



DRAFT MINUTES

SAN FRANCISCO COUNTY TRANSPORTATION AUTHORITY

Tuesday, December 11, 2018

1. Roll Call

Chair Peskin called the meeting to order at 10:09 a.m.

Present at Roll Call: Commissioners Brown, Fewer, Kim, Mandelman, Peskin, Ronen, Stefani, and Yee (8)

Absent at Roll Call: Commissioners Safai (entered during Item 3), Tang (entered during Item 3) and Cohen (entered during Item 13) (3)

Chair Peskin called Item 2 after Item 3.

2. Chair's Report – INFORMATION

Chair Peskin thanked the Board and Transportation Authority staff for a productive year and highlighted the arrival of new Muni buses, Light Rail Vehicles, and Bay Area Rapid Transit (BART) cars. He thanked Commissioners Tang, Kim and Yee for the respective leadership on Safe Routes to School, Treasure Island Mobility Management Agency and Vision Zero. He recapped the Board's policy conversations around emerging mobility and development of a new Transportation Network Company tax. Chair Peskin also thanked departing Commissioners Tang, Kim and Cohen for their service to the Transportation Authority.

Director Chang echoed Chair Peskin comments regarding departing Commissioners Tang, Kim and Cohen and highlighted their leadership on the Board and Transportation Authority Committees.

There was no public comment.

Chair Peskin called Item 3 before Item 2.

3. Executive Director's Report – INFORMATION

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

There was no public comment.

Consent Agenda

4. Approve the Minutes of the December 4, 2018 Meeting – ACTION
5. [Final Approval] Reappoint Becky Hogue to the Citizens Advisory Committee – ACTION
6. [Final Approval] Allocate \$25,847,913 in Prop K Sales Tax Funds, with Conditions for Eight Requests – ACTION
7. [Final Approval] Direct Staff to Advance the Proposed Scope of Work and Seek Additional

Funding for a Congestion Pricing Study Update – ACTION

8. **[Final Approval] Approve San Francisco’s State Transit Assistance County Block Grant Framework for Fiscal Years 2018/19 and 2019/20 – ACTION**
9. **[Final Approval] Adopt the District 10 Mobility Study [NTIP Planning] Final Report – ACTION**
10. **[Final Approval] Approve the Revised Debt and Investment Policies – ACTION**

There was no public comment.

Commissioner Safai moved to approve the Consent Agenda, seconded by Commissioner Yee.

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

Ayes: Commissioners Brown, Fewer, Kim, Mandelman, Peskin, Ronen, Safai, Stefani, Tang and Yee (10)

Absent: Commissioner Cohen (1)

End of Consent Agenda

11. **Appoint One Member to the Citizens Advisory Committee – ACTION**

There was no public comment.

Commissioner Kim moved to continue the item, seconded by Commissioner Ronen.

The item was continued without objection by the following vote:

Ayes: Commissioners Brown, Fewer, Kim, Mandelman, Peskin, Ronen, Safai, Stefani, Tang and Yee (10)

Absent: Commissioner Cohen (1)

12. **Major Capital Project Update - Better Market Street - INFORMATION**

Cristina Calderon Olea, Project Manager at San Francisco Public Works, presented the item.

Commissioner Kim asked for an explanation regarding the scope item which included the installation of closed caption television cameras on Market Street.

Ms. Olea said the San Francisco Municipal Transportation Agency (SFMTA) used the cameras at their transportation management center to see traffic conditions in real-time.

Commissioner Kim asked if cameras could be freely placed on city streets.

Ms. Olea replied in the affirmative and said the cameras were used for traffic monitoring, not enforcement.

Commissioner Kim asked if an upgrade to an SFMTA power substation was a significant component of the original budget.

Ms. Olea replied in the affirmative and said it was \$100 million of the \$604 million budget.

Commissioner Kim asked how the power substation was going to be funded and where it went along the breakdown of the project scope.

