



# *DRAFT MINUTES*

## SAN FRANCISCO COUNTY TRANSPORTATION AUTHORITY

Tuesday, September 23, 2014

### 1. **Roll Call**

Chair Avalos called the meeting to order at 11:09 a.m. The following members were:

Present at Roll Call: Commissioners Avalos, Breed, Chiu, Cohen, Mar, Tang, Wiener and Yee (8)

Absent at Roll Call: Commissioners Campos (entered during Item 12), Farrell and Kim (entered during Item 3) (3)

### 2. **Approve the Minutes of the July 22, 2014 Meeting – ACTION**

During public comment, Andrew Yip commented on the BART route from El Cerrito del Norte to The Embarcadero. He noted there were potential changes coming to the BART Board. He added that the consolidated general election was coming up in November.

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 expressed his condolences to the family of Pei Fong Yim, a 78-year-old grandmother who was struck and killed by a driver while she was using the crosswalk at Sacramento and Stockton Streets in Chinatown the weekend prior. He underscored the urgency for work to be done to change the traffic safety conditions on San Francisco's streets. He said that the Transportation Authority's Vision Zero Committee would be hearing from City agencies and doing what it could to help in the areas of enforcement, education and on-street capital improvements.

Chair Avalos reported that Governor Brown signed Senate Bill 1183, which approved the Three Feet for Safety Act, requiring drivers to maintain a distance of at least three feet when passing bicyclists. He explained that if a driver was not able to pass without granting three feet clearance due to roadway or traffic conditions, s/he must slow to a reasonable and prudent speed and pass only when safe. He thanked Senator DeSaulnier and Governor Brown for this legislation. He added the Governor also signed Assembly Bill 141, which established the Transportation Authority as the Treasure Island Mobility Management Agency (TIMMA) to be a separate legal entity, providing a firewall to voter-approved Prop K and Prop AA programs from the future operations of the new TIMMA. He thanked Assemblymember Ammiano for his leadership of this initiative.

Chair Avalos highlighted that over summer, he had the opportunity to tour the Yerba Buena Islands East Side Ramps with Executive Director Tilly Chang and Chief Deputy Director Maria Lombardo, guided by project manager Eric Cordoba. He said that this \$50 million complex project was on schedule and within budget under difficult site conditions, and as a result of the experienced construction team's hard work, there was greater than anticipated Disadvantaged Business Enterprise participation in the project and coordination was proceeding smoothly with the California Department of Transportation and Treasure Island Development Authority. Chair Avalos recognized another hardworking project team led by Senior Engineer Liz Rutman, who was managing construction of the Folsom Street Off-Ramp Realignment project. He said that he appreciated the excellent communications work to let the public know about the closure and planned detours in the area.

Chair Avalos noted that he was delighted to see Prop K funding for Persia Triangle improvements on that day's agenda and thanked the San Francisco Municipal Transportation Agency (SFMTA) and the Planning Department for their work on this project. He said that over the past weekend, he was happy to gather with District 11 neighbors and community members – some of whom worked with staff on the Mission-Geneva Neighborhood Transportation Plan that identified this project years ago – to install plantings for the new plazas. He said that the project looked great and was already making a huge difference in the streetscape for this underserved area.

Chair Avalos congratulated the SFMTA on its successful procurement of Muni's next generation light rail vehicle (LRV) fleet. He thanked Commissioner Breed for sponsoring the approval legislation for the contract, and the Mayor and the Board of Supervisors for supporting this \$1.2 billion investment. He said that as many San Francisco residents could attest, Muni's existing 151 LRVs were prone to breakdowns and maintenance issues, which often negatively impact transit service. He said that more than any other investment, acquiring new LRVs would help increase Muni's reliability and reduce travel times – making Muni a more attractive travel option. He said this was why the largest programmatic category in the Prop K Expenditure Plan was for transit vehicle replacement. He noted that over the next five years, Prop K would provide \$4.6 million in local match funds from this category for the first batch of 24 (expansion) LRVs for the Central Subway line. He added that beyond that, Prop K was poised to provide an additional \$130 million in local match funds towards replacement of all 151 existing LRVs. He thanked Ms. Lombardo, Deputy Director for Policy and Programming Anna LaForte, Deputy Director for Capital Projects Lee Saage, and consultant Luis Zurinaga for their work and assistance to SFMTA on this tremendous investment.

During public comment, Andrew Yip commented that there was an event in Japantown on October 5.

