

# **SAN FRANCISCO BAY AREA TRANSIT DISTRICT ACCESSIBILITY TASK FORCE**

## **Minutes**

April 28, 2016

### **1. Self-Introductions of Members, Staff and Guests**

#### **Members:**

Janet Abelson – (ABSENT)  
Randall Glock –(ABSENT)  
Janice Armigo Brown  
Peter Crockwell  
Don Queen  
Hale Zukas  
Clarence Fischer  
Gerry Newell  
Herb Hastings – (ABSENT)  
Alan Smith  
Larry Bunn  
Brandon Young  
Roland Wong  
Esperanza Diaz-Alvarez – (ABSENT)

**BART Staff present:** Ike Nnaji, Bob Franklin

#### **Directors, Speaker(s), Guest Staff, and Guests of the Public:**

Director Robert Raburn, Elena Vanloo (BART),  
Carl Orman (BART), Roderick McFarland (BART),  
Kerry Hamill (BART), Maureen Wetter (BART),  
Aaron Weinstein (BART), Timothy Moore (BART),  
Andrew Moore, Debby Leung, Roger Acuna,  
Arnold Brillinger, Jerry Grace  
Janice Dispo (Stenographer)

### **2. Public Comments**

[ No public comment.]

### **3. Approval of Minutes of March 24, 2016 Meeting**

No opposition to Clarence Fischer's motion to approve the minutes of the March 24, 2016 meeting, with a second by Gerry Newell.

Motion passes with an abstention from Larry Bunn.

#### **4. Fleet of the Future Update**

After Kerry Hamill's introductory remarks and a presentation by Aaron Weinstein, members were allowed to ask questions and/or share any concerns they had.

Hale Zukas said that it would be nice to have at least one to five folding seats per car. Aaron then presented the advantages and disadvantages of folding seats.

Elena Vanloo asked if studies have been done to see how helpful it will be to have a bike rack in each car.

Aaron replied that there will be a minimum of one bike rack per car, which could accommodate 3 bikes. Additional bikes can potentially be stacked next to the first 3 bikes, if the car is not crowded. Since there is more open space available, there is no hard limit.

He will be taking input from the community as well as running tests regarding bike capacity on cars.

Clarence Fischer suggested that BART run the mixed fleet on one route. Aaron agreed that that is the plan.

Hale Zukas asked if riders with bikes will be able to predict where to board along the platform.

Aaron replied that the platform will not be marked because the bike doors are not always in the same location. The bike entry doors will be marked with a green decal to let riders with bikes know where to board as the train pulls up.

#### **5. Transit Universal Design Guideline**

After the presentation given by Carl Orman, members were allowed to ask questions and/or share any concerns they had.

#### **6. Accessibility Capital Projects**

Carl Orman gave updates on current ongoing projects and a four-year outlook.

Alan Smith asked that updates be given to the BATF on a quarterly basis. He added that the BATF would like to be made aware of any changes, like obstacles or changes in path of travel, as soon as possible.

Clarence Fischer requested that more seating be made available around the kiss-and-ride areas.

He mentioned that revenue trucks parking in disabled parking stalls or at bus stops causes issues.

## **7. West Oakland, Richmond, Pleasant Hill, Lafayette Improvements**

After the presentation by Carl Orman, members were allowed to ask questions and/or share any concerns they had.

These projects are a 200-day project, scheduled to begin around December 2016 and end approximately during the summer of 2017.

## **8. New Member Application**

[No application received; applicant not present at meeting.]

## **9. Capital Project Status Reports**

### Berkeley Station Upgrade

The contract has been approved by the board.

### Powell Street Station Upgrade

The contract for the Powell Street ceiling project will go out for rebidding. Four-month delay is expected.

### Warm Springs Station

A grant of \$250,000 has been received, and 41 electric-car-charging stations will be installed.

## **No updates were given for the following projects:**

El Cerrito Del Norte

Oakland Airport Connector

Union City Station Remodel

Fleet of the Future

eBART

Phase 2 – San Jose Downtown

Civic Center Station Upgrade

Montgomery Station Upgrade

Concord Station Upgrade

Dublin/Pleasanton Project  
Station Hearing Loop  
Entrance Canopies  
Stair Tread Color Contrast  
Richmond Intermodal Project  
Berryessa/Milpitas Stations  
Embarcadero Station Upgrade  
West Dublin Path of Travel  
Track Maintenance  
Elevator Priority Signage

## **10. Chairperson Announcements**

Alan Smith made a few chairperson announcements.

On April 7, he attended the Contra Costa County Mayors Conference held in Moraga, California, where BART General Manager Grace Crunican made a presentation about the plan to build a better BART, also known as “Better BART.” At the conference, Alan Smith urged the mayors to support the plan.

On April 5, Alan Smith, along with several members of the BATF, met with Bob Powers, Paul Oversier, Shirley Ng, and Tian Feng. The purpose of the meeting with senior BART managers and construction supervisors was to discuss how to ensure that when obstacles are needed to be placed in the path of travel, that they are visible to the visually impaired.

Alan Smith will compose a BATF checklist for project managers to use during construction. He will present his draft to members for their approval at the May BATF meeting.

The BATF has been asked to write a letter of support regarding BART’s station access policy (presented by Val Menotti at the October 2015 BATF meeting). Alan Smith will present his draft to members for their approval at the May BATF meeting.

Director Raburn welcomed any input.

The budget presentation is set for next month’s BATF meeting.

On Wednesday, May 25, 2015, from noon to 1pm, BART Board President Tom Radulovich and budget staff will hold a live online town hall to answer questions from the public about funding priorities.

There will also be budget discussions at the May 12<sup>th</sup> and May 26<sup>th</sup> BART Board meetings.

## **11. Staff Announcements**

On June 8, 2016, at Berkeley City College, BART is hosting a technology conference called, "AccessTech."

AccessTech is a one-day summit where transit and technology will come together with the goal of improving the accessibility of the BART system for those with mobility and sensory impairments.

(Travel reimbursement approved, per Bob Franklin.)

In response to a question from Alan Smith, Bob Franklin stated that there are no current plans to include the ADA fare chart in the BART fares brochure.

Alan Smith followed up on a question previously raised by members, asking whether TTY telephones are considered an effective means of communication.

Ike Nnaji replied that the TTY telephone is what is required by the ADA. No other technology had been mandated or stated in the ADA.

Alan Smith then asked about the weekend closures between the Bay Fair and San Leandro stations, and whether buses will be held later to account for any delays. Bob Franklin replied that the buses will be operating on their independent schedules.

## **12. Member Announcements**

Clarence Fischer requested for a moratorium on future service changes without a prior discussion with the BATF. He asked that this be agendized so that he can talk about it in more detail.

## **13. Future Agenda Topics**

- Budget
- BART Access Policy
- Path of travel checklist to be used during construction
- Maintenance tour discussion

## **14. Adjournment**

The meeting adjourned to