



# DRAFT MINUTES

## **San Francisco County Transportation Authority**

Tuesday, November 18, 2025

### **1. Roll Call**

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

**Present at Roll Call:** Commissioners Chen, Dorsey, Fielder, Mahmood, Melgar, Sauter, Sherrill, and Walton (8)

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

### **2. Chair's Report - INFORMATION**

Chair Melgar began by acknowledging Speaker Emerita Pelosi's decision to conclude her public service at the end of her current congressional term and recognized her decades of national and local transportation leadership. She reported that more than 750 attendees participated in last week's Focus on the Future Conference held in San Francisco, which brought together the state's 24 Self-Help Counties that collectively invest \$6 billion annually in transportation infrastructure and transit services.

Chair Melgar shared recent Metropolitan Transportation Commission (MTC) survey results showing majority support for a potential 2026 regional transportation sales tax measure authorized under SB 63. She emphasized the need for strong regional and local partnerships to sustain transit systems; referenced broad engagement in the recent Muni Parcel Tax Roundtable; and said that the SFMTA board would discuss updated proposals at its meeting later in the day. Chair Melgar said she anticipated SFMTA staff presenting to the Transportation Authority Board on the local revenue measure at one of the December meetings.

Chair Melgar closed by thanking WalkSF, Bay Area Families for Safe Streets, Commissioners, SFMTA leadership, and community members for participating in the World Day of Remembrance and reaffirmed the Transportation Authority's commitment to advancing street-safety efforts, including ongoing monitoring of the Street Safety Act.

There was no relevant public comment.

### **3. Executive Director's Report - INFORMATION**

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

During public comment, Dan Stegink strongly urged the Board to ensure that funded nonprofits remain neutral on ballot measures and do not use Board, city, or county resources to advocate for or oppose those measures. He also stressed that officials should not appear in uniform at political events and that any permitted activities must allow equal participation. He urged the Board to monitor these issues to ensure that public resources continue to support a neutral stance on ballot measures.

There was no additional relevant public comment.



**4. Approve the Minutes of the November 04, 2025 Meeting - ACTION**

There was no relevant public comment.

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

The minutes were approved without objection by the following vote:

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

Absent: Commissioner Chan (1)

**Consent Agenda**

**5. [Final Approval] Allocate \$4,000,000, with Conditions, and Appropriate \$1,000,000 in Prop L Funds for Three Requests – ACTION\***

Projects: Prop L: SFMTA: Cable Car Barn Rehabilitation (\$2,000,000). School Traffic Calming Program FY26 (\$2,000,000). SFCTA: Treasure Island Road Improvements - Yerba Buena Island Multi-Use Pathway Segment 4 (\$1,000,000).

**6. [Final Approval] Adopt the Eco-friendly Downtown Deliveries Study Final Report – ACTION\***

**7. [Final Approval] Approve a Two-Year Professional Services Contract with WSP USA Inc. in an Amount Not to Exceed \$3,800,000 for Construction Management Services for the Yerba Buena Island Treasure Island Road Improvements Project – ACTION\***

**8. [Final Approval] Authorize the Executive Director to Execute Master Agreements, Program Supplemental Agreements, Cooperative Agreements, Fund Transfer Agreements and Any Amendments Thereto with the California Department of Transportation for Receipt of Federal and State Funds for the Yerba Buena Island Treasure Island Road Improvement Project/ Multi-Use Pathway Segment 4 in an Amount up to \$8,985,000; and State Funds for Planning, Programming, and Monitoring in the Amount of \$380,000 – ACTION\***

There was no public comment.

Commissioner Sauter moved to approve the Consent Agenda, seconded by Commissioner Sherrill.

The Consent Agenda approved without objection by the following vote:

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

Absent: Commissioner Chan (1)

**End of Consent Agenda**

**9. Draft Plan Bay Area 2050+ Overview - INFORMATION**

Dave Vautin, Director of Regional Planning at MTC-ABAG, presented the item per the staff memorandum.



Chair Melgar asked about the regional transportation-funding measure mentioned in the presentation and asked how the Draft Plan Bay Area 2050+ strategies would address future funding needs beyond the measure, including for housing.

Mr. Vautin explained that the potential 2026 regional measure would primarily fund the operation of existing systems such as Muni and BART, which he described as an essential foundation for expanding the transit network envisioned in the long-range plan. He emphasized that maintaining current service levels was a prerequisite for improving and building on the system. He added that a portion of the One Bay Area Grant (OBAG) program, which supports regional programs including land use planning, EV charger investments, and conservation initiatives, was intended to complement the regional measure by addressing transit operating gaps that the measure alone could not cover. He conveyed that the OBAG funding provided an initial investment for a wide range of strategies in the plan, and he explained that the Transportation Authority collaborated on determining the allocation of these funds. He noted that a housing measure considered for the 2024 ballot did not proceed, but opportunities for 2028 were being explored. He concluded that the plan identified significant affordable housing needs, and the regional measure would be critical in addressing funding gaps to meet those priorities.

During public comment, Dan Stegink stated Plan Bay Area was tailored for San Francisco's seven-by-seven-mile geography but emphasized it was unsuitable for San Mateo, Santa Clara, and Alameda counties. He stated he strongly urged the Board to vote yes while urging other counties to vote no because it was a poor deal for them. He stated the measure would cost residents \$4,068 per person and that plan carried a \$34.4 billion annual price tag, adding that opponents would campaign on affordability in November 2026.

Elizabeth Henry of SHIFT Bay Area and CATALYST stated her objections to moving forward with the Draft Plan Bay Area 2050+, criticizing its population growth projections as unrealistic and stating that the proposal to create a legislative committee to advocate in Sacramento for the plan appeared underhanded. She stated that claims of extensive outreach over the past several months were misleading, noting she only became aware of the draft in October and that the plan lacked a solid foundation and characterized it as unreasonable.

A commenter stated that the plan was unworkable because San Francisco's historic grid would not have supported it and that San Francisco was already overbuilt. He stated that the proposed housing changes would also fail and urged the Board to recognize San Francisco's physical constraints. He added that a major earthquake could severely damage downtown, including vulnerable high-rise towers.

## **Other Items**

### **10. Introduction of New Items - INFORMATION**

Commissioner Dorsey stated that he wanted staff to prepare an update to the Transportation Authority Board rules governing remote public comment and asked that the motion align those rules, along with associated boards like the Treasure Island Mobility Management Agency Board, with the existing rules of the Board of Supervisors. He indicated that the Transportation Authority already provided ample opportunities for in-person public comment and accepted remote public comment in written form, which was fully published for public review. Commissioner Dorsey emphasized that written



commentary was something members routinely considered and stated that the public's right to petition the government did not require the Board to host anonymous or juvenile commentary that was often abusive and undermined democratic processes. He added that he hoped the update would be ready for Board consideration and potential action at the next meeting.

There was no public comment.

**11. Public Comment**

There was no public comment.

**12. Adjournment**

The meeting was adjourned at 10:44 a.m.