



DRAFT MINUTES

San Francisco County Transportation Authority

Tuesday, July 11th, 2023

1. Roll Call

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

Present at Roll Call: Commissioners Dorsey, Engardio, Melgar, Preston, Peskin, Stefani, and Walton (7)

Absent at Roll Call: Commissioners Chan (entered during item 4), Mandelman, Ronen, and Safai (entered during Item 5) (4)

2. Approve the Minutes of the June 27, 2023 Meeting - ACTION*

There was no public comment.

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

The minutes were approved without objection by the following vote:

Ayes: Commissioners Dorsey, Engardio, Melgar, Preston, Peskin, Stefani, and Walton (7)

Absent: Commissioners Chan, Mandelman, Ronen, and Safai (4)

3. Community Advisory Committee Report - INFORMATION

Kat Siegal, Vice Chair of the Community Advisory Committee, reported that the CAC supported the 5 Year Prioritization Program item as well as the Prop L and AA allocation item on the Board's agenda at this meeting. Vice Chair Siegal noted there was particular interest in the street repair and cleaning equipment request and CAC members inquired about the large backlog of sidewalk and curb repair requests and the timeline for replacing the streetsweeper fleet. With respect to the Salesforce Transit Center wayfinding request, CAC members commented on the short useful life of media players and requested improved wayfinding for visually impaired persons. The CAC also supported the TFCA program of projects but had some feedback. They noted that there was a low number of bike racks installed in equity priority communities in recent years, specifically the South and Southeastern neighborhoods. The CAC requested that the SFMTA work with community-based organizations from those neighborhoods to install culturally responsive bike facilities. Finally, Vice Chair Siegal reported that some CAC members were concerned about the effectiveness of the Emergency Ride Home program's outreach. CAC members suggested that promotion and accessibility be improved in order for the program to meet its emission reduction goals.

There was no public comment.



4. State and Federal Legislation Update – ACTION*

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

Commissioner Dorsey stated that he was enthusiastic to support Senate Bill 532 (Wiener) as it helped address the need for additional transit funding. He stated that he understood the equity arguments against the bill as it would be a regressive tax. However, he noted that the bill had safeguards that accounted for and addressed these issues.

Commissioner Chan stated that she did not support the bill as it would be a regressive tax and the state already had allocated \$1.5 billion in additional transit funding over the next couple years. She stated that the transit agencies had not presented any concrete plans for how they would use the additional funding, specifically for the restoration of bus lines that were cut during the COVID pandemic. She also stated that she has not seen positive results from the pilot South Bay express toll lanes.

During public comment, a commenter made a comment.

Roland Lebrun agreed with Commissioner Chan's comments and stated that he did not support the toll increase. He stated that the city was already experiencing the negative effects of fewer people commuting into the city that and the increased toll would not help recovery. Finally, he commented that if Caltrain modified its operations, it could permanently get off the fiscal cliff.

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

The item was approved by the following vote:

Ayes: Commissioners Dorsey, Engardio, Melgar, Preston, Peskin, Stefani, and Walton (7)

Nays: Commissioner Chan (1)

Absent: Commissioners Mandelman, Ronen, and Safai (3)

5. Adopt Four 2023 Prop L 5-Year Prioritization Programs and Amend the Prop L Strategic Plan Baseline – ACTION*

Camille Cauchois, Assistant Transportation Planner, presented the item per the staff memorandum.

During public comment, a commenter stated that he remembered Prop L on the ballot and that the presentation used too much jargon.

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

The item was approved without objection by the following vote:

Ayes: Commissioners Chan, Dorsey, Engardio, Melgar, Preston, Peskin, Stefani, Safai and Walton (9)

Absent: Commissioners Mandelman and Ronen (2)



6. Allocate \$998,000 and Appropriate \$100,000 in Prop L Funds, with Conditions, and Allocate \$300,000 in Prop AA Funds for 4 Requests – ACTION*

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

Commissioner Walton asked where the one new street sweeper from San Francisco Public Works's Street Repair and Cleaning Equipment project would be deployed.

Anna LaForte, responded that it would be deployed citywide as part of the fleet.

During public comment, Roland Lebrun agreed with CAC Vice-Chair Siegal's earlier comment about funding for the TJPA Salesforce Transit Center Wayfinding Phase 1B project and the need for more funding to design wayfinding for people with visual impairments. He noted that this topic was being addressed at the state level with the California State Transportation Agency, in partnership with Google, and that the TJPA team should reach out to those in charge of the project.

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

The item was approved without objection by the following vote:

Ayes: Commissioners Chan, Dorsey, Engardio, Melgar, Preston, Peskin, Stefani, Safai and Walton (9)

Absent: Commissioners Mandelman and Ronen (2)

7. Approve the Fiscal Year 2023/24 Transportation Fund for Clean Air Program of Projects – ACTION*

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

Commissioner Chan said that there were taxi medallion holders in San Francisco and asked how rebates for electric taxi vehicles would be prioritized and whether they would be offered on a first-come, first-served basis.

Forest Barnes, Mobility Service Planner for SFMTA, confirmed that the rebates would be offered on a first-come, first-served basis.

During public comment, a commenter said that presenters should use more straightforward language as their audience included all city residents, some of whom had different learning abilities, and not just the Transportation Authority Board members.

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

The item was approved without objection by the following vote:

Ayes: Commissioners Chan, Dorsey, Engardio, Melgar, Preston, Peskin, Stefani, Safai and Walton (9)

Absent: Commissioners Mandelman and Ronen (2)



8. Approve the Revised Procurement Policy and Travel, Conference, Training and Business Expense Reimbursement Policy – ACTION*

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

Commissioner Chan asked if the amendment to the commissioner report requirement for travel reimbursement would be changed from a written report to an oral report from the Chair.

Maria Lombardo, Chief Deputy Director, clarified that the oral report would be made during the Chair's Report item but presented by the Commissioner who traveled, with a written report as optional.

During public comment, a commenter requested that the language of the presentations be made more relatable to the average city resident.

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

The item was approved without objection by the following vote:

Ayes: Commissioners Chan, Dorsey, Engardio, Melgar, Preston, Peskin, Stefani, Safai and Walton (9)

Absent: Commissioners Mandelman and Ronen (2)

9. Internal Accounting Report, Investment Report, and Debt Expenditure Report for the Nine Months Ending March 31, 2023 - 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

During public comment, a commenter questioned delays in Muni service.

Barry Toronto commented that SFMTA had not informed the taxi industry of the new special programs that would encourage the use of taxis and improve availability. He suggested that SFMTA have more direct communication with taxi industry stakeholders, specifically groups like the Taxi Workers Alliance, to promote the programs and provide feedback. He also asked that the Transportation Authority communicate directly with the Taxi Workers Alliance to better facilitate this. He also asked that taxi drivers be updated on the Emergency Ride Home program.

12. Adjournment

The meeting was adjourned at 11:08 a.m.