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**City and County of San Francisco
Commission on the Environment
Policy Committee***

MEETING MINUTES DRAFT

**Monday, July 12, 2021 at 5:00 PM
Remote meeting via web conference**

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COMMITTEE MEMBERS: Commissioners Mike Sullivan (Chair), Eddie Ahn, and Johanna Wald.

ORDER OF BUSINESS

Public comment will be taken before the Committee takes action on any item.

1. Call to Order and Roll Call.

The meeting of the Commission on the Environment Policy Committee was convened at 5:05 p.m.

Present: Commissioners Mike Sullivan and Johanna Wald

Excused: Commissioner Eddie Ahn

2. Approval of minutes of the June 14, 2021 Commission on the Environment Policy Committee meeting. (Explanatory Document: June 14, 2021 Draft Minutes) (Discussion and Possible Action)

There was no public comment.

Upon a motion by Commissioner Wald and a second by Commissioner Sullivan the minutes were approved without objection. (Ayes: Commissioners Sullivan and Wald; Noes: None; Absent: Commissioner Ahn).

3. General Public Comment. Members of the public may address the Committee on matters that are within the Committee's jurisdiction and are not on today's agenda.

There was no public comment.

4. Update on SFCTA Congestion Management Initiative. Sponsor: Deborah Raphael, Director; Speaker: Rachel Hiatt, San Francisco County Transportation Authority. (Discussion)

Director Raphael introduced the agenda item.

Rachel Hiatt gave an overview of the initiative and presented the updated recommendations.

Commissioner Wald asked if there is anything the Commission could do to help this initiative move forward. She also asked if disabled people would be able to choose which fee they pay and how effective the discounts will be in deterring drivers.

Rachel said that there is a seat for the Commission on the initiative's Policy Advisory Committee. She added that people would be able to choose their discount if they qualify for multiple. Rachel also said that some of the discounts might not lead to greater congestion reductions.

Chair Sullivan asked about changes to the map since the last presentation.

Rachel confirmed that there have been changes and that the western boundary moved east. She added that keeping the central freeway on and off ramps are still recommended and that the southern boundary moved due to feedback from communities.

Chair Sullivan asked if drivers remaining on the freeways would need to pay the fee.

Rachel confirmed that if drivers stay on the freeways, then they would not have to pay the fee.

Chair Sullivan asked how drivers from outside of San Francisco would become eligible for discounts.

Rachel said that they would have to later prove that they are eligible for a discount.

Chair Sullivan asked who needs to approve the recommendations.

Rachel said that the recommendations could contain multiple next steps, but the state legislature would potentially need to outline the approval process.

Chair Sullivan asked if there has been consultation with the transportation authority members.

Rachel said that there has been consultation and there will be more with the board members.

Chair Sullivan asked about other cities that have implemented congestion pricing.

Rachel said that there is additional information on their website, but that New York will be the first North American city.

Commissioner Wald asked what the funds generated from this initiative would support.

Rachel said that it could raise \$15M of annual net revenue that could go to improving transit services.

Director Raphael asked to clarify recent congestion trends.

Rachel said that congestion has returned to pre-pandemic levels in certain areas.

Director Raphael asked if the cost of pricing could be reduced due to the changes in congestion.

Rachel said this is true.

Director Raphael asked how the discounts would affect the amount of funding raised.

Rachel said that there would be an increase in base fee if there were additional discounts and driving.

Director Raphael asked how the travel industry or hotel council have responded.

Rachel said that the fees would only apply driving into the city and that there would be a cap on how many times per day the fee would be applied.

5. Presentation on BayREN Microloan Overview and Progress to Date. Sponsor: Deborah Raphael, Director. Speakers: Lowell Chu, Interim Energy Program Manager, and Ryan Ramos, Energy Specialist. (Discussion)

Commissioner Ahn joined the meeting.

Director Raphael introduced the item.

Lowell gave an overview of the program and discussed all the initiatives.

Commissioner Ahn asked if the term "non-energy benefit" is still relevant.

Lowell said that this term is still being used.

Chair Sullivan asked how the Department relates to BayREN.

Lowell said that the Department implements the programs and works with the other counties.

Chair Sullivan asked about peak use plans and if BayREN is working on this.

Lowell said that energy efficiency programs must use generic use trends, but that BayREN commercial would like to use actual use trends of the individual user.

Director Raphael asked about the feedback on the microloan program that grants would be preferred.

Lowell said that the microloan program will still exist in the future but that the cost of the microloan program is being reduced.

There was no public comment.

6. Director's Update. Deborah Raphael, Director (Discussion)

Director Raphael gave updates on legislation at the Board of Supervisors, the Department budget, the Climate Action Plan, and new Commissioner, Austin Hunter.

Chair Sullivan acknowledged the efforts of the advocates when supporting additional funding for the Department. He also expressed pride in the City and its environmental efforts.

There was no public comment.

7. New Business/Future Agenda Items. Charles Sheehan, Chief Policy and Public Affairs Officer (Discussion)

Charles mentioned the dates of the upcoming Commission and Committee meetings as well as potential agenda items.

There was no public comment.

8. Adjournment.

The meeting was adjourned at 6:45 p.m.

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