



# DRAFT MINUTES

## **San Francisco County Transportation Authority**

Tuesday, November 14, 2023

### **1. Roll Call**

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

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

**Absent at Roll Call:** Commissioners Chan (entered during item 3), Melgar, Ronen, and Safai (entered during Item 4) (4)

### **2. Approve the Minutes of the October 24, 2023 Meeting - ACTION**

There was no public comment.

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

The minutes were approved without objection by the following vote:

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

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

### **3. Community Advisory Committee Report - INFORMATION**

Kat Siegal, Vice Chair of the CAC, reported that the CAC approved motions of support for the two Prop L 5-Year Prioritization Programs and the Prop L allocation items on the Board agenda. Vice Chair Siegal reported that the CAC had particular interest in projects from the Safer and Complete Streets program. She stated that several members expressed that they wanted to see traffic calming measures in their districts. Vice Chair Siegal reported that the CAC adopted a motion of support to fund accommodations for the Yerba Buena Island Multi-Use Pathway within the Hillcrest Improvement Project and emphasized the importance of the fully protected bike lane. She continued by reporting that the CAC received a state and federal legislation update and said one member expressed their desire for more regulation over the autonomous vehicles industry to be a part of the 2024 legislative program. Finally, Vice Chair Siegal reported that the CAC had a lot of interest in SFMTA's Building Progress and fleet programs, particularly with the battery electric bus procurement as opposed to expanding the trolley bus fleet as there are some risks associated with being public transit being early adopters of new technology.

There was no public comment.



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

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

Commissioner Preston expressed appreciation for the projects proposed overall and excitement for specific projects in District 5. He noted that District 5 included a high proportion of streets on the High Injury Network and was home to many residents who were not car owners and who supported the types of projects included in the subject 5-Year Prioritization Programs. He highlighted specific projects, including the Western Addition Area Traffic Signal Upgrades, the Golden Gate Greenway, Page Slow Street, Tenderloin Protected Intersections, and Traffic Signal Upgrades. He thanked community members and organizations, legislative aide Preston Kilgore, and Transportation Authority and SFMTA staff for their efforts in support of the projects, and thanked San Francisco voters for providing the funds to make these kinds of safety improvements.

During public comment, a commentor opined on Vision Zero.

Rachel Clyde, a community organizer from the San Francisco Bicycle Coalition (SFBC), commented that this funding was crucial for creating a safer environment in San Francisco for all road users and she supported programs to promote micro mobility throughout the city. She expressed excitement to see the good uses that this funding would go towards and thanked Transportation Authority staff for their work. She thanked community members for voicing their support and for promoting active transportation every day, and Commissioners for approving years of funding that would help transform the city.

Jodie Medeiros, Executive Director of Walk San Francisco, thanked Transportation Authority Executive Director Tilly Chang and staff for a good process. She stated that it was important to prioritize children, families, and schools in this budget. She noted that the doubling of the number of walk audits was critical and that city families would be happy knowing that their money was being invested wisely. She asked the Transportation Authority to help with transparency around walk audits, specifically where walk audits would be happening so that this information could be shared with families. She expressed gratitude for the inclusion of projects like traffic signals which she described as critical for achieving Vision Zero. She expressed disappointment with the slow timelines for some projects. She stated that with more than 20 traffic deaths this year, Prop L funding alone was not enough to address the severity of the traffic crisis.

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, Mandelman, Peskin, Preston, Safai, Stefani, and Walton (9)

Absent: Commissioners Melgar and Ronen (2)



**5. Allocate \$36,545,335 in Prop L Funds, with Conditions, for Five Requests – ACTION**

Lynda Viray, Transportation Planner, presented the item per the staff memorandum.

Commissioner Chan inquired how the multilingual outreach for the speed safety camera deployment would be conducted.

Shannon Hake, Speed Safety Camera Program Manager, responded that SFMTA was still determining their strategy. She added that they would use census data to help identify harder to reach communities and would target those through a variety of mediums such as radio, newspaper, and direct mail.

Commissioner Chan asked if they would also use social media.

Ms. Hake responded in the affirmative.

Commissioner Engardio asked about the BART train car purchase and referenced the fact that BART had previously set a goal of 30 trains through the transbay tube per hour but now aimed for 28 trains. He asked what the current hourly headways were and on average how many cars per train.