Amy Lam, Project Manager at the SFMTA, said that after additional project development work, the team had determined that SFMTA did not need the new substation that was currently in the scope. Rather, she said the SFMTA’s future plan was to focus on upgrading existing SFMTA power

substations and make sure the upgrade of the current two substations would be in the program.

Commissioner Kim noted that last year there was an urgency to fund a power substation that would benefit thousands of Muni buses and asked if that line of thinking had since changed.

Ms. Lam replied that SFMTA engineers had reported that a new power substation was no longer required at the Hallidie Plaza.

Commissioner Kim noted that items from the previous budget, such as the power substation, had been removed and requested a copy of the new budget.

Ms. Olea said the power substation request was the largest component that had fallen off the budget and said the project team was constantly looking for ways to cut costs. She said the new budget was \$503 million for the project, including State of Good Repair.

Commissioner Kim asked for a breakdown of the current budget.

Ms. Olea said the majority of the cost was for transit infrastructure, with \$242 million for transit improvements, including the new Muni F Line Loop.

Commissioner Kim asked if the replacement of the traction power system was still a priority for the project.

Ms. Olea replied in the affirmative and said it was part of the substation upgrades of existing Muni substations. She added that the traction power was connected in and out of the substations.

Commissioner Kim asked how much of the transit infrastructure improvements were going to get prioritized in Phase one of the project.

Ms. Olea said there would be components of all of the project in Phase One and it would be a full scope for two blocks. She added that the project team was looking at extending Phase One of 5th street and hoping to get three blocks of the project complete. She said all the State of Good Repair and infrastructure improvements would be seen along Market between 8th and 6th streets, with the potential expansion to 5th Street.

Commissioner Kim asked if any State of Good Repair work east of 5th Street was critical and if that work should be included in Phase One of the project.

Ms. Olea said one of the reasons to go to 5th Street was because it would allow SFMTA to upgrade or replace the BART grates in the intersection of 5th and Market streets. She added that the BART ventilation grates at 5th and Market were something SFMTA wanted to replace as soon as possible and would be a partnership with BART. She said all of the other State of Good Repair work would happen in Phase One which included repaving and upgrading curb ramps, tracks, the Overhead Contact System, traffic signals and sewer and water lines.

Commissioner Kim asked if there were any critical State of Good Repairs east of 5th Street that needed to be addressed. She said State of Good Repairs were invisible to constituents but kept the city moving. She added that she wanted to make sure that the project team was not putting off critical improvements for State of Good Repairs east of 5th Street for the sake of phasing the project in.

Ms. Olea noted that the cycle-track, not State of Good Repair work, would be responsible for helping separate bicycles from other vehicles and improving safety. She said that the project team was working very hard to try and get additional funding to stretch the project beyond Phase One and added that Public Works had done interim paving in the curb lanes to try and repair some of

the worst areas. She noted that pavement along Market Street, that was paved two or three years ago, was already deteriorating.

Commissioner Kim stated that she must not be asking her question clearly and said she was glad that the cycle-track was a priority because it was not a pleasant bike ride east of 5th street. She reiterated her question asking if there were critical Phase One needs for infrastructure improvements east of 5th Street.

Ms. Olea said repaving and bike lanes were the most critical but noted that all the infrastructure needed to be updated. She added that most of the infrastructure was installed with BART in the seventies and had roughly 10-15 years of useful life remaining for both the track and the overhead contact system.

Commissioner Kim said that was the response she was seeking and stated that she wanted to make sure the City was addressing the most critical components versus the more visible components of the project. She said Market Street was a vital corridor for many Muni lines and she would hate to see critical needs unaddressed in Phase One.

There was no public comment.

13. Update on the Transbay Transit Center Girder Fractures and the Study of Governance, Management, Oversight and Delivery of the Downtown Extension –INFORMATION

Eric Cordoba, Deputy Director of Capital Projects, presented the item per the staff memorandum.

Chair Peskin asked if the cause of the girder fractures was known.

