



DRAFT MINUTES

San Francisco County Transportation Authority

Tuesday, February 24, 2026

1. Roll Call

Chair Melgar called the meeting to order at 10:32 a.m.

Present at Roll Call: Commissioners Dorsey, Fielder, Mahmood, Melgar, Sherrill, Walton, and Wong (7)

Absent at Roll Call: Commissioners Chan, Chen, Mandelman, and Sauter (4)

2. Chair's Report - INFORMATION

Chair Melgar shared that Governor Newsom signed Assembly and Senate bills authorizing \$590 million in loans for Bay Area transit agencies, providing bridge funding for AC Transit, BART, Caltrain, and SFMTA to sustain operations until revenues from potential regional and local transit ballot measures, if approved by voters, would start to flow in 2027. She conveyed appreciation to the Governor, Senator Wiener, and the Metropolitan Transportation Commission, which would administer repayment of the 12-year loans secured by State Transit Assistance funds, and emphasized the state's partnership in stabilizing transit budgets while operators worked toward financial recovery. She recognized Alicia John Baptiste from the Mayor's Office for her significant efforts coordinating with the Governor's Office to ensure the loans met local needs and underscored that, without these funding measures, agencies such as BART, Muni, and AC Transit would face severe service and operational reductions with profound regional consequences. Chair Melgar referenced public reporting that BART could be forced to cut up to 70% of train hours, close as many as 15 stations, and raise fares substantially, warning that such actions would harm essential workers, the regional economy, and broader recovery efforts. She thanked Director Julie Kirschbaum for attending to provide updates on Muni's budget outlook under varying funding scenarios, including potential local parcel tax and regional sales tax measures that could appear on the November ballot, and she concluded by acknowledging the collective advocacy of transit leaders, staff, labor, civic, and business groups in advancing state loan support and long-term funding solutions for the Transportation Authority's city and regional partners.

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 February 10, 2026 Meeting - ACTION

There was no public comment.



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

The minutes were approved without objection by the following vote:

Ayes: Commissioners Dorsey, Fielder, Mahmood, Melgar, Sherrill, Walton, and Wong (7)

Absent: Commissioners Chan, Chen, Mandelman, and Sauter (4)

Consent Agenda

5. [Final Approval] Allocate \$21,042,500 and Appropriate \$200,000 in Prop L Funds, with Conditions, for Nine Requests - ACTION

Projects: Prop L: PCJPB: Caltrain Central Equipment Maintenance and Operations Facility SOGR - FY26 (\$200,000). Guadalupe River Bridge Replacement and Extension (\$2,500,000). Maintenance of Way Track Equipment SOGR - FY26 (\$1,000,000). Maintenance of Way Tracks SOGR - FY26 (\$1,000,000). Tunnel 1, 2, 3 and 4 Weep Hole Rehabilitation and Drainage Improvements (\$300,000). SFCTA: Mission/Alemany Community Based Transportation Plan (\$200,000). SFMTA: Muni Forward Five-Minute Network Corridor Quick-Build (\$1,549,000). Paratransit (\$13,911,000). District 5 Traffic Calming and Pedestrian Improvements [NTP] (\$582,500).

6. [Final Approval] Allocate \$12,500,000 in Prop L Funds, with Conditions, to the Transbay Joint Powers Authority for The Portal Project Engineering Phase Activities for Fiscal Year 2025/26 and Amend the Prop L Standard Grant Agreement for The Portal Project Engineering Phase Activities for Fiscal Year 2024/25 to Allow Retroactive Expenditures of up to \$267,209 Starting July 1, 2024 - ACTION

7. [Final Approval] Amend the Octavia Improvements Study Recommendations to Add the Hayes Valley Public Life Study as an Eligible Use of Revenues from the Market and Octavia Special Revenue Fund, in the Amount of \$410,000, with Conditions - ACTION

8. [Final Approval] Adopt the District 4 Community Shuttle Study Final Report - ACTION

9. [Final Approval] Approve the 2026 State and Federal Advocacy Program - ACTION

10. [Final Approval] Adopt Fiscal Year 2026/27 Transportation Fund for Clean Air Local Expenditure Criteria - ACTION

11. [Final Approval] Accept the Audit Report for the Fiscal Year Ended June 30, 2025 - ACTION

There was no public comment.

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

The Consent Agenda approved without objection by the following vote:

Ayes: Commissioners Dorsey, Fielder, Mahmood, Melgar, Sherrill, Walton, and Wong (7)



Absent: Commissioners Chan, Chen, Mandelman, and Sauter (4)

End of Consent Agenda

12. SFMTA Budget and Local Revenue Measure Update - INFORMATION

Julie Kirschbaum, Director of Transportation for the SFMTA, presented the item.

Chair Melgar conveyed appreciation to staff, city and regional leadership, and others for their efforts to develop both the local parcel tax measure framework and the regional sales tax measure authorizing legislation.

Commissioner Sherrill stated he was broadly supportive of the proposal and asked whether consideration had been given to income levels as part of the exemption for senior homeowners, noting that owners of larger homes may be able to afford paying the tax.

Director Kirschbaum responded that the measure framework was designed to minimize administrative complexity while focusing exemptions on people that needed them the most.

Commissioner Sherrill asked whether there were exemptions for senior renters.

Kathryn Angotti, Project Manager at SFMTA, explained that the senior exemption was modeled after previous parcel taxes implemented by the school district and was only applicable to property owners, however the proposed parcel tax accounted for renters by limiting pass-through to \$65 per year for units subject to rent stabilization.

Commissioner Sherrill asked whether the \$18 million in annual revenue generated under Improved Parking Program Efficiency on slide 21 included revenues from proposals on slides 22 and 23.

Director Kirschbaum stated that the investments listed on slide 21 were already underway and the strategies mentioned in slides 22 and 23 reflected proposed work.

Commissioner Sherrill requested additional detail on double-parking enforcement in transit-only lanes.

Director Kirschbaum stated that SFMTA was currently permitted to use forward-facing cameras on buses to issue parking citations for double-parking in transit lanes and described the system as inefficient given it requires parking control officers to review hundreds of hours of footage at high speed. She explained that SFMTA was conducting a Request for Proposals (RFP) to for technology that would identify and compile clips of double-parking incidents, which parking control officers would then review.

Commissioner Sherrill asked about the timeline for the RFP.

Director Kirschbaum replied that the RFP was active and rollout would take 18 months.

Commissioner Sherrill asked whether increased meter recovery related to construction and temporary no-parking permits as shown on slide 24 referred to reducing the number of permits or raising the associated fees.

Director Kirschbaum clarified that the change meant raising fees to better reflect the cost of meter revenue loss.



Commissioner Walton asked whether all government land would be exempt from the tax, including property owned by city, state, and federal governments.

Ms. Angotti replied that she would need to follow up for confirmation but indicated that she was fairly certain that government-owned land was exempt from property taxes.

Commissioner Fielder thanked Director Kirschbaum, SFMTA staff, staff from the office of Mayor Daniel Lurie, transit advocates, and labor representatives for their participation in development of the local parcel tax measure framework and also thanked Chair Melgar for guiding the overall process.

There was no public comment.

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 11:18 a.m.