



# DRAFT MINUTES

## **San Francisco County Transportation Authority**

Tuesday, July 26, 2021

### **1. Roll Call**

Chair Peskin called the meeting to order at 10:04 a.m.

**Present at Roll Call:** Commissioners Chan, Dorsey, Mar, Mandelman, Melgar, Preston, Peskin, Safai, and Walton (9)

**Absent at Roll Call:** Commissioners Ronen (entered during item 9) and Stefani (excused) (2)

### **2. Chair's Report – INFORMATION**

Chair Rafael Mandelman stated that he attended the opening of the Presidio Tunnel Tops park, above the Presidio Parkway. He recounted that the Transportation Authority worked for about two decades with Caltrans to plan, fund and build the \$1 billion Presidio Parkway in a unique public-private partnership that resulted in successful delivery of the project in 2015, and noted that the project seismically secured the facility and enabled restoration of pedestrian access between the Presidio and Crissy Field. Chair Mandelman congratulated the Presidio Trust and National Park Service on completion of the park and encouraged everyone to visit the Tunnel Tops, and the Battery Bluffs which sits above the second set of Presidio Parkway tunnels to the west.

Chair Mandelman also announced the award of \$130 million in state transit grants to San Francisco projects. Muni received a \$116 million grant to improve the K, N and 28-Geary lines as well as for the first phases of Muni Metro's train control system and the Water Emergency Transportation Authority (WETA aka SF Bay Ferry) received \$15 million to fund a zero-emission electric ferry and charging equipment to support the planned ferry service between Treasure Island, the Ferry Building and Mission Bay. The Chair thanked the California State Transportation Agency (CalSTA) for the state grants and congratulated SFMTA and WETA.

Chair Mandelman thanked his colleagues for their unanimous support the week prior in placing the 2022 Transportation Expenditure Plan and sales tax renewal measure on the November ballot. He said the agency was now focused on developing the countywide long-range transportation plan known as the San Francisco Transportation Plan, which features the proposed Expenditure Plan in its 30-year investment program.

The Chair concluded his remarks by noting that the next meeting of the Board would be on recess in September and he wished his colleagues, legislative aides and Transportation Authority staff a safe and enjoyable August recess.

There was no public comment.



**3. Executive Director's Report – INFORMATION**

This item was taken after Item 10.

Maria Lombardo, Chief Deputy Director, presented the Executive Director's Report on behalf of Executive Director Tilly Chang.

There was no public comment.

**4. Approve the Minutes of the July 12, 2022 Meeting – ACTION**

Clerk Elijah Saunders announced that one public comment had been received for this item, which had been posted to the website.

There was no public comment.

Commissioner Melgar moved to approve the minutes, seconded by Commissioner Preston.

The minutes were approved without objection by the following vote:

Ayes: Commissioners Chan, Dorsey, Mar, Mandelman, Melgar, Preston, Peskin, Safai, and Walton (9)

Absent: Commissioners Ronen and Stefani (excused) (2)

## **Consent Agenda**

**5. [Final Approval] Appoint Sara Barz to the Community Advisory Committee – ACTION**

**6. [Final Approval] State and Federal Legislation Update – ACTION**

**Support: Assembly Bill 1938 (Friedman)**

**7. [Final Approval] Allocate \$16,190,172 in Prop K Funds, with Conditions, and Appropriate \$307,000 for Six Requests – ACTION**

**Projects: BART: BART Tunnel Water Intrusion Mitigation (\$1,269,471). SFMTA: Paratransit (\$13,300,000). SFPW: Street Repair and Cleaning Equipment (\$983,021) and Public Sidewalk and Curb Repair (\$637,680). SFCTA: Duboce Triangle Neighborhood [NTIP Capital] (\$7, 000) and District 1 Multimodal Transportation Study [NTIP Planning] (\$300,000).**

**8. [Final Approval] Accept the Pennsylvania Avenue Extension Project Initiation Report – ACTION**

There was no public comment.

Commissioner Preston moved to approve the Consent Agenda, seconded by Commissioner Dorsey.

