



DRAFT MINUTES

San Francisco County Transportation Authority

Tuesday, July 8, 2025

1. Roll Call

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

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

Absent at Roll Call: Commissioners Chan (entered during Item 2), Sherrill, and Walton (entered during Item 3) (3)

2. Approve the Minutes of the June 24, 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 Chan, Chen, Dorsey, Engardio, Fielder, Mahmood, Mandelman, Melgar, and Sauter (9)

Absent: Commissioners Sherrill and Walton (2)

3. Community Advisory Committee Report – INFORMATION

Kat Siegal, Community Advisory Committee (CAC) Chair, reported that at the June CAC meeting, the CAC approved a motion of support for the Fiscal Year (FY) 2025-2026 Transportation Fund for Clean Air Program of Projects. She noted that several members shared feedback about difficulties they had experienced using the Emergency Ride Home Program and requested usage statistics for the program as follow-up.

Chair Siegal stated that the CAC adopted a motion of support for the Walter U Lum Place Public Space Study, with members offering positive feedback on the selected design recommendation. She said the CAC voted to support the contract with SITELAB for the Geary-Filmore Underpass Community Planning Study, with several members expressing appreciation for the Transportation Authority's efforts to address harms to Black neighborhoods caused by urban renewal.

Chair Siegal stated that the CAC also adopted a motion of support for the Prop L and Prop AA fund allocations for six requests. She emphasized that members appreciated of the presentation given by Viktoriya Wise, Streets Division Director for the SFMTA, on the decision to pause the application-based Traffic Calming Program and the context provided for allocation requests from the FY21, FY22, and FY23 project cycles. She stated that the CAC had many questions about this program throughout the year.

Chair Siegal reported that the CAC was generally supportive of the decision to pause



the program and proposed shifting toward a proactive rather than reactive approach to traffic calming. She said the CAC encouraged focusing on the High Injury Network and incorporating other traffic collision data in the absence of applications.

Chair Siegal stated that the CAC ultimately voted to support the TNC Tax Fund programming and allocation items for the program, with the programming action passing unanimously and two members opposing the allocation action. She added that the group received an update on the I-280 Southbound Ocean Avenue off-ramp project. She explained that several members familiar with cycling and driving conditions in the area urged more safety improvements, including removing a lane of automobile traffic to allow for a concrete protected bike lane. She concluded by saying that members also supported extending the protected bike lane further and removing the proposed double turn lane from the design, citing San Francisco's commitment to eliminate double turn lanes after the 2023 fatality at 4th Street and King Street.

There was no public comment.

4. State and Federal Legislation Update – ACTION

Martin Reyes, Principal Transportation Planner, presented the item per the staff memorandum.

There was no public comment.

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

The minutes were approved without objection by the following vote:

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

Absent: Commissioners Sherrill (1)

5. Approve the Fiscal Year 2025/26 Transportation Fund for Clean Air Program of Projects, Totaling \$723,264, with Conditions – ACTION

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

Commissioner Dorsey commented that he was glad to see parts of the Treasure Island Connects program moving forward, including bike share on Treasure Island and Yerba Buena Island. He said that last fall the *San Francisco Chronicle* reported that San Francisco had surpassed its previous record usage of the Bay Wheels bike share system, indicating that there was surging demand and that bike share was an increasingly popular mobility option. He said that Treasure Island residents were frustrated that their neighborhood was the only one in San Francisco without access to bike share.

Vice Chair Sauter said that he wanted to urge SFMTA to place as many bike racks as possible at curbside corner locations where daylighting had been implemented. He said that this could provide two benefits in one with bike parking and daylighting and that otherwise, due to limited enforcement, cars continued to park in daylight locations.

Commissioner Melgar asked what was needed to prioritize installation of bike racks in



daylit locations.

