



DRAFT MINUTES

San Francisco County Transportation Authority

Tuesday, October 18, 2022

1. Roll Call

Chair Mandelman called the meeting to order at 10:01 a.m.

Present at Roll Call: Commissioners Chan, Dorsey, Mandelman, Mar, Melgar, Peskin, Preston, Ronen, and Stefani (9)

Absent at Roll Call: Commissioner Safai (entered during item 6), Walton (entered during Item 4) (2)

2. [Final Approval on First Appearance] Approve the Resolution Making Findings to Allow Teleconferenced Meetings under California Government Code Section 54953(e) – ACTION

There was no public comment.

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

The resolution was approved without objection by the following vote:

Ayes: Commissioners Chan, Dorsey, Mandelman, Mar, Melgar, Peskin, Preston, Ronen, and Stefani (9)

Absent: Commissioners Safai and Walton (2)

Nays: Commissioner (0)

3. Approve the Minutes of the September 27, 2022 Meeting – ACTION

There was no public comment.

Commissioner Dorsey moved to approve the minutes, seconded by Commissioner Peskin.

The minutes were approved without objection by the following vote:

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

Absent: Commissioners Safai and Walton (2)

Nays: Commissioner (0)

4. Community Advisory Committee Report – INFORMATION

Kevin Ortiz, Vice Chair of the Community Advisory Committee (CAC), stated that there was an update to the CAC by-laws that allowed for a Vice Chair election where he was elected Vice Chair. CAC Vice Chair Ortiz reported that the CAC unanimously supported Prop 30 as well as the Prop K allocations that the Board would consider



later in the meeting. Additionally, he noted that the CAC received updates on Vision Zero enforcement, the San Francisco Transportation Plan, and the One Bay Area Grant Cycle 3 nominations, focused on the BART elevator modernization projects.

There was no public comment.

5. Appoint One Member to the Community Advisory Committee – ACTION

Chair Mandelman thanked outgoing CAC member Peter Tannen and District 8 representative for his 14 years of service on the CAC and all the knowledge and experience that he brought with him from personal experience and a long career in transportation. He invited Mr. Tannen to say a few words.

Peter Tannen thanked Chair Mandelman and the Board for the recognition. He was happy to have served on the CAC for many years and joined after working for the City for fourteen years so that he could stay current in transportation issues as well as provide input. He said he planned to continue to listen in to Transportation Authority meetings and call in for public comment.

Chair Mandelman presented a certificate of appreciation to Mr. Tannen.

Amelia Walley, Analyst, presented the item per staff memorandum.

Rachael Ortega spoke to her interests and qualifications in serving on the CAC.

Chair Mandelman related that he had a chance to sit down with Rachael and that he believes she will be an excellent representative for all the people of San Francisco.

During public comment, Peter Tannen spoke in support of Rachael Ortega and related that he was especially impressed with her using many different modes of transportation as well as her background in operations planning and budget and financial analysis.

Chair Mandelman moved to appoint Rachael Ortega to the CAC, seconded by Commissioner Stefani.

The motion to appoint Rachael Ortega was approved without objection by the following vote:

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

Absent: Commissioner Safai (1)

Nays: Commissioner (0)

6. State and Federal Legislation Update - INFORMATION*

Mark Watts, Sacramento advocate, presented the item per the staff memorandum.

There was no public comment.

7. Allocate \$3,701,000, in Prop K Funds with Conditions, and Appropriate \$800,000 for Five Requests – ACTION*

Lynda Viray, Planner, and Andrew Heidel, Principal Transportation Planner, presented the item per the staff memorandum.

Commissioner Safai requested that the Transportation Authority work with the San



Francisco Municipal Transportation Agency (SFMTA) to ensure Jose Ortega Elementary School moves forward for traffic calming projects due to an increase of dangerous driving behavior that have occurred in the area, noting interest had been expressed by the school administration and parents and that SFMTA was aware of the request.

There was no public comment.

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

The motion was approved without objection by the following vote:

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

Absent: Commissioner (0)

Nays: Commissioner (0)

8. Approve the Transportation Authority's Project Priorities for the Senate Bill 1 Local Partnership Program Competitive Grant Program– ACTION*

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

During public comment, Aleta Dupre said that the BART faregates project was important to her because she used BART and replacement of the old faregates was overdue. She said it was important to consider that BART had not yet sunsetted paper tickets, but that they eventually would. She said that the cost of including paper ticket readers in the faregates should be considered and that not all 86 faregates should include paper ticket readers in order to reduce costs.

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

The motion was approved without objection by the following vote:

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

Absent: Commissioner (0)

Nays: Commissioner (0)

9. SF School Access Plan Update - INFORMATION*

Chair Mandelman continued this item until the October 25, 2022 Transportation Authority Board meeting in response to Commissioner Mar's request.

Other Items

10. Introduction of New Items - INFORMATION

There were no new items introduced.



11. Public Comment

During public comment, Roland Lebrun summarized the letter that he submitted as a public comment and that was included in the packet. He expressed concerns about comments made by the interim Caltrain executive director because they conflicted with current legislation that established the terminal at the Salesforce Transit Center, not 4th and King. His second point was that there was a court ruling from 2016 that reaffirmed the location of the terminal at the transit center. His third point was that he believed it would be helpful for the Board to provide guidance to Caltrain to relocate the existing 4th and King street station to 5th street to facilitate entitlement which should ultimately result in hundreds of millions of dollars of local funding which would result in increased funding for the Pennsylvania Avenue Extension and the Downtown Extension.

12. Adjournment

The meeting was adjourned at 10:43 a.m.