



# DRAFT MINUTES

## **San Francisco County Transportation Authority**

Tuesday, September 27, 2022

### **1. Roll Call**

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

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

**Absent at Roll Call:** Commissioners Chan (entered during item 8) and Safai (entered during Item 3) (2)

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

Chair Mandelman discussed that during recess, a couple important milestones were celebrated. The first was BART's 50<sup>th</sup> anniversary celebration in Oakland. The second was the announcement that the MTA Central Subway would begin operation on November 19<sup>th</sup>. The Chair mentioned a recent visit and tour of the subway by Transportation Secretary Pete Buttigieg and related how the secretary also expressed interest in our next major rail project, the Caltrain Downtown Rail Extension. Finally, Chair Mandelman celebrated September being Transit Month and thanked San Francisco Transit Riders for organizing a ride along for the seventh year in a row.

There was no public comment.

### **3. Executive Director's Report - INFORMATION**

Tilly Chang, Executive Director, presented the Executive Director's Report.

There was no public comment.

### **4. Approve the Minutes of the September 13, 2020 Meeting - ACTION**

There was no public comment.

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

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

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

Absent: Commissioner Chan (1)

Nays: Commissioner(s) (0)

## **Consent Agenda**

### **5. [Final Approval] Appoint Najuawanda Daniels to the Community Advisory Committee -ACTION\***



**6. [Final Approval] Allocate \$4,412,805 in Prop K Funds and \$324,000 in Prop AA Funds, with Conditions, for Four Requests – ACTION\***

There was no public comment.

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

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

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

Absent: Commissioner Chan (1)

Nays: Commissioner(s) (0)

## **End of Consent Agenda**

**7. [Final Approval on First Appearance] Adopt San Francisco's One Bay Area Grant Cycle 3 Project Nominations – ACTION\***

Chair Mandelman remarked that the OBAG 3 item was discussed extensively at the September 13 Board Meeting and that Transportation Authority staff worked with the Commissioner's offices and BART staff to address the issues that were raised.

Anna Laforte, Deputy Director of Policy and Programming, presented the item per the staff memorandum.

Bevan Dufty, BART Board of Directors, expressed gratitude for the constructive feedback received at the September 13, 2022 Transportation Authority Board meeting, especially from Commissioners Ronen and Safai. He expressed appreciation for the close collaboration with Transportation Authority staff on the revised staff recommendation for the OBAG 3 project nominations, which included \$4.95 million to fully fund BART's OBAG 3 request for Elevator Modernization Design at 16<sup>th</sup> St Mission, 24<sup>th</sup> St Mission, and Balboa Park stations and a decrease in the funding recommendation for BART's Next Generation Fare Gates by an equivalent amount. He stated that the net result of \$4.3 million for Next Generation Fare Gates would fund the procurement and installation of fare gates at Powell St, Civic Center/UN Plaza, 16<sup>th</sup> St Mission, 24<sup>th</sup> St Mission, and Balboa Park stations. He stated that the Transportation Authority staff and Director Chang committed to continue working with BART to fully fund the Next Generation Fare Gates at the remaining San Francisco stations (Embarcadero, Montgomery St, and Glen Park) and that the BART team already started to work with the Transportation Authority on the upcoming funding opportunity for the competitive Local Partnership Program. He stated that BART wholeheartedly supported the staff recommendation which included funding for all three BART priority projects. He thanked the Board and stated that BART Directors had established strong relationships with the Transportation Authority Board and their staff through the Expenditure Plan Advisory Committee process.

Janice Li, BART Board of Directors, thanked the Transportation Authority Board and echoed Mr. Dufty's remarks. She thanked Commissioners Ronen and Safai for their comments that uplifted equity. She stated that the process gave her hope that the Board recognized the need to fund all projects and the deep need to invest in the



transit system, including elevator construction and design and next generation fare gates. She expressed gratitude for the quick work of the Transportation Authority and BART staff on their collaborative work that developed a path forward for the funding recommendations.

There was no public comment.

Commissioner Safai motioned to approve the item, seconded by Commissioner Ronen.

The motion was approved without objection by the following vote:

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

Absent: Commissioner Chan (1)

Nays: Commissioner(s) (0)

**8. [Final Approval on First Appearance] Adopt a Support Position on Proposition 30, the Clean Cars and Clean Air Act - ACTION\***

Chait Mandelman summarized the benefits of Proposition 30 and related how the funds would be critical to fighting climate change and meeting San Francisco's climate action goals. He expressed his personal support for Prop 30 and urged his colleagues to do the same.

Amber Crabbe, Public Policy Manager, presented the item per the staff memorandum.

During public comment, Stuart Cohen, founder and senior policy advisory of the nonprofit Transform spoke in support of Prop 30 and dispelled the misinformation that the funding scheme for Prop 30 was devised to benefit private companies.

Augustina Olman, SPUR, spoke in strong support of Prop 30 citing the fact that California has the worst air quality in the country and that the funds will be a critical investment towards fighting climate change. Finally, she stated that SPUR is a part of a large coalition of organizations also supporting Prop 30.

Emily Garcia spoke on behalf of NRDC Action Fund in support of Prop 30 citing the record wildfires in the state and that California's transportation sector accounts for 50% of greenhouse gas emissions. She highlighted that 50% of clean mobility investments would be in low income and disadvantaged communities.

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

The item was approved without objection by the following vote:

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

Absent: Commissioner Safai (1)

Nays: Commissioner (0)



**9. Internal Accounting Report, Investment Report, and Debt Expenditure Report for the Quarter Ended June 30, 2022- INFORMATION\***

Cynthia Fong, Deputy Director for Finance and Administration, presented the item per the staff memorandum.

There was no public comment.

**Other Items**

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

There were no new items introduced.

**11. Public Comment**

Roland Lebrun complained about the recent system issues with BART over the last couple weeks. He urged the Transportation Authority to request a presentation by the Link21 team on cross bay alternatives including the Salesforce Transit center and linking Mission Bay with the west side of San Francisco.

**12. Adjournment**

The meeting was adjourned at 10:52 a.m.