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DRAFT MINUTES

San Francisco County Transportation Authority

Tuesday, July 28, 2026

1. Roll Call

Chair Melgar called the meeting to order at 10:05 a.m.

Present at Roll Call: Commissioners Chen, Dorsey, Melgar, Sauter, Sherrill, and Walton (6)

Absent at Roll Call: Commissioners Chan (entered during Item 12), Fielder (entered during Item 2), Mahmood (entered during Item 2), Mandelman, and Wong (entered during Item 2) (5)

2. Chair's Report – INFORMATION

Chair Melgar reported that the Transportation Authority helped celebrate the completion of the Mission/Geneva Transportation Improvements project, which included safety improvements funded in part by more than $8.6 million from the Transportation Authority's sales tax and Proposition AA vehicle registration fee programs. She stated that local, state, and federal officials responded to traffic congestion and autonomous vehicle (AV) operational challenges following the July 4 fireworks by requesting stronger autonomous vehicle and emergency vehicle coordination standards and new federal legislation addressing AV emergency response. She added that the Transportation Authority looked forward to working with government leaders, public safety partners, and the AV industry to improve coordination and support emergency response as AV technology continued to evolve.

During public comment, Aleta Dupree, Team Folds, stated that transportation and crowd management challenges associated with large events were broader than coordination between autonomous and emergency vehicles and suggested that the city should consider larger-scale transportation solutions, such as expanded subway capacity.

3. Executive Director's Report – INFORMATION

Chair Melgar reported that there would be no verbal presentation of the Executive Director's Report which was posted on the Transportation Authority website, since Director Tilly Chang was representing the Transportation Authority at a press conference where Representative Kevin Mullin would announce the AV Emergency Response Coordination Act and added that she looked forward to receiving an update on the act at the next Board meeting.

There was no public comment.

4. Approve the Minutes of the July 14, 2026 Meeting – ACTION

There was no public comment.

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

The minutes were approved without objection by the following vote:

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

Absent: Commissioners Chan and Mandelman (2)

Consent Agenda

5. [Final Approval] State and Federal Legislation Update – ACTION

Positions: Support and Seek Amendments: Senate Bill 1246 (Cortese)

6. [Final Approval] Allocate $3,055,000 and Appropriate $125,000 in Prop L Funds, with Conditions, for Six Requests — ACTION

Projects: Prop L: SFPW: Street Repair and Cleaning Equipment ($300,000), Public Sidewalk and Curb Repair ($768,000), Curb Ramps ($1,212,000), Visitacion Avenue Bike and Pedestrian Safety Improvements ($250,000). SFMTA: Safe Streets Evaluation Program ($400,000). Multi-Sponsor: Neighborhood Transportation Program Coordination (SFCTA $125,000, SFMTA $125,000).

7. [Final Approval] Approve the Fiscal Year 2026/27 Transportation Fund for Clean Air Program of Projects, Totaling $2,496,917, with Conditions – ACTION

8. [Final Approval] Amend the Prop K Standard Grant Agreements for the Visitacion Valley & Portola Community Based Transportation Plan (Plan) Implementation [NTIP Capital] to Update the Scope, Schedule, Cost, and Funding Plan; and Release $435,000 on Reserve to Implement Plan Recommendations – ACTION

9. [Final Approval] Adopt the Laguna Honda Gondola Feasibility Study Final Report – ACTION

10. [Final Approval] Award a Three-Year Professional Services Contract with an Option to Extend for Two Additional One-Year Periods, to Crowe LLP in an Amount Not to Exceed $340,000 for Annual Audit Services – ACTION

11. [Final Approval] Ratify Debt, Investment, and Procurement Policies – ACTION

There was no public comment.

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

The Consent Agenda was approved without objection by the following vote:

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

Absent: Commissioners Chan and Mandelman (2)

End of Consent Agenda

12. Caltrain Financial Outlook – INFORMATION

Martin Reyes, Principal Transportation Planner, Government Affairs, presented an update on the transit fiscal cliff.

Michelle Bouchard, Executive Director at Caltrain, provided introductory remarks for the Caltrain Financial Outlook presentation and Devon Ryan, Government and Community Affairs Manager at Caltrain, presented the item.

Chair Melgar acknowledged Commissioner Walton's years of service on the Caltrain Board representing San Francisco.

Commissioner Walton stated that Caltrain was important to the region and that passage of the November ballot measures was necessary to avoid service reductions, fare increases, and downsizing. He said that significant work went into the electrification of Caltrain services and that increased revenue was needed to sustain those investments and support continued growth. He thanked Caltrain staff for their work before and during the pandemic.

Chair Melgar asked whether, in addition to cost reductions, Caltrain was exploring other revenue sources such as fare increases or development opportunities.

Ms. Bouchard stated that Caltrain was evaluating and pursuing opportunities such as charter trains, naming rights, development opportunities, and leveraging private investment. She explained that these efforts would diversify revenue but would not fully close the projected funding shortfalls. She added that Caltrain was reducing its reliance on fare revenue to lessen the impact of sudden declines in ridership.

During public comment, Aleta Dupree, Team Folds, stated that Caltrain had national and international significance and described her experiences using transit. She added that the Bay Area depended on Caltrain and that Caltrain should not be allowed to decline.

13. Investment Report and Debt Expenditure Report for the Quarter Ended June 30, 2026 – INFORMATION

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

There was no public comment.

Other Items

14. Introduction of New Items – INFORMATION

There were no new items introduced.

15. Public Comment

During public comment, Aleta Dupree, Team Folds, stated that she was a longtime public transportation user and that well-maintained transit systems required continued stewardship and investment to remain reliable. She explained that BART was crowded but functioned well and added that maintaining public transportation was important to keep people interested in using it. She stated that she preferred using autonomous vehicles to driving in San Francisco and said that reliable transportation benefited residents and visitors.

16. Adjournment

The meeting was adjourned at 10:40 a.m.