



**San Francisco Bay Area Rapid Transit District (BART)
Earthquake Safety Program**

Citizens’ Oversight Committee Meeting Minutes

Wednesday, November 7, 2018 4:30 pm

**Conference Room 1700, Kaiser Center Tower, 17th Floor
300 Lakeside Drive, Oakland CA 94612**

Meeting Number	Meeting Date	Meeting Time
Term 6, Meeting 7	November 7, 2018	4:36 pm – 5:04 pm
Attendees	<i>Current Members</i> Derek Schaible, chair Ching Wu Clinton Loftman Sang Bak Lee Karen Varnado, vice chair	<i>BART Representatives</i> Zecharias “Zach” Amare Thomas Horton Rachel Russell Diann Castleberry Bianca Grogan
Agenda Item	Action Taken	
Welcome & Introductions	<p>D. Castleberry called the meeting to order at 4:41 pm.</p> <p>D. Castleberry acknowledged the following BART representatives in attendance: ESP Group Manager Zecharias “Zach” Amare, Group Manager Thomas “Tom” Horton; Senior Planner Rachel Russell (Systems Development/PD&C); Diann Castleberry and Bianca Grogan, The Allen Group (On-Call Community Relations).</p> <p>D. Castleberry took roll call, noted members in attendance and confirmed there was a quorum.</p> <p>D. Castleberry noted there was one member of the public in attendance.</p>	
Informational Report	<p>Transbay Tube (TBT) Earthquake Safety Service Plan: BART Early Bird Express</p> <p>Rachel Russell, Senior Planner, representing Systems Development/Planning, Development & Construction, provided an update on the Service Plan for the TBT.</p> <p>The report is a follow-up to the October 3 meeting and covered the following presentation:</p>	



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On October 25 the Board authorized the General Manager to enter into an agreement with 8 bus operators to implement the Early Bird service (aka 700 series) for bus service between 4am to 5am, replacing train service starting February 11, 2019.

Ms. Russell's presentation covered the following:

- Benefits to the Region
- Upcoming State of Good Repair (SOGR) BART Projects
- Current Real-time Maintenance Availability is Insufficient
- Early Bird Express Bus Network
- Operator Resources
- Outreach
- Next Steps and Schedule

In brief, Ms. Russell shared that the main purpose of this Service Change is to accelerate the completion of the Earthquake Retrofit of the TBT and minimize risk to BART operations; to improve system performance and reliability; enable track access for significantly over needed maintenance work to be completed; and provide responsible and strategic programming of the Measure RR Bond. An increase of one additional hour closure in the nightly maintenance window is expected to result in 12% improvement in contract cost and 25% improvement in construction time over 3.5 years.

Upcoming SOGR Projects include: TBT Generator and Switchgears, Interlocking Rebuild, Rail replacement, Rail reprofile, Joint elimination, 34.5KV cable for the M line, 34.5KV cable (for A, K, R, and C Lines), Tunnel lighting, Tunnel water mitigation, TBT cross passage doors, Substation replacement, Platform edge rehabilitation, Wayside signage updates, Wayside lubricator replacement, Coverboard systemwide, 3rd Rail on A Line, Fire systems, CBTC, TBT retrofit, and Maintenance support.

Ms. Russell took a moment to review current, real-time maintenance availability or wrench-time today and that the additional hour would increase available work time to more than 40%.

The Early Bird Express (EBX) Bus Network approved by the Board was reviewed, creating a new 700 series to assist BART riders in that 4am to 5am time.

- 14 new lines with bi-directional service bus nodes (stops):
 - 7 Transbay Express routes
 - 5 East Bay Express routes
 - 2 West Bay Express routes



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- Bus trips arrive at Temporary Transit Center at 5:00am, 5:15am, and 5:30am.
- There are 8 bus service operators to implement the Early Bird service (estimated # of buses):
 - AC Transit (21)
 - Golden Gate Transit (4)
 - WestCat (2)
 - TriDelta Transit (2)
 - County Connection (2)
 - Wheels (2)
 - SFMTA (4)
 - SamTrans (4)

Ms. Russell described that there would be 41 buses with 14 routes and briefly reviewed each route. The routes are designed based on destination ridership with 2/3 going to downtown San Francisco. After hearing from the Community, BART was able to secure service to get riders into the Mission before 5am.

