



# DRAFT MINUTES

## SAN FRANCISCO COUNTY TRANSPORTATION AUTHORITY

Tuesday, April 22, 2014

### 1. **Roll Call**

Chair Avalos called the meeting to order at 11:06 a.m. The following members were:

Present at Roll Call: Commissioners Avalos, Breed, Cohen, Mar, Tang, Wiener and Yee (7)

Absent at Roll Call: Commissioners Campos, Chiu, Farrell and Kim (4)

### 2. **Approval of Minutes for March 25, 2014 Meeting – ACTION**

There was no public comment.

The minutes were adopted by the following vote:

Ayes: Commissioners Avalos, Breed, Chiu, Cohen, Mar, Tang, Wiener and Yee (8)

Absent: Commissioners Campos, Farrell and Kim (3)

### 3. **Chair's Report – INFORMATION**

Chair Avalos wished everyone a Happy Earth Day. He commended Walk San Francisco and everyone who participated in Walk to Work Day on April 11. He encouraged everyone to take part in Bike to Work day on May 8. He said that 5,700 people took part in the Walk to Work Day event, nearly tripling last year's numbers. He stated that he and his staff had walked from the Excelsior and enjoyed the opportunity to exercise and experience San Francisco's transportation system from a pedestrian's point of view. He noted that it was an opportunity to be reminded about the need to ensure that there were safe and attractive walking routes in every neighborhood citywide. He said that unfortunately, this was a reminder that the need was as urgent as ever. He stated that Walk to Work Day was only one day after the inaugural meeting of the Vision Zero Committee on April 10, just two hours after a three-year old boy was hit in the Outer Richmond and hospitalized with critical injuries. He thanked Commissioners Kim and Yee for leading the committee and the city agencies and community for coming together to make commitments and to start delivering results. He underscored that they all had a lot of work to do and must stay focused at all levels, but the signs of progress were encouraging. Chair Avalos also reported that two people were seriously injured in his district on Friday from a car colliding with a Muni stop, demonstrating that even sidewalks could be unsafe. He said that much could be done in terms of safety education for drivers.

Chair Avalos stated that he was glad to see the San Francisco Municipal Transportation Agency's (SFMTA's) list of 24 projects was out for review. He thanked Ed Reiskin, Director of Transportation at SFMTA, and other department heads for prioritizing this effort. He

added that the Transportation Authority was prioritizing funding and making its staff resources available to help deliver projects across the city. He cited the Prop AA program as an example, which this month was proposed to fund two really great projects -- UC Hastings' McAllister Street Campus Streetscape project and the SFMTA's Webster Street Pedestrian Countdown Signals, both of which were on the WalkFirst network of high-injury corridors. Chair Avalos thank Maria Lombardo and Anna LaForte, who lead the Policy and Programming Division, and their staff for working with sponsoring organizations and the community to prioritize \$1.4 million in Prop AA funds for these two projects.

Chair Avalos thanked SFMTA Director of Transit (Muni) John Haley and his staff, who generously spent the afternoon last Friday providing him, Commissioner Mar, and their staff an in-depth tour of several Muni bus and light rail transit maintenance facilities across the city. He reported that they saw first-hand how maintenance workers and transit operators faced a tremendous challenge each day in getting the service out amidst the crowded and outdated conditions at many of the Muni facilities. He said he was struck by the need for investment at the Green Yard at Balboa Park and the Potrero Division Yard in particular, which housed the light rail vehicles (LRV), historic rail cars and trolley-bus fleet. He explained that at the Green Yard, Muni employees were fabricating spare parts that were no longer available from the manufacturer, and at the Potrero Division Yard, workers climbed into outdated pits beneath vehicles because the facilities lacked hoists to lift them up when they need to work on the undercarriage. He said that fortunately, the Prop K sales tax was helping to address these needs. He said that they toured the Prop K-funded Muni Metro East which was a modern facility for the LRV fleet and which would alleviate the burdens of the Green Yard soon. He said that the Transportation Authority was also funding the Islais Creek project that would add storage and maintenance facilities for the 40- and 60-ft motor coaches as well as the new bus rapid transit lines. He commented the Central Control and Radio Replacement funds would assist Muni supervisors and operators with state-of-the-art Intelligent Transportation Systems for driver communications and vehicle reliability. Chair Avalos stated that he looked forward to seeing more improvements being delivered when the Transportation Authority updated its Prop K Strategic Plan this summer and sought new transportation revenues this fall.

There was no public comment.

#### 4. **Executive Director's Report – INFORMATION**

Tilly Chang, Executive Director, presented the Executive Director's Report. Ms. Chang introduced David Uniman, the Transportation Authority's new Deputy Director for Planning.

Chair Avalos welcomed Mr. Uniman to the Transportation Authority. He noted that Mr. Uniman had already visited District 11 at least twice, with one of those visits being his participation in the Town Hall meeting on April 10. Chair Avalos thanked Mr. Uniman for hitting the ground running.

There was no public comment.

#### **Items from the Finance Committee**

#### 5. **Adopt Positions on State Legislation – ACTION**

There was no public comment. This item was approved without objection.

The item was adopted by the following vote:

Ayes: Commissioners Avalos, Breed, Campos, Chiu, Cohen, Farrell, Kim, Mar, Tang, Wiener and Yee (11)

#### **Items from the Plans and Programs Committee**

6. **Appoint Margie Hom Brown and Jonathan Foerster to the Geary Corridor Bus Rapid Transit Citizens Advisory Committee – ACTION**

There was no public comment. This item was approved without objection.

The item was adopted by the following vote:

Ayes: Commissioners Avalos, Breed, Campos, Chiu, Cohen, Farrell, Kim, Mar, Tang, Wiener and Yee (11)

7. **Approve the 2014 Prop AA Call For Projects Programming Recommendations and Amend the Prop AA Strategic Plan – ACTION**

There was no public comment. This item was approved without objection.

The item was adopted by the following vote:

Ayes: Commissioners Avalos, Breed, Campos, Chiu, Cohen, Farrell, Kim, Mar, Tang, Wiener and Yee (11)

8. **Allocate \$950,000 in Prop K Funds, with Conditions, for Two Requests, Subject to the Attached Fiscal Year Cash Flow Distribution Schedules, and Amend the Bicycle Circulation/Safety 5-Year Prioritization Program – ACTION**

There was no public comment. This item was approved without objection.

The item was adopted by the following vote:

Ayes: Commissioners Avalos, Breed, Campos, Chiu, Cohen, Farrell, Kim, Mar, Tang, Wiener and Yee (11)

#### **Other Items**

9. **Introduction of New Items – INFORMATION**

There were no new items or public comment.

10. **Public Comment**

There was no public comment.

11. **Adjournment**

The meeting was adjourned at 11:30 a.m.