

SAN FRANCISCO BAY AREA WATER EMERGENCY TRANSPORTATION AUTHORITY
MINUTES OF THE BOARD OF DIRECTORS MEETING

[January 9, 2025]

The Board of Directors of the San Francisco Bay Area Water Emergency Transportation Authority met in regular session at the Port of San Francisco at Pier 1, San Francisco, CA and via videoconference.

1. CALL TO ORDER

Chair James Wunderman called the meeting to order at 1:00 p.m.

2. ROLL CALL

Chair James Wunderman, Vice Chair Monique Moyer, Director Jessica Alba, and Director Pippin Dew were in attendance.

Chair Wunderman led the Pledge of Allegiance. He welcomed directors, staff, and meeting guests and noted that the meeting was being conducted in person and by videoconference and was being recorded. He advised guests about offering public comment and how guests could sign up to speak throughout the meeting.

3. REPORT OF BOARD CHAIR

Chair Wunderman expressed interest in scheduling some future Board of Directors' meetings in other communities served by SF Bay Ferry.

Chair Wunderman reported that the Metropolitan Transportation Commission decided to include Redwood City Terminal and Service Project in Plan Bay Area 2050 (Plan) after initial reluctance. He thanked the collaborative efforts of Redwood City residents, organized labor, and the community, noting the project's importance and existing funding from Redwood City and San Mateo County.

Chair Wunderman said that he was encouraged by the double-digit growth in ridership.

4. REPORTS OF DIRECTORS

Vice Chair Moyer offered her New Year's greeting. She acknowledged the challenges faced by many California residents due to the recent fires and noted the impact on the many lives the fire affected and the supply chain.

The Directors thanked the stakeholders for their efforts related to the Redwood City Terminal and Service Project's inclusion in the Plan.

5. REPORTS OF STAFF

Executive Director Seamus Murphy thanked Government and Regulatory Affairs Manager Lauren Gularte and her team for their work in organizing and coordinating with the San Mateo County stakeholders.

Mr. Murphy provided an update on the system integration work for the SF Bay Ferry's Rapid Electric Emission-Free (REEF) Ferry Program. He introduced Senior Project Manager Jan Rybka and Aurora Marine Design Principal Shaun Green to provide a quick overview of the work on the

REEF program. They shared their presentation that included a project status update, challenges and solutions, WETA standards, the evaluation process, and next phase considerations. Director of Operations and Customer Experience Thomas Hall reported on the success of the Richmond Free Ferry Friday promotion.

Ms. Gulate provided verbal federal and state legislative updates. She added that SF Bay Ferry would remain a client of longtime SF Bay Ferry lobbyist Ray Bucheger who launched new firm Accelerate Strategies in 2024 acquiring much of FBB Federal Relations' client portfolio.

Transportation Planner Gabriel Chan noted that going forward that ridership and operations and reliability would be reported separately. He said that the ridership report would include data from the prior month but that the operations and reliability report would have a one-month lag which required more analysis. Mr. Chan reported that ridership was higher than budgeted projection and represented approximately 84 percent of pre-pandemic ridership.

Director Dew suggested partnering with realtor associations who can provide transit options and information to new homeowners as an opportunity to grow ridership.

Mr. Murphy confirmed that staff is working on marketing to new homeowners, concluded the Executive Director's report, and offered to answer questions.

The Directors thanked staff for their in-depth reports and updates.

PUBLIC COMMENT

Carl Mulligan spoke during the public comment period about the agency's fleet planning strategies.

Chair Wunderman suggested that a future agenda include a discussion about fleet planning.

6. CONSENT CALENDAR

Vice Chair Moyer made a motion to approve the consent calendar:

- a. Approve Board Meeting Minutes – December 12, 2024
- b. Item 6b – removed from Consent Calendar

Chair Wunderman called for public comments, and there were none.

Director Alba seconded the motion, and the consent calendar carried unanimously.

Yeas: Alba, Dew, Moyer, Wunderman. Nays: None. Absent: DelBono.

- b. Authorize the Submittal of an Application with the Metropolitan Transportation Commission for \$14,141,000 in Regional Measure 3 Capital Funds

Chief Executive Officer Erin McGrath said two corrections were made on the resolution.

Director Dew made a motion to adopt Resolution No. 2025-01 approving this item.

Chair Wunderman called for public comments, and there were none.

Director Alba seconded the motion, and the consent calendar carried unanimously.

Yeas: Alba, Dew, Moyer, Wunderman. Nays: None. Absent: DelBono.

7. AUTHORIZE FIFTH AMENDMENT TO AGREEMENT WITH MANSFIELD OIL COMPANY OF GAINESVILLE, INC. FOR FUEL AND FUEL DELIVERY SERVICES CONTRACT

Director of Project Delivery and Engineering Timothy Hanners presented this item recommending authorizing the Executive Director to execute the fifth amendment to SF Bay Ferry's agreement with Mansfield Oil Company of Gainesville, Inc. to extend the term of the agreement by six months, with six additional one-month extensions if needed.

Director Alba made a motion to adopt Resolution No. 2025-02 approving this item.

Chair Wunderman called for public comments, and there were none.

Director Dew seconded the motion, and the item passed unanimously.

Yeas: Alba, Dew, Moyer, Wunderman. Nays: None. Absent: DelBono.

8. APPROVE WETA'S 2025 LEGISLATIVE PROGRAM

Government and Regulatory Affairs Specialist Terence Candell presented this item recommending approving WETA's 2025 Legislative Program.

Chair Wunderman commented that SF Bay Ferry was more than just a transportation agency and suggested focusing on opportunities for landside development to advance agency goals.

Government and Regulatory Affairs Manager Lauren Gularte clarified sections of the Legislative Program meant to provide that direction.

Director Alba made a motion to adopt Resolution No. 2025-03 approving this item.

Chair Wunderman called for public comments, and there were none.

Director Dew seconded the motion, and the item passed unanimously.

Yeas: Alba, Dew, Moyer, Wunderman. Nays: None. Absent: DelBono.

9. PUBLIC COMMENTS FOR NON-AGENDA ITEMS

With all business concluded, Chair Wunderman adjourned the meeting at 2:24 p.m.

- Board Secretary

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