Adrian Leung, Transportation Planner with SFMTA, said that they had been installing more bike parking corrals in daylit locations and that they planned to do more. He said that a modification to the Transportation Code to adopt language from Assembly Bill 413 regarding daylighting would streamline the process because SFMTA was currently required to seek legislation for each bike corral in a daylit location to designate it as bike parking, even though it was also already a red zone. He said they were hoping that change would happen soon.

Chair Melgar said there was formerly a non-profit bike rental business on Treasure Island before the pandemic, and she asked whether the Treasure Island Bike Share Expansion funds could be used for something else that would result in bikes being available to the public if the matching funds did not become available by the end of February 2026, as required by the recommended condition.

Mr. Leung said that SFMTA would support making bikes available to the public and that it had considered different models, including something like the prior non-profit operator.

Mr. Pickford replied that Air District policy required that projects give a first right of refusal to being interoperable with the current Bay Area Bike Share (operating as Bay Wheels) system. He said that it could be possible to amend the funding agreement for the current project if the proposal to work with Bay Area Bike Share was unable to move forward, but he suggested that it might be simpler to start with a new project application for next year's TFCA call for projects.

During public comment, Alex Lantsberg commented on the proposed EV chargers for Project Open Hand and said that he had not seen any description of a requirement to use prevailing wages. He opined that if state funds were included in the project, there would be a prevailing wage requirement and an Electric Vehicle Training Program requirement for the installation of the chargers. He said he hoped the work would be done by a member of the San Francisco Electrical Contractors Association. [TFCA funds are not state funds.]

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

The item was approved without objection by the following vote:

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

Absent: Commissioners Sherrill (1)

6. Adopt the Walter U Lum Place Public Space Study Final Report – ACTION

Alex Pan, Transportation Planner, presented the item per the staff memorandum.

Vice Chair Sauter expressed appreciation for the Transportation Authority's work and the efforts of its team. He acknowledged the unique setting of the project, noting the challenges of working with an active alleyway and roadway that included loading zones and nearby merchants. He also noted that the area bordered a park and said the project successfully balanced those competing needs. He recognized that additional work remained and stated that the project had the potential to complement the ongoing



improvements at Portsmouth Square. He concluded by expressing eagerness to continue working with the team to complete the project.

There was no public comment.

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

The item was approved without objection by the following vote:

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

Absent: Commissioners Sherrill (1)

7. Allocate \$2,441,000 and Appropriate \$100,000 in Prop L Funds, with Conditions, and Allocate \$2,360,572 in Prop AA Funds, with Conditions, for Six Requests – ACTION

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

There was no public comment.

Commissioner Dorsey 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, Sauter, and Walton (10)

Absent: Commissioners Sherrill (1)

8. Program \$5,672,505 in TNC Tax Funds to the San Francisco Municipal Transportation Agency for Three Application-Based Residential Traffic Calming Projects, with Conditions – ACTION

Rachel Seiberg, Transportation Planner, presented the item per the staff memorandum and Sean Kennedy, Chief Planning and Implementation Officer at the SFMTA, followed with a presentation on the status of the Traffic Calming program.

Commissioner Mahmood commented that constituents in District 5 were very interested in the residential traffic calming program. He asked if the SFMTA had considered a proactive approach to the traffic calming program using objective safety measures while it was paused.

Mr. Kennedy responded that the application program focused on neighborhood streets and said the SFMTA had a proactive arm of their traffic calming program, covering about half of their traffic calming locations. He said the SFMTA was considering whether to keep the application-based program going forward.

Vice Chair Sauter asked whether the SFMTA would reconsider tactics shown on the toolbox slide, with an emphasis on speed humps, speed tables, and raised crosswalks. He expressed interest in exploring other options beyond those currently used, which were easy to circumvent.

Mr. Kennedy replied that the SFMTA was open to other improvement measures. He added that the highlighted tools, specifically speed humps and speed cushions, were proven improvements in reducing speeds dramatically.



