



DRAFT MINUTES

San Francisco County Transportation Authority

Tuesday, June 24, 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, Sauter, Sherrill, and Walton (10)

Absent at Roll Call: Commissioner Chan (1)

2. Chair's Report - INFORMATION

Chair Melgar reported that the California Transportation Commission announced staff recommendations for several Senate Bill (SB) 1 grant programs. She shared that the SFMTA Train Control Upgrade Project was recommended for \$41 million from the Solutions for Congested Corridors Program, and the Howard Streetscape Project was recommended for \$14 million from the Local Partnership Program. She expressed appreciation to the California Transportation Commission staff and looked forward to the funds being programmed and allocated.

Chair Melgar congratulated Caltrain for receiving the Rail Project of the Year award from the California Transportation Foundation. She stated that the project was a signature effort of the Transportation Authority's Prop K sales tax program and that it had transformed the Caltrain experience by delivering faster service, cleaner air, a more enjoyable ride, and a 37% increase in year-over-year ridership during its first seven months of operation. She stated that Caltrain Electrification was one of several major capital projects supported by the Transportation Authority through its sales tax program. She then congratulated the Finance Division, led by Deputy Director for Finance and Administration, Cynthia Fong, for once again receiving the highest rating from Fitch Ratings for the sales tax revenue bonds outlook and stated that this reflected strong stewardship of voter-approved funds by both the Finance Division and the Policy and Programming Division, led by Anna LaForte.

Chair Melgar reported that in early June, the California Senate and Assembly reached a state budget agreement that replaced the Governor's proposed \$1.1 billion cut to public transit with a \$750 million interest-free loan. She explained that this loan would help Bay Area transit systems, including Caltrain, Muni, and BART, avoid catastrophic service cuts over the next two years. She added that the Transportation Authority supported the effort to bolster regional transit. She then conveyed appreciation to Senator Scott Wiener, Senator Jesse Arreguin, and Assemblymember Mark Gonzalez for leading a coalition that secured and protected transit funding in the state budget. She said the Bay Area region had continued to collaborate in support of Senate Bill 63, which would authorize a regional transit measure for the 2026 ballot. She thanked Transportation Authority staff for closely tracking the issue and working with Metropolitan Transportation Commission and others to advocate for legislative changes.



as needed.

There was no public comment.

3. Executive Director's Report - INFORMATION

Maria Lombardo, Chief Deputy Director, presented the Executive Director's Report.

There was no public comment.

4. Approve the Minutes of the June 10, 2025 Meeting - ACTION

There was no public comment.

Commissioner Walton 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, Sauter, Sherrill, and Walton (10)

Absent: Commissioner Chan (1)

Consent Agenda

5. [Final Approval] Adopt the Proposed Fiscal Year 2025/26 Budget and Work Program - ACTION

6. [Final Approval] Approve and Authorize the Executive Director to Execute a 20-Year Lease with Two Five-Year Options to Extend, with the City and County of San Francisco's Real Estate Department for Office Space Located at 1455 Market Street, in an Amount Not to Exceed \$1,126,597 for the First Year, Plus Operating and Other Lease Related Expenses, and Annual 3% Rent Increases; and to Negotiate Lease Payment Terms and Non-Material Terms and Conditions - ACTION

There was no public comment.

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

The minutes were approved without objection by the following vote:

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

Absent: Commissioner Chan (1)

End of Consent Agenda

7. I-280 Southbound Ocean Ave Off-Ramp Improvement Project Update - INFORMATION

Aliza Paz, Principal Transportation Planner, presented the item.

Chair Melgar expressed gratitude to Deputy Director for Capital Projects, Carl Holmes, for his efforts advancing the project and she thanked SFMTA staff, including Director Kirschbaum, Viktoriya Wise, and Joel Ramos, who had toured the area with her early one



the morning. Chair Melgar described the area as heavily trafficked, located at the border of Districts 11 and 7, near Lick-Wilmerding High School, City College, and Riordan High School. She explained that many people crossed the road after using Muni and BART, despite poor lighting and hazardous conditions. Chair Melgar acknowledged that it had, unfortunately, taken 11 years to reach this point but expressed relief that the work was finally underway.

There was no public comment.

Other Items

8. Introduction of New Items - INFORMATION

There were no new items introduced.

9. Public Comment

There was no public comment.

10. Adjournment

The meeting was adjourned at 10:30 a.m.