



DRAFT MINUTES

San Francisco County Transportation Authority

Tuesday, October 7, 2025

1. Roll Call

Chair Melgar called the meeting to order at 10:06 a.m.

Present at Roll Call: Commissioners Dorsey, Engardio, Mandelman, Melgar, Sauter, Sherrill, and Walton (7)

Absent at Roll Call: Commissioners Chan, Chen (entered during Item 3), Fielder, and Mahmood (entered during Item 4) (4)

2. Approve the Minutes of the September 30, 2025 Meetings - ACTION

There was no public comment.

Commissioner Sauter moved to approve the minutes, seconded by Commissioner Sherrill.

The minutes were approved without objection by the following vote:

Ayes: Commissioners Dorsey, Engardio, Mandelman, Melgar, Sauter, Sherrill, and Walton (7)

Absent: Commissioners Chan, Chen, Fielder, and Mahmood (4)

3. Community Advisory Committee Report – INFORMATION

Kat Siegal, Community Advisory Committee (CAC) Chair, reported that at the September CAC meeting, the CAC adopted a motion supporting the Mission Bay School Access Plan fund, release, and allocation. She stated that members and public commenters had expressed enthusiasm for the project but suggested that Mission Bay's wide roads could accommodate wider bike and pedestrian paths and urged the City to provide adequate space to reduce conflicts between pedestrians, cyclists, and drivers. Chair Siegal also reported that the CAC approved the Prop L allocations for four requests. She said one member expressed concern about potential merchant impacts from the Japantown Buchanan Mall Improvements and asked about establishing a mitigation fund. She added that several members appreciated the traffic signal upgrade project and were pleased that intersections in their communities with missing pedestrian signals were included. Chair Siegal concluded by stating that the CAC approved the One Bay Area Grant Cycle 2 Project List and Prop K amendment for BART's Northside Platform Elevator Project, with members asking about the large difference from initial cost estimates. She added that the CAC supported San Francisco's Program of Projects for the 2026 Regional Transportation Improvement Program and supported authorizing borrowing up to \$60 million through the Transportation Authority's revolving credit agreement.

During public comment, Roland Lebrun commended the staff responsible for capturing public comments at the CAC meeting.



4. Reappoint Austin Milford-Rosales and Najuawanda Daniels as the District 6 and District 10 Representatives, Respectively, to the Community Advisory Committee – ACTION

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

Austin Milford-Rosales and Najuawanda Daniels spoke to their interests and qualifications for serving on the CAC.

Commissioner Walton thanked Ms. Daniels for continuing to serve in her role, acknowledging the significant time she had devoted to advocating for workers' rights in the city and the broader community. He underscored the importance of her consistent voice on the CAC, recognizing her deep knowledge of the community and expressed appreciation that she continued to contribute her time and expertise.

Commissioner Dorsey thanked both nominees for their willingness to serve. He specifically conveyed his appreciation to Mr. Milford-Rosales for his dedication and attentive service on the CAC. He acknowledged Mr. Milford-Rosales as an emerging transit and political advocate and welcomed his reappointment so that he could continue contributing his passion and knowledge to the body while representing District 6.

There was no public comment.

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

The item was approved without objection by the following vote:

Ayes: Commissioners Chen, Dorsey, Engardio, Mahmood, Mandelman, Melgar, Sauter, Sherrill, and Walton (9)

Absent: Commissioners Chan and Fielder (2)

5. State and Federal Legislation Update – INFORMATION

Amber Crabbe, Senior Public Policy Manager, presented the item per the staff memorandum.

There was no public comment.

6. Amend the Prop K Standard Grant Agreement for the Mission Bay School Access Plan [NTIP Planning and Capital] (Plan) to Allow \$30,000 in Funds Held in Reserve for Implementation of Plan Recommendations to be Used for Additional Planning and Outreach; Release \$30,000 from the Reserve; and Appropriate \$20,000 in Prop K Funds, with conditions, for the Plan – ACTION

David Long, Senior Transportation Planner, presented the item per the staff memorandum.

Commissioner Dorsey thanked staff for their ongoing work over the past year and a half on the Mission Bay School Access Plan. He emphasized that his office and community stakeholders had conducted a thorough assessment of safety and access needs in the area, with the school set to open next year, generating significant excitement. He described the project as and appreciated the project team for a highly collaborative and thoughtful planning and outreach effort and stated his support for reallocating a small portion of capital funds to support the planning and outreach phase was appropriate as recommendations were refined.