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

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

Commissioner Mar thanked Ms. Chang and staff for their work. He highlighted that Ms. Chang's report helped to provide global, national and local context for the Board's various efforts within and outside of the San Francisco and served as a basis for comparison with the work of other cities. He expressed appreciation for the Prop K Expenditure Plan, the work of the staff in coordination with the other agencies and communities, and the leadership of Ms. Chang.

During public comment, Andrew Yip commented on the construction in Chinatown.

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

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

There was no public comment.

This item was approved without objection by the following vote:

Ayes: Commissioners Avalos, Breed, Chiu, Cohen, Kim, Mar, Tang, Wiener, and Yee  
(9)

Absent: Commissioners Campos and Farrell (2)

6. **Authorize the Executive Director to Execute all Master Agreements, Program Supplemental Agreements, Fund Exchange Agreements, Fund Transfer Agreements, Cooperative Agreements and Any Amendments Thereto Between the Transportation Authority and the California Department of Transportation for Receipt of Federal and State Funds, including an Agreement for a Partnership Planning Grant to Support the San Francisco Freeway Performance Initiative Study; the Planning, Programming and Monitoring Program; and the Yerba Buena Island Interchange Improvement – ACTION**

During public comment, Andrew Yip commented on San Francisco's cultural centers.

This item was approved without objection by the following vote:

Ayes: Commissioners Avalos, Breed, Chiu, Cohen, Kim, Mar, Tang, Wiener, and Yee  
(9)

Absent: Commissioners Campos and Farrell (2)

7. **Award a 12-Month Contract to Parsons Brinckerhoff, Inc. in an Amount Not to Exceed \$250,000, for System Engineering Services for the Treasure Island Mobility Management Program and Authorize the Executive Director to Negotiate Contract Payment Terms and Non-Material Contract Terms and Conditions – ACTION**

During public comment, Andrew Yip commented on Chinatown's banks.

Chair Avalos reminded the public that public comments needed to be relevant to the subject item.

This item was approved without objection by the following vote:

Ayes: Commissioners Avalos, Breed, Chiu, Cohen, Kim, Mar, Tang, Wiener, and Yee  
(9)

Absent: Commissioners Campos and Farrell (2)

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

8. **Appoint Brian Larkin to the Citizens Advisory Committee – ACTION**

There was no public comment.

This item was approved without objection by the following vote:

Ayes: Commissioners Avalos, Breed, Chiu, Cohen, Kim, Mar, Tang, Wiener, and Yee

(9)

Absent: Commissioners Campos and Farrell (2)

9. **Adopt the 2014 Prop K Bus Rapid Transit/Transit Preferential Streets/Muni Metro Network 5-Year Prioritization Program (5YPP) and the Amendment of the 2014 Prop K Transit Enhancements and BART Station Access, Safety and Capacity 5YPPs – ACTION**

During public comment, Craig Raphael, Transportation Planner with the San Francisco Municipal Transportation Agency (SFMTA), thanked staff for working closely with the SFMTA to develop the 5YPPs, noting that the process was much improved over prior years. He added that from the SFMTA's sponsor perspective, the 5YPP was a value tool to help deliver projects quickly. He also thanked the Citizens Advisory Committee for its thoughtful input throughout the process.

This item was approved without objection by the following vote:

Ayes: Commissioners Avalos, Breed, Chiu, Cohen, Kim, Mar, Tang, Wiener, and Yee  
(9)

Absent: Commissioners Campos and Farrell (2)

10. **Allocate \$2,585,414 in Prop K Funds, with Conditions, and Appropriation of \$928,415 in Prop K Funds, with Conditions, for Eight Requests, Subject to the Attached Fiscal Year Cash Flow Distribution Schedules – ACTION**

There was no public comment.

This item was approved without objection by the following vote:

Ayes: Commissioners Avalos, Breed, Chiu, Cohen, Kim, Mar, Tang, Wiener, and Yee  
(9)

Absent: Commissioners Campos and Farrell (2)

11. **Adopt the 2014 Prop K Strategic Plan – ACTION**

There was no public comment.

This item was approved without objection by the following vote:

Ayes: Commissioners Avalos, Breed, Chiu, Cohen, Kim, Mar, Tang, Wiener, and Yee  
(9)

Absent: Commissioners Campos and Farrell (2)

## **Other Items**

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

There were no new items or public comment.

13. **Public Comment**

During public comment, Andrew Yip commented on the law.

14. **Adjournment**

The meeting was adjourned at 11:46 a.m.