside his colleagues on the Board.

Chair Mandelman called nominations for Vice Chair to order.

Commissioner Chan nominated Vice Chair Peskin to serve another term as Vice Chair. She appreciated his willingness to share his experience as former Chair, supporting Chair Mandelman and helping the Board move forward. She thanked Commissioner Peskin for his service thus far.

Chair Mandelman echoed Commissioner Chan's comments, stating that he appreciates the support and guidance given by Vice Chair Peskin over the last year.

Vice Chair Peskin accepted the nomination and said he looks forward to supporting the Chair in the upcoming year.

There were no further nominations for Vice Chair.

There was no public comment.

Commissioner Chan moved to approve the nomination, seconded by Commissioner Ronen.

The motion to elect Commissioner Peskin as Vice Chair was approved without objection by the following vote:

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

Absent: (0)

**5. Appoint Up to Two Members to the Community Advisory Committee - ACTION\***

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

Eric Rozell Prodan Statev, Tre Ely, and Sauod Alzahrani spoke to their interest in and qualifications for serving on the CAC for District 6.

During public comment, Evan Oravec voiced his support for the candidacy of Eric Rozell and said they can't think of a better person to serve for the committee. They added that Mr. Rozell's community improvement efforts have made San Francisco



streets safer and he's confident he'll be a great asset to the CAC.

Commissioner Ronen remarked that Kevin Ortiz has been an excellent District 9 representative to date. She added that as an advocate for the Latinx community, and a staffer for Speaker Pelosi, he brings a different dynamic including bringing transportation and funding issues from a federal level to the committee. She expressed her support towards his reappointment and invited her colleagues to join her.

Commissioner Ronen motioned to reappoint Kevin Ortiz to the CAC, seconded by Commissioner Preston.

The item was approved without objection by the following vote:

Ayes: Commissioners Chan, Haney, Mandelman, Melgar, Peskin, Preston, Ronen, Stefani, and Walton (9)

Absent: Commissioners Mar and Safai (2)

Commissioner Haney thanked all the District 6 applicants and said it's wonderful to see so many members of the community step up. He added that he will do what he can to find opportunities to allow them to serve their community on behalf of District 6 and encouraged them to reach out to his office directly. Commissioner Haney continued by expressing that he is proud to nominate Eric Rozell for the District 6 vacancy. He highlighted some of Mr. Rozell's work, stating that he is deeply connected to the community, and has been involved in efforts that have made transportation safer.

Commissioner Haney motioned to appoint Eric Rozell to the CAC, seconded by Commissioner Ronen.

The item was approved without objection by the following vote:

Ayes: Commissioners Chan, Haney, Mar, Mandelman, Melgar, Peskin, Preston, Ronen, Stefani, and Walton (10)

Absent: Commissioner Safai (1)

**6. Allocate \$2,163,640 in Prop K Funds, with Conditions, for Two Requests - ACTION\***

Anna LaForte, Deputy Director for Policy and Programming presented the item per the staff memorandum.

Commissioner Melgar commented that paratransit had been a lifeline for District 6 during the COVID-19 pandemic, particularly with transit service reductions.

There was no public comment.

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

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: (0)



**7. Accept the Audit Report for the Fiscal Year Ended June 30, 2021 - ACTION\***

Cynthia Fong, Deputy Director for Finance and Administration introduced the item, and Nathan Edelman, Audit Partner. Eide Bailly LLP presented the item per the staff memorandum.

Prior to the presentation, Commissioner Ronen acknowledged Ms. Fong's exemplary work, and appreciated how her and her team produce clean audits year after year.

During public comment, David Pilpel referenced slide 5 asking if the phrase "passed adjustments" was supposed to read "past adjustments". He concluded his remarks stating that a clean audit is always a good audit.

Mr. Edelman affirmed that it was passed adjustments, which are audit adjustments that were not posted, but passed by the Transportation Authority.

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

The item was approved without objection by the following vote:

Ayes: Commissioners Chan, Haney, Mar, Mandelman, Melgar, Peskin, Preston, Ronen, Stefani, and Walton (10)

Absent: Commissioner Safai (1)

**8. Approve Programming of \$4,055,000 in Senate Bill 1 Local Partnership Program Formula Funds for Construction of the Yerba Buena Island West Side Bridges Seismic Retrofit Project - ACTION\***

Kaley Lyons, Senior Transportation Planner, and Eric Cordoba, Deputy Director for Capital Projects, presented the item per the staff memorandum.

During public comment, David Pilpel asked about construction staging locations, construction mitigation and how that would impact the Bay Bridge and access to and from Yerba Buena Island and Treasure Island. He also noted it was a 40-month construction project with a constrained site location and access.

Eric Cordoba confirmed that access was limited. He said the Southgate Road project, which was highlighted on one of the presentation slides, would allow them to open the previously closed east bound off ramp to Southgate Road for traffic coming from San Francisco, planned for later this spring. He explained that this would provide the ability to limit vehicular traffic to the western side of the island during construction. He said construction staging had been planned for and incorporated as part of the overall infrastructure need on the island.

Chair Mandelman noted the gap in funding and asked when staff would know if the project was going to construction in 2022.

Mr. Cordoba responded that the next two months were critical, and staff were working closely with Caltrans Headquarters and other partners and were hoping to come back to the Board in April to award a construction contract in order to begin construction in June.

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

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: (0)

**9. Approve the San Francisco Transportation Investment and Growth Strategy 2021 Update - ACTION\***

Rachel Hiatt, Deputy Director for Planning, presented the item per the staff memorandum.

There was no public comment.

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

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

Absent: (0)

**Other Items**

**10. Introduction of New Items - INFORMATION**

There were no new items introduced.

**11. Public Comment**

There was no general public comment.

**12. Adjournment**

The meeting was adjourned at 11:19 a.m.