



DRAFT MINUTES

San Francisco County Transportation Authority

Tuesday, July 22, 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, Melgar, Sauter, Sherrill, and Walton (8)

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

2. Chair's Report - INFORMATION

Chair Melgar stated that earlier that month, the Transportation Authority joined Golden Link Concessionaire, Caltrans, and numerous federal, state, and local leaders to celebrate the 10th anniversary of the Presidio Parkway. She highlighted that Speaker Emerita Nancy Pelosi, Senator Scott Wiener, Mayor Lurie, Commissioner Sherrill, and former Transportation Authority Executive Director José Luis Moscovich were among those in attendance.

Chair Melgar stated the Presidio Parkway served as US101 between the Presidio and the Golden Gate Bridge and replaced the former Doyle Drive freeway. She explained that the project was delivered through a first-of-its-kind public-private partnership on the state highway system and improved seismic and operational safety and enhanced connectivity for transit riders, pedestrians, and cyclists. She added that it enabled the creation of Tunnel Tops, a 14-acre park built atop the Parkway's Main Post tunnels. She shared that the agency contributed approximately \$200 million from Prop K and other managed funds to help match federal, state, and regional contributions for the \$1 billion project.

Chair Melgar congratulated Commissioner Walton, the Department of Public Works, and the Bayview community on completing the Oakdale Street Lights project. She stated it was a top priority in the previous SFMTA Community-Based Transportation Plan and that the project included over two dozen new and upgraded streetlights from 3rd Street to Phelps near the former Southeast Community Facility. She shared that many neighbors attended the celebration, and the Transportation Authority contributed \$1.6 million from early planning through construction.

Chair Melgar concluded by thanking staff for their ongoing partnership on Senate Bill (SB) 63, the regional transit funding measure. She also noted that Transportation Authority staff had conducted extensive outreach on projects in her district, including the I-280 Ocean Avenue off-ramp, the Vision Zero Ramps Study, and the Brotherhood Way projects. She encouraged public input on these efforts and said she looked forward to their return to the Board in the fall.

During public comment, a commenter stated that summer was not a time for rest but



rather a time for additional work.

3. Executive Director's Report - INFORMATION

Tilly Chang, Executive Director, presented the Executive Director's Report.

During public comment, a commenter stated he disagreed with the Executive Director's Report.

4. Approve the Minutes of the July 8, 2025 Meeting - 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, Mandelman, Melgar, Sauter, Sherrill, and Walton (10)

Absent: Commissioner Mahmood (1)

Consent Agenda

5. [Final Approval] State and Federal Legislation Update - ACTION

Position: Support: Senate Bill 572 (Gonzalez)

6. [Final Approval] Approve the Fiscal Year 2025/26 Transportation Fund for Clean Air Program of Projects, Totaling \$723,264, with Conditions - ACTION

Projects: Project Open Hand: Fleet Electrification Infrastructure (\$52,421). SFE: Emergency Ride Home (\$73,944). SFMTA: Short-Term Bike Parking (\$415,120). TIMMA: Treasure Island Bikeshare Expansion (\$140,000). SFCTA: Program Administration (\$41,779).

7. [Final Approval] Adopt the Walter U Lum Place Public Space Study Final Report - ACTION

8. [Final Approval] 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

Projects: Prop L: SFCTA: Neighborhood Transportation Program Coordination (\$100,000). SFPW: Curb Ramps Various Locations No. 18 (\$1,155,000). Public Sidewalk and Curb Repair (\$586,000). Street Repair and Cleaning Equipment (\$400,000). SFMTA: Bicycle Safety Education and Outreach (\$200,000). Neighborhood Transportation Program Coordination (\$100,000). Prop AA: SFPW: Various Locations Pavement Renovation No. 90 (\$2,360,572).

9. [Final Approval] 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

Projects: TNC Tax: SFMTA: Application-Based Residential Traffic Calming Program - FY 21 Cycle Additional Funds (\$56,569 for design, \$199,333 for construction). Application-



Based Residential Traffic Calming – FY 22 Cycle (\$5,141,670 for construction).
Application-Based Residential Traffic Calming – FY 23 Cycle (\$274,933 for design).

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

Projects: TNC Tax: SFMTA: Application-Based Residential Traffic Calming Program – FY21 Cycle Additional Funds (\$255,902). Application-Based Residential Traffic Calming – FY22 Cycle (\$6,356,670). Application-Based Residential Traffic Calming – FY23 Cycle (\$274,933).

11. [Final Approval] 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

12. [Final Approval] 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

Shortlisted Teams: Civic Edge Consulting, Contigo Communications, DKS Associates, InterEthnica, Inc., and Kearns & West, Inc.

13. [Final Approval] Approve Revised Debt Policy and Ratify Investment Policy – ACTION

There was no public comment.

Commissioner Dorsey moved to approve the Consent Agenda, seconded by Commissioner Mandelman.

The Consent Agenda was approved without objection by the following vote:

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

Absent: Commissioner Mahmood (1)

End of Consent Agenda

14. [Final Approval on First Appearance] Reaffirm Support for Senate Bill 63, as Amended; Adopt Principles to Guide Continued Engagement in the Development of a 2026 Regional Transportation Funding Measure; and Recommend San Francisco's Participation in the Regional Measure at a 1.0 Percent Sales Tax Rate – ACTION

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

During public comment, a commenter opined that the work presented seemed incomplete.

Sebastian Petty from the San Francisco Bay Area Planning and Urban Research Association (SPUR) provided comments in support of SB 63 noting that new funding is needed for transit especially for operators serving San Francisco.

Sara Greenwald from 350 San Francisco provided comments explaining that sales taxes



are regressive and suggested that the Transportation Authority support amending SB 63 to utilize a gross receipts tax on businesses with a small business exemption.

Chair Melgar thanked Transportation Authority staff for supporting the technical assistance process for SB 63 and Senators Scott Wiener and Jesse Arreguín for their efforts. She stressed the importance of regional collaboration in addressing the transit fiscal cliff and noted that San Francisco has the lowest sales tax rate among the counties involved in the regional measure.

Commissioner Chan thanked Senators Wiener and Arreguín as well as Transportation Authority and SFMTA staff for their work. Commissioner Chan also commented that sales taxes are a regressive form of taxation and suggested exploring fairer ways to fund public transit as part of future discussions.

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

The item was approved without objection by the following vote:

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

Absent: Commissioner Mahmood (1)

Other Items

15. Introduction of New Items - INFORMATION

There were no new items introduced.

16. Public Comment

During public comment, a commenter stated he was not optimistic about the state of affairs.

17. Adjournment

The meeting was adjourned at 10:43 a.m.