Rob Jaques, BART Grants and Advocacy Manager, clarified that BART currently had a maximum of 23 train headways through the tube and those trains had between 8 and 10 cars. Mr. Jaques added that with the planned upgrade to a communication based train control system, BART would be able to increase hourly headways to 28 trains through the Transbay Tube. With the purchase of additional train cars, he said BART would be able to increase headways to 30 trains per hour.

Commissioner Engardio stated that these plans were made before the COVID pandemic and due to the decrease in ridership numbers since, asked if the purchase of new trains could be pushed out and the money used on something more immediately beneficial.

Mr. Jacques stated that BART had committed to contracts prior to the pandemic and they were locked into those.

During public comment, a commenter stated that a strong education system was important in order to reimagine the future.

Rachel Clyde, SFBC, stated that she fully supported the implementation of speed safety cameras as it was lifesaving technology but stated that thorough communication was important to ensure effectiveness and equity.

Roland Lebrun commented that BART had committed these funds to the Federal Transportation Administration (FTA) and added that Caltrain was in the same predicament. Mr. Lebrun recommended that BART reach out to the FTA to try to work out a different agreement.

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

The motion was approved without objection by the following vote:

Ayes: Commissioners Chan, Dorsey, Engardio, Mandelman, Peskin, Preston, Safai, and Stefani (8)



Absent: Commissioners Melgar, Ronen and Walton (3)

**6. Program \$2,601,000 in Senate Bill 1 Local Partnership Program Formula Funds for Construction of the Yerba Buena Island Hillcrest Road Improvement Project (Hillcrest Project) and Design of the Yerba Buena Island Multi-Use Pathway (YBI MUP); Approve Two Fund Exchanges, with Conditions, to Fully Fund the Hillcrest Project, Including Accommodations for a New Class 1 Multi-Use Pathway; and Appropriate, with Conditions, \$4,850,000 in Prop K Funds for Design and Construction of the Hillcrest Project - ACTION**

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

Commissioner Dorsey expressed his appreciation for all the work on Yerba Buena Island and Treasure Island and noted that it was exciting to see projects come together particularly because the housing that would be constructed there represented close to 10% of San Francisco's Regional Housing Needs Allocation goals. He expressed gratitude to Transportation staff and for all the meaningful work on Treasure Island on behalf of himself and the residents of Yerba Buena Island and Treasure Island.

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

The motion was approved without objection by the following vote:

Ayes: Commissioners Chan, Dorsey, Engardio, Mandelman, Peskin, Preston, Safai, and Stefani (8)

Absent: Commissioners Melgar, Ronen and Walton (3)

**7. Authorize the Executive Director to Execute Master Agreements, Program Supplemental Agreements, Cooperative Agreements, Fund Transfer Agreements and Any Amendments Thereto with the California Department of Transportation for Receipt of Federal and State Funds for Design of the Yerba Buena Island (YBI) Multi-Use Pathway in an Amount up to \$3,001,000; State Funds for Construction of the YBI Hillcrest Road Improvement Project in the Amount of \$2,600,000; and State Funds for Planning, Programming, and Monitoring in the Amount of \$46,000 - ACTION**

Lily Yu, Principal Management Analyst, presented the item per the staff memorandum.

There was no public comment.

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

The motion was approved without objection by the following vote:

Ayes: Commissioners Chan, Dorsey, Engardio, Mandelman, Peskin, Preston, Safai, and Stefani (8)

Absent: Commissioners Melgar, Ronen and Walton (3)



**8. Increase the Amount of Professional Services Contract with MNS Engineers, Inc. by \$250,000 to a Total Amount Not to Exceed \$5,050,000, for Construction Management Services for the Yerba Buena Island Southgate Road Realignment Improvement Project - ACTION**

Carl Holmes, Deputy Director of Capital Projects, presented the item per the staff memorandum.

There was no public comment.

Commissioner Dorsey moved to approve the item, seconded by Chair Mandelman.

The motion was approved without objection by the following vote:

Ayes: Commissioners Chan, Dorsey, Engardio, Mandelman, Peskin, Preston, Safai, and Stefani (8)

Absent: Commissioners Melgar, Ronen and Walton (3)

## **Other Items**

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

There were no new items introduced.

**10. Public Comment**

There was no public comment.

**11. Adjournment**

The meeting was adjourned at 11:04 a.m.