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

Ayes: Commissioners Chan, Dorsey, Mar, Mandelman, Melgar, Preston, Peskin, Safai, and Walton (9)

Absent: Commissioner Ronen and Stefani (excused) (2)



## **End of Consent Agenda**

### **9. Southeast Rail Station Study Final Report— INFORMATION**

AnMarie Rodgers, San Francisco Planning Department, Director of Citywide Planning, presented the item per the staff memorandum.

Commissioner Walton asked, given the number of agencies that will be playing a role in bringing the recommendations of the report to reality, when a decision would be made about roles and responsibilities and how the process would work.

Director Rodgers agreed that there were indeed varying responsibilities, including Caltrain, who owns and operates the railroad, and the Transportation Authority Board, which will direct funding, has particular power in decision making. She noted that Executive Director Tilly Chang had indicated that Transportation Authority staff intend to bring a request for funding in the fall to continue and refine the work in the Southeast Rail Station Study, and help resolve some of these very issues in preparation for environmental review.

Commissioner Melgar asked when the plans would actually get implemented as opposed to being studied. She noted that in District 7, an Ocean Avenue Task Force was created to organize the no less than 27 studies that had been created, but nothing had yet been implemented.

Andrew Heidel, Principal Transportation Planner, answered that the project phase where the primary question is related to the location of the station would be wrapped up fairly quickly and that roles and responsibilities for future phases and pieces of work would be assigned at that time. He noted, as an example, determining what agency would be responsible for environmental review, what agency would be responsible for design, and what agency would be responsible for creating the funding plan for a new station. He also noted that there is not currently full funding available for a new station, and this will be an important piece of work.

During public comment, Roland Lebrun stated that the Oakdale station alternative was hampered by the closure of the Quint Avenue undercrossing, and that he did not understand the recommendation from the Planning Department. Mr. Lebrun made the recommendation to merge 4<sup>th</sup>/Townsend and Mariposa stations into a 7th Street station. He noted that the Cesar Chavez location option was in the wrong place. He also stated that the Williams location benefited from the existence of an existing Muni turnback trackway for coordination with the T-Third line.

Latoya Pitcher, resident of Bayview, supported a station at Oakdale, given proximity to public transportation lines; proximity and ability to support small, mostly Black-owned businesses on 3<sup>rd</sup> Street; its ability to deliver on a promise to the Bayview community which has supported Oakdale for a long time; and its ability to better connect the Bayview to the Financial District.

Philip Williams, resident of Bayview and Vice Chair of the Bayview Citizens Advisory Committee, voiced his support for the proposed station at Oakdale. He noted that there is a longstanding commitment from the City to deliver a station at this location to serve the Bayview. He stated that the proposed Evans location for the station was inequitable, was at risk from climate change, was on one of the most dangerous streets in the Bayview, would place a station adjacent to a junkyard, was out of walking distance from the main residential areas of the Bayview, and would cost twice as much as a station at Oakdale. Mr. Williams said that it was important to put the station within walking distance to homes and schools. He stated that the Oakdale station would have the greatest impact on the community, and would unlock job opportunities to downtown. He concluded that time was of the essence in delivering a station,



and he appreciated the Transportation Authority's leadership in advancing the next phase of work.

## **Items from the Personnel Committee**

### **10. Adopt Revised Classifications and Salary Structures— ACTION**

The item was approved without objection by the following vote:

Ayes: Chan, Dorsey, Mar, Mandelman, Melgar, Preston, Peskin, Ronen, Safai, and Walton (10)

Absent: Commissioner Stefani (excused) (1)

## **Other Items**

### **11. Introduction of New Items – INFORMATION**

There were no new items introduced.

### **12. Public Comment**

During public comment, Roland Lebrun praised the agency's website, and commented that he would like to see the Executive Director's Report posted on the website, that the Southeast Rail Station Study report was not ADA compliant because the font was too small, and that he would like all the material on the website prior to 2015 that has disappeared to be made available.

Chief Deputy Lombardo said that the Executive Director's Report was posted to the agency website [<https://www.sfcta.org/events>].

### **13. Adjournment**

The meeting was adjourned at 10:45 a.m.