Owl service uses the 800 series, and the Early Bird service will use the 700 series.

BART was aiming to provide more buses and stops, but there is an operator shortage and limits on bus availability.

Outreach was discussed with a recap of the Phase 1 outreach (prior to October 11, 2018), which included onboard and online survey, reaching some 1,367 early morning riders. Additionally, presentations were made to various groups, such as: AC Transit – BART ILC, BART OCR Title VI/EJ and LEP Advisory Committees, BART Earthquake Safety Citizens' Oversight Committee, BART Accessibility Task Force, San Francisco International Airport, Unite HERE – Local 2, BART ATU, BART/CCSF Quarterly Meeting, Hotel Council SF.

Outreach since October 11, 2018 included email blasts to 250 early morning riders and 30 community groups, including: Unite HERE – Local 2 (SF and East Bay), Mission Merchants, Bay Area Council, Building Owners and Property Managers, San Francisco Chamber, Federal Reserve, SF Travel, Yerba Buena Community Benefits District, SF Transit Riders Union, BOMA, Late Night Transit Working Group, SF Building Trades, Sky West, Oakland Airport, Alameda Central Labor Council, Alameda County Building Trades, Stay Pleasant Hill, East Bay Leadership Council, Pittsburg Chamber, Richmond Chamber, El Cerrito Chamber, Antioch Chamber, CC Building Trades, Contra Costa County Central Labor Council, Walnut Creek Tourism Improvement District, Golden Gate Restaurant Association, SF Supervisor Hillary



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	<p>Ronen’s Office, SF Supervisor Ahsha Safai’s Office, SF Supervisor Jane Kim’s Office, (SF) Airlines and Tenants, and many others</p> <p>SFO in-person or phone meetings were held with Golden Gate Restaurant Association, SF Supervisor Hillary Ronen’s Office, SF Supervisor Ahsha Safai’s Office, SF Supervisor Jane Kim’s Office, SFO Airline General Managers Meeting, and SFO Revenue Development Tenants Meeting.</p> <p>Upcoming meetings are: SF Supervisor Norman Yee’s Office, International Brotherhood of Electrical Workers, Bus Operators Management and Union Briefing, and others.</p> <p>Next steps and schedule include:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Complete contract negotiations • Continue outreach • Board update in January 2019 • Initiate service change on February 11, 2019 • Monitor and evaluate service – ongoing <p>The Committee reviewed the public brochure that will be used for outreach starting in December (in stations and at outreach activities) and offered comments. They also asked a series of questions throughout the presentation, seeking clarification regarding the Early Bird service and the challenges associated with securing enough buses and bus drivers to provide this service, as well as questions regarding Title VI, communications, and the duration of the TBT Service Plan.</p> <p>Ms. Russell agreed to continue to come back to provide regular updates to the Oversight Committee.</p>
<p>Review of Administrative Matters</p>	<p>D. Castleberry reviewed the following administrative matter:</p> <p>The July 25, 2018 meeting minutes were reviewed, approved and accepted with a motion by Derek Schaible and second by Ching Wu. The motion passed by unanimous vote. The minutes will be posted on the BART website.</p> <p>The October 3, 2018 meeting minutes were carried over to the next meeting, which is scheduled for February 27, 2019.</p>
<p>Public Comments</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • There was one public comment from Eric Tandy, a retiring Bechtel Engineer and Project Manager. • Tom Horton, ESP Group Manager will be retiring in November 2018. He also announced that there will be three new BART Directors in the new year.



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	<ul style="list-style-type: none">Derek Schaible, Committee Chair, expressed gratitude and appreciation on behalf of the Committee for Tom Horton's time and support of the Earthquake Safety Program Citizens' Oversight Committee.
Next Meeting	Members and staff agreed to meet next on Wednesday, February 27, 2019 at 4:30 pm.
Adjournment	The meeting was adjourned at 5:04 pm.