



DRAFT MINUTES

San Francisco County Transportation Authority

Tuesday, January 27, 2026

1. Roll Call

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

Present at Roll Call: Commissioners, Chen, Dorsey, Fielder, Mahmood, Mandelman, Melgar, Sauter, Walton, and Wong (9)

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

2. Chair's Report - INFORMATION

Chair Melgar reflected on the Transportation Authority's collective accomplishments over the past year and thanked partner agencies and staff for their continued collaboration. She emphasized ongoing priorities for the coming year, including stabilizing local and regional transit operations, improving street safety for all users, and advancing key capital investments such as The Portal, Muni, BART and Caltrain facilities, as well as projects across San Francisco. Chair Melgar also recognized recent grant successes, congratulating partners on securing \$45 million in state Affordable Housing and Sustainable Communities funding for Treasure Island, including \$3 million for the Yerba Buena Island Bay Skyway Multi-Use Path led by the Transportation Authority. Additionally, she acknowledged the Metropolitan Transportation Commission's recommendation of \$500,000 in Community Action Resource and Empowerment Power Building and Engagement grants to three San Francisco-based community organizations supporting transportation access, adaptive mobility, and community-led engagement initiatives.

There was no public comment.

3. Executive Director's Report - INFORMATION

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

There was no public comment.

4. Approve the Minutes of the December 16, 2025 Meeting - ACTION

There was no public comment.

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

The minutes were approved without objection by the following vote:

Ayes: Commissioners Chan, Chen, Dorsey, Fielder, Mahmood, Mandelman, Melgar, Sauter, Sherrill, Walton, and Wong (11)

Absent: 0



5. Election of Chair and Vice Chair for 2026 – ACTION

Chair Melgar called the nominations to order for Chair for 2026. Vice Chair Sauter nominated Chair Melgar to serve another year as Chair.

Commissioner Sherrill seconded the motion and Chair Melgar accepted the nomination.

Chair Melgar closed nominations. There was no public comment on nominations for Chair.

The motion to elect Chair Melgar as Chair for 2026 was approved without objection by the following vote:

Ayes: Commissioners Chan, Chen, Dorsey, Fielder, Mahmood, Mandelman, Melgar, Sauter, Sherrill, Walton, and Wong (11)

Absent: 0

Chair Melgar expressed appreciation to her colleagues and opened nominations for Vice Chair. She nominated Vice Chair Sauter.

Commissioner Sherrill seconded the motion and Vice Chair Sauter accepted the nomination.

Chair Melgar closed nominations. There was no public comment on nominations for Vice Chair.

The motion to elect Vice Chair Sauter as Vice Chair for 2026 was approved without objection by the following vote:

Ayes: Commissioners Chan, Chen, Dorsey, Fielder, Mahmood, Mandelman, Melgar, Sauter, Sherrill, Walton, and Wong (11)

Absent: 0

6. [Final Approval on First Appearance] Adopt the 2025 Annual Report - ACTION*

Tilly Chang, Executive Director, presented the item.

During public comment, Griffin Lee, ConnectedSF, urged the Board to apply stronger and more consistent cost-benefit analysis to all projects, citing past negative impacts of major capital projects on small businesses. He emphasized the need for clearer, outcome-driven goals and more rigorous financial evaluation to determine project feasibility, scale, and prioritization.

Nica stated she had just formed an organization called SF Drivers, and that this was her first meeting and she planned to attend more in the future. She thanked the commissioners for their service.

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

The item was approved without objection by the following vote:

Ayes: Commissioners Chan, Chen, Dorsey, Fielder, Mahmood, Mandelman, Melgar, Sauter, Sherrill, Walton, and Wong (11)

Absent: 0



Other Items

7. Introduction of New Items - INFORMATION

Commissioner Walton stated that governance at Caltrain had been addressed for decades, particularly in recent years, and noted that he had been asked recently to serve on the Governance Ad Hoc Committee. He requested staff support for the governance work to ensure appropriate technical and policy expertise for the process and noted that he had also discussed this matter with Director Chang.

Chair Melgar thanked Comm Walton for his years-long commitment to Caltrain serving as a director on the Caltrain Board, and appreciated his work this past year which had been particularly helpful.

There was no public comment.

8. Public Comment

There was no public comment.

9. Adjournment

The meeting was adjourned at 10:39 a.m.