During public comment, Roland Lebrun stated that he had previously shared with the CAC concerns about multiple Caltrain tracks in the area and added that an additional track being designed would be close to the school. He stressed the importance of applying lessons from the Pennsylvania Avenue extension, noting that by the time the tracks reached Seventh Street, they would be 60 feet below ground, allowing Mission Bay Drive and King Street to reconnect at Seventh Street. He also emphasized that this approach would avoid conflicts among children, bicycles, and pedestrians in the area formerly occupied by the Caltrain tracks.

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

The item was approved without objection by the following vote:

Ayes: Commissioners Chen, Dorsey, Engardio, Mahmood, Mandelman, Melgar, Sauter, Sherrill, and Walton (9)

Absent: Commissioners Chan and Fielder (2)

7. Allocate \$6,606,363 in Prop L Funds, with Conditions, and Allocate \$1,100,000 in Prop AA Funds, with Conditions, for Four Requests – ACTION

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

Vice Chair Sauter expressed his support for the work at the West Broadway Tunnel.

There was no public comment.

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

The item was approved without objection by the following vote:

Ayes: Commissioners Chen, Dorsey, Engardio, Mahmood, Mandelman, Melgar, Sauter, Sherrill, and Walton (9)

Absent: Commissioners Chan and Fielder (2)

8. Amend the One Bay Area Grant Cycle 2 Project List and the Prop K Standard Grant Agreement for the Bay Area Rapid Transit District's Embarcadero Station: New Northside Platform Elevator Project to Reflect a New Phased Approach to Project Delivery – ACTION

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

Chair Melgar expressed appreciation for the work, but expressed disappointment that the addition of a new elevator had been delayed, stating that she would have preferred to see an elevator that reached street level to enable individuals in wheelchairs or with bicycles to take just one elevator, rather than two, be implemented sooner.

There was no public comment.

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

The item was approved without objection by the following vote:

Ayes: Commissioners Chen, Dorsey, Engardio, Mahmood, Mandelman, Melgar, Sauter, Sherrill, and Walton (9)

Absent: Commissioners Chan and Fielder (2)



9. Approve San Francisco's Program of Projects for the 2026 Regional Transportation Improvement Program, Totaling \$9,887,000 – ACTION

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

Vice Chair Sauter requested further explanation about why SFMTA was not able to identify eligible projects. He asked for confirmation that the intent of the staff recommendation was for the Metropolitan Transportation Commission (MTC) to have priority for funding in the 2026 Regional Transportation Improvement Program (RTIP), with the SFMTA receiving priority in the 2028 RTIP.

Mr. Pickford confirmed Vice Chair Sauter's understanding of the staff recommendation, noting that existing commitments to both agencies would continue to be prioritized until fully met. He added said that the funds under consideration for the 2026 RTIP cycle would not be available until Fiscal Years 2029/30 and 2030/31 and that the California Transportation Commission requires that sponsors request allocation of funds in the designated fiscal year, that contracts must be awarded within six months after allocation, and that funds must be spent within three years. He said that the project SFMTA was interested in for mid-cycle capital maintenance overhauls of their light rail vehicles had already begun and would have required restructuring to be eligible. Mr. Pickford reminded the Board that in past cycles, the Transportation Authority had programmed substantial funds to SFMTA for mid-cycle overhauls of other vehicles in their fleet and was preparing to seek allocation of those funds [over \$60 million] in Fiscal Year 2027/28.

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 Chen, Dorsey, Engardio, Mahmood, Mandelman, Melgar, Sauter, Sherrill, and Walton (8)

Absent: Commissioners Chan, Dorsey, and Fielder (3)

10. Authorize Borrowing of up to \$60,000,000 under the Amended and Restated Revolving Credit Agreement with U.S. Bank National Association – ACTION

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

Chair Melgar thanked Deputy Director Fong for consistently providing thorough reports to the Transportation Authority and the CAC.

During public comment, a commenter expressed disagreement with borrowing from a loan at this time.

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

The item was approved without objection by the following vote:

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

Absent: Commissioners Chan, Dorsey, and Fielder (3)



Other Items

11. Introduction of New Items - INFORMATION

Chair Melgar expressed appreciation to Commissioner Engardio on behalf of the Transportation Authority, recognizing that this was his final meeting. She commended him for prioritizing safety and accessibility for pedestrians, cyclists, transit riders, and motorists in District 4, and for advancing multi-modal connectivity citywide. Chair Melgar also highlighted his support for local and regional investments funded by the Transportation Authority, his service on the Golden Gate Bridge, Highway and Transportation District, and his role in completing the L-Taraval project, which was celebrated with the community last year.

Tilly Chang, Executive Director, conveyed her appreciation for Commissioner Engardio's staff and everyone in the district office, especially Legislative Aide Jonathan Goldberg.

There was no public comment.

12. Public Comment

During public comment, a commenter expressed his concern for the state of affairs.

13. Adjournment

The meeting was adjourned at 10:59 a.m.