



DRAFT MINUTES

San Francisco County Transportation Authority

Tuesday, April 8, 2025

1. Roll Call

Chair Melgar called the meeting to order at 10:00 a.m.

Present at Roll Call: Commissioners Chen, Dorsey, Engardio, Fielder, Mahmood, Mandelman, Melgar, and Sherrill (8)

Absent at Roll Call: Commissioners Chan (entered during Item 4), Sauter, and Walton (entered during Item 4) (3)

2. Approve the Minutes of the March 25, 2025 Meetings - ACTION

There was no public comment.

Commissioner Mandelman moved to approve the minutes, seconded by Commissioner Chen.

The minutes were approved without objection by the following vote:

Ayes: Commissioners Chen, Dorsey, Engardio, Fielder, Mahmood, Mandelman, Melgar, and Sherrill (8)

Absent: Commissioners Chan, Sauter, and Walton (3)

3. Community Advisory Committee Report – INFORMATION

Kat Siegal, Community Advisory Committee (CAC) Chair, reported that at the March CAC meeting, the CAC approved SFMTA's Paratransit Program and BART's Elevator Attendant Program as priorities for the Fiscal Cliff 2025/26 State Transit Assistance County Block Grant Funds. She said members asked questions about performance metrics, potential expansion of the elevator attendant program to Mission stations, and bringing the program in-house – all issues previously discussed. She said that staff explained the latter two options were limited by funding.

Chair Siegal reported that the CAC also approved the final Prop L Strategic Plan following clarification on how program cuts were prioritized, whether project scopes would be reduced due to lower revenues, and the potential for future expansion if revenues exceeded projections.

Chair Siegal said that members received financial outlook presentations from BART and Caltrain, prompting discussion on boosting ridership through strategies like expanding BayPass corporate participation, lowering fares for families and children, and improving last-mile connections. She said that members praised the new, more frequent Caltrain schedule following electrification and gave feedback on bike car design.

Finally, Chair Siegal said the CAC received an informational update on Senate Bill 63, which had just been published with amended language.



There was no public comment.

4. State and Federal Legislation Update – ACTION

Position: Support: Senate Bill 63 (Wiener, Arreguín)

Martin Reyes, Principal Transportation Planner, presented the item.

Chair Melgar commented that the Metropolitan Transportation Commission (MTC) was generally supportive of Senate Bill 63 but noted that a San Mateo County representative abstained from the vote. Chair Melgar also noted that San Mateo and Santa Clara Counties had wanted additional flexibility related to their participation in the regional measure due to the planned reauthorization of their own sales tax measures; however there was general agreement at the regional level to pursue a revenue measure.

There was no public comment.

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

The item was approved without objection by the following vote:

Ayes: Commissioners Chan, Chen, Dorsey, Engardio, Fielder, Mahmood, Mandelman, Melgar, Sherrill, and Walton (10)

Absent: Commissioner Sauter (1)

5. Approve Programming Priorities for Up to \$4,565,603 in San Francisco's Estimated Fiscal Year 2025/26 State Transit Assistance County Block Grant Funds, with Conditions – ACTION

Projects: SFMTA: Paratransit Program (\$3,300,000). BART: Elevator Attendant Program (up to \$1,265,603)

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

There was no public comment.

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

The item was approved without objection by the following vote:

Ayes: Commissioners Chan, Chen, Dorsey, Engardio, Fielder, Mahmood, Mandelman, Melgar, Sherrill, and Walton (10)

Absent: Commissioner Sauter (1)

6. Adopt the Final Prop L Strategic Plan – ACTION

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

Chair Melgar asked how the reduction in revenue projections would impact the timeline of projects approved in prior plans.

Anna LaForte, Deputy Director for Policy and Programming, replied that the cash flows from carryforward grants from the Prop K program had been assumed in the Strategic Plan and noted that many of the invoices that had been received recently by the Transportation Authority were for Prop K projects.



Tilly Chang, Executive Director, stated that the Transbay Joint Powers Authority (TJPA) had adopted a delayed timeline for the delivery of The Portal project and had pushed final project completion from 2031 to 2034 or 2035, which was reflected in the Strategic Plan.

There was no public comment.

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

The item was approved without objection by the following vote:

Ayes: Commissioners Chan, Chen, Dorsey, Engardio, Fielder, Mahmood, Mandelman, Melgar, Sherrill, and Walton (10)

Absent: Commissioner Sauter (1)

7. Exercise Contract Option for On-Call Project Management and Engineering Services in an Amount Not to Exceed \$2,700,000, for a Combined Total Contract Amount Not to Exceed \$10,700,000 – ACTION

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

During public comment, Roland Lebrun stated that he opposed the two contracts awarded to Zurinaga Associates.

Commissioner Mahmood moved to approve the item, seconded by Commissioner Chen.

The item was approved without objection by the following vote:

Ayes: Commissioners Chan, Chen, Dorsey, Engardio, Fielder, Mahmood, Mandelman, Melgar, Sherrill, and Walton (10)

Absent: Commissioner Sauter (1)

Other Items

8. Introduction of New Items - INFORMATION

There were no new items introduced.

9. Public Comment

During public comment, Alex Lantsberg criticized Muni's move toward battery-electric buses without a full alternatives analysis, urging consideration of expanding the existing trolleybus system. He noted that the Board previously approved \$5.6 million for Kirkland Yard electrification planning despite CAC opposition. Citing international examples, he argued that in-motion-charging trolleybuses would need fewer upgrades and better use existing assets. He cautioned that Muni's current approach risked wasteful spending and called for a reassessment.

A separate commenter stated he was unsatisfied with the Board.

10. Adjournment

The meeting was adjourned at 10:48 a.m.