



# DRAFT MINUTES

## **San Francisco County Transportation Authority**

Tuesday, May 12, 2026

### **1. Roll Call**

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

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

**Absent at Roll Call:** Commissioners Fielder, Chan (entered during Item 11), Chen (entered during Item 4), and Mandelman (entered during Item 3) (4)

### **2. Approve the Minutes of the April 28, 2026 Meetings - ACTION**

There was no public comment.

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

The minutes were approved without objection by the following vote:

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

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

### **3. Community Advisory Committee Report – INFORMATION**

Kat Siegal, Community Advisory Committee (CAC) Chair, reported that at the April meeting, the CAC approved the Prop L Fund allocation for the District 2 Turk Boulevard Pedestrian Safety Project and the Curbside Electric Vehicle Charging Program with one abstention following discussion about concerns regarding the curbside EV charging program and the need for a special funding allocation for city staff time to set up the permit program. She explained that the CAC also approved the proposed programming priorities for San Francisco's State Transit Assistance County Block Grant funds with an amendment requesting that the CAC revisit the recommendations if one or both transit funding measures did not pass that fall. Chair Siegal shared that the CAC unanimously approved the Prop L Standard Grant Agreement for the Woods/Islais Creek Yard Electrification Phase I Project, the Fiscal Year 2025/2026 Budget Amendment, and the State and Federal Legislative Update with one vote opposed. She concluded by stating that the CAC received a presentation on the preliminary 2025/2026 Budget and Work Program and requested that capital investments related to resuming the Central Subway Extension Project include an independent or third-party review to help build public trust.

There was no public comment.



**4. Appoint Diana Labaro as the District 11 Representative to the Community Advisory Committee – ACTION**

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

Diana Labaro spoke to her interests and qualifications for serving on the CAC as the District 11 representative.

Commissioner Chen stated that Ms. Labaro was an Excelsior resident, mother, and daily transit rider and said that, as a member of the CAC, she looked forward to representing working families navigating the city on public transportation. She explained that Ms. Labaro was committed to community engagement and amplifying transit riders' voices, and said that her interests included the needs of young people and working families who used public transportation, accessibility for people with disabilities, bicycle and pedestrian safety, and opportunities to improve service on specific transit lines.

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

The item was approved without objection by the following vote:

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

Absent: Commissioners Chan and Fielder (2)

**5. State and Federal Legislation Update – INFORMATION**

Items 9, 10, and 11 were presented before Item 5.

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

There was no public comment.

**6. Allocate \$350,000 in Prop L Funds, with Conditions, for Two Requests – ACTION**

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

Commissioner Walton asked why the Transportation Authority was being asked to pay for the curbside charging project.

Nicole Appenzeller, San Francisco Environment Department's Senior Clean Transportation Specialist, explained that the City was transitioning from the curbside EV charging pilot to a permanent program following significant interest from private vendors. She stated that the permanent program was structured so vendors would pay for the program, but that the requested planning support would help City staff set up the program. She added that, once the program launched in the summer, vendors would pay for installation, operation, maintenance, and associated permit fees, which would support ongoing staff administration throughout the life of the program.

Commissioner Walton asked why SFMTA was not paying for the program.

Elena Baranoff, Principal Administrative Analyst at SFMTA, explained that SFMTA was not in a position to pay for charger installation due to fiscal constraints and that the funding was intended to help launch the permanent application process. She stated that operator and site permit fees would help offset staff costs associated with establishing the



program, and once the chargers were installed, operators would manage them with oversight from SFMTA.

Commissioner Walton stated that he was curious, but that he did not necessarily have concerns, noting that the amount requested was only \$150,000.

There was no public comment.

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

The item was approved without objection by the following vote:

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

Absent: Commissioner Fielder (1)

**7. Approve Programming Priorities for Up to \$4,548,974 in San Francisco's State Transit Assistance County Block Grant Funds, with Conditions – ACTION**

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

Vice Chair Sauter asked for confirmation that the County Block Grant funds were funded by diesel taxes and asked how certain the funding was given discussions by leading gubernatorial candidates about suspending or eliminating those taxes. He asked how staff would shift course if the funding were suspended or eliminated completely.

Mr. Pickford confirmed that the funding source was specifically a diesel sales tax. He stated that staff could not speculate on future political decisions. However, he noted that the revenues under consideration were for Fiscal Year 2026/2027, so a policy change during the fiscal year could result in reduced revenues and staff would need to consider how to respond if revenues come in below the 95% projection.

There was no public comment.

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

The item was approved without objection by the following vote:

Ayes: Commissioners Chan, Chen, Dorsey, Mahmood, Melgar, Sauter, Sherrill, Walton, and Wong (9)

Absent: Commissioners Fielder and Mandelman (2)

**8. Amend the Prop L Standard Grant Agreement for the Woods/Islais Creek Yard Electrification Phase I Project to Update the Project Scope, Schedule, Cost, and Funding Plan; and Change the Project Phase from Design to Construction – ACTION**

Erin Slichter, Transportation Planner, presented the item per the staff memorandum.

There was no public comment.

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

The item was approved without objection by the following vote:

Ayes: Commissioners Chan, Chen, Dorsey, Mahmood, Melgar, Sauter, Sherrill, Walton, and Wong (9)



Absent: Commissioners Fielder and Mandelman (2)

9. **Exercise Contract Options for 17 Shortlisted Firms for On-call Project Management and Engineering Services in an Amount Not to Exceed \$2,700,000 for a Combined Total Contract Amount Not to Exceed \$13,400,000; and for 10 Shortlisted Firms for On-call Transportation Planning Services in an Amount Not to Exceed \$1,000,000 for a Combined Total Contract Amount Not to Exceed \$4,000,000 – ACTION**
10. **Amend the Adopted Fiscal Year 2025/26 Budget to Decrease Other Financing Sources by \$50,000,000 for a Total Net Decrease in Fund Balance of \$50,000,000 – ACTION**

Items 9 and 10 were called at the same time.

Cynthia Fong, Deputy Director for Finance and Administration, presented the items per the staff memoranda.

There was no public comment.

Commissioner Walton moved to approve item 9, seconded by Commissioner Chen.

The item was approved without objection by the following vote:

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

Absent: Commissioners Chan and Fielder (2)

Commissioner Chen moved to approve item 10, seconded by Commissioner Mandelman.

The item was approved without objection by the following vote:

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

Absent: Commissioners Chan and Fielder (2)

11. **Preliminary Fiscal Year 2026/27 Budget and Work Program – INFORMATION**

Lily Yu, Finance Manager, and Tilly Chang, Executive Director, presented the item per the staff memorandum.

There was no public comment.

## Other Items

12. **Introduction of New Items - INFORMATION**

There were no new items introduced.

13. **Public Comment**

There was no public comment.

14. **Adjournment**

The meeting was adjourned at 10:57 a.m.