Mr. Cordoba said the cause was not known but preliminary findings were being developed. He said the peer review experts and Transbay Joint Powers Authority (TJPA) would address the question at the upcoming TJPA Board meeting.

Chair Peskin asked if it could be speculated when the fixes would be effectuated.

Dennis Turchon, Senior Construction Manager at TJPA, said the TJPA Board was expecting a report at their upcoming meeting that would provide the scope of repair on Fremont street. He said once the report was confirmed by the peer review, the TJPA would be able to identify and procure the type of steel dimensions and move forward with the repair elements. He said once preliminary finding were accepted, a protocol would be developed by the project team. He added that a protocol would then be presented to the peer review for what needed to be looked at throughout the rest of the building. Mr. Turchon said a timeline could not be provided yet because a scope needed to be developed to see if repairs were required throughout any other locations in the building.

There was no public comment.

Items from the Personnel Committee

14. [Final Approval] Approve the Revised Job Classifications, Salary Structure and Updated Organization Chart – ACTION

Chair Peskin reported that the Personnel Committee of the Transportation Authority met the previous week and was recommending approval of a revised job classification salary structure and updated organization chart.

Commissioner Kim thanked Director Chang for her leadership and close communication with the

Board.

There was no public comment.

Commissioner Tang moved to approve the item, seconded by Commissioner Ronen.

The item was approved without objection by the following vote:

Ayes: Commissioners Brown, Cohen, Fewer, Kim, Mandelman, Peskin, Ronen, Safai, Stefani, Tang and Yee (11)

15. [Final Approval] [POTENTIAL CLOSED SESSION] Evaluation of Public Employee Performance and Approve the Executive Director's Performance Objectives for 2019 – ACTION

There was no public comment.

Commissioner Tang moved to approve the item, seconded by Commissioner Ronen.

The item was approved without objection by the following vote:

Ayes: Commissioners Brown, Cohen, Fewer, Kim, Mandelman, Peskin, Ronen, Safai, Stefani, Tang and Yee (11)

16. [Final Approval] Set Annual Compensation for the Executive Director for 2019 – ACTION

Chair Peskin reported that the Personnel Committee recommended a 4.5% salary increase for Director Chang, which was in accord with the other executive directors of similar agencies in the Bay Area and in other transportation authorities.

During public comment, Steve Zeltzer said there were a lot of negotiations coming up with city workers and expected the same type of salary increases for workers of the city and county of San Francisco.

Chair Peskin, in response to public comment, noted that the Transportation Authority was not a city agency, but rather a subdivision of the State of California. He added that the Transportation Authority's salary structure had been revised such that the pay raise approved for the Executive Director was less than the pay raise approved for the rank and file for the 46-member Transportation Authority agency.

Commissioner Cohen moved to approve the item, seconded by Commissioner Brown.

The item was approved without objection by the following vote:

Ayes: Commissioners Brown, Cohen, Fewer, Kim, Mandelman, Peskin, Ronen, Safai, Stefani, Tang and Yee (11)

Other Items

17. Introduction of New Items – INFORMATION

There were no new items introduced.

18. Public Comment

There was no public comment.

Commissioner Cohen thanked Transportation Authority staff and said she was leaving the Board encouraged, because she felt District 10 was moving in the right direction. She thanked the

Transportation Authority's leadership for helping her grow professionally through their collaborative work on projects that had helped change people's lives for the better.

Commissioner Tang echoed Commissioner Cohen's remarks and thanked Transportation Authority staff for their preparedness and attentiveness.

Commissioner Kim thanked the Transportation Authority staff for their imagination and passion towards transportation and policy. She noted staff attentiveness and efforts to ensure the Board was not surprised about upcoming projects and policies. She added that she looked forward to their continued work as a citizen.

Director Chang thanked Commissioners Cohen, Tang and Kim for their kind words and stated that their leadership allowed the Transportation Authority to deliver for the city, region and state.

19. Adjournment

The meeting was adjourned at 11:03 a.m.