Vice Chair Sauter asserted that the traffic calming program should not have been paused because it was so popular, as pausing sent a bad message to residents who wanted to take action. He added that it did not seem feasible to bring back the signature requirement for applications and suggested that residents should have a say in a meaningful way, potentially similar to the participatory budgeting process. He added that he did not want to abandon the program and said that it was one of the few ways constituents had the power to improve traffic safety related to speeding. He concluded by stating that residents could see and feel things on the streets that were not reflected in the data, so it was critical to continue incorporating that perspective going forward.

Chair Melgar asked how the traffic calming program had been funded prior to the TNC Tax funding implementation.

Mr. Kennedy replied that some of these improvements were funded through Prop K.

Chair Melgar said that after reviewing SFMTA's budget, she noticed that parking revenues had decreased as the usage of TNCs increased. She asked when the decision was made to use the TNC tax on the traffic calming program instead of Muni operations.

Anna Laforte, Deputy Director of Policy and Programming, said that the TNC Tax had been funding the application-based traffic calming program since 2023, when the new Prop L programs were implemented and there was a lot of demand for the Safer and Complete Streets funding. She added that at the time, subsequent programming decisions made the SFMTA's Quick Build and Residential Traffic Calming programs eligible for TNC Tax revenues. She clarified that the Transportation Authority's share of TNC Tax must be used for Vision Zero capital projects per the voter measure.

Chair Melgar commented that Muni service was being cut back as TNC tax funds had increased and the SFMTA was pausing the traffic calming program. She expressed hope that the revamped traffic calming program would be transparent and accessible stated that she generally agreed with Vice Chair Sauter's earlier comments.

During public comment, Malena Mackey Cabada, Community Engagement Manager of Walk San Francisco, asserted that dangerous speeding threatened safety on city streets and that speeding was the leading cause of severe crashes, and said that the newly installed speed cameras in San Francisco showed speeding remained a problem. She said San Francisco needed to address speeding comprehensively because vehicles were becoming bigger and more powerful. She continued by stating that speed humps were an important tool for curtailing speeding and expressed support for the recommended funding for the subject traffic calming program cycles. She said that it was crucial for the SFMTA to deliver on the backlog and make the program more efficient and equitable, as well as efficient and transparent.

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

The item was approved without objection by the following vote:

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

Absent: Commissioners Sherrill (1)



9. Allocate \$6,887,505 in TNC Tax Funds, with Conditions, to the San Francisco Municipal Transportation Agency for Three Projects – ACTION

Rachel Seiberg, Transportation Planner, presented the item per the staff memorandum.

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, Sauter, and Walton (10)

Absent: Commissioners Sherrill (1)

10. Approve a Two-Year Professional Services Contract with SITELAB urban studio in an Amount Not to Exceed \$1,100,000 for Consultant Services for the Geary-Filmore Underpass Community Planning Study – ACTION

Aliza Paz, Principal Transportation Planner, presented the item per the staff memorandum.

There was no public comment.

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

The item was approved without objection by the following vote:

Ayes: Commissioners Chan, Dorsey, Engardio, Fielder, Mahmood, Mandelman, Melgar, Sauter, and Walton (9)

Absent: Commissioners Chen and Sherrill (2)

11. Award Contracts to Five Shortlisted Consultant Teams for a Three-Year Period, with an Option to Extend for Two Additional One-Year Periods, for a Combined Amount Not to Exceed \$600,000 for On-Call Strategic Communications, Media and Community Relations Services – ACTION

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

There was no public comment.

Commissioner Mandelman 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, Sauter, and Walton (10)

Absent: Commissioners Sherrill (1)

12. Approve Revised Debt Policy and Ratify Investment Policy – ACTION

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



There was no public comment.

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

The item was approved without objection by the following vote:

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

Absent: Commissioners Sherrill (1)

Other Items

13. Introduction of New Items - INFORMATION

There were no new items introduced.

14. Public Comment

There was no public comment.

15. Adjournment

The meeting was adjourned at 11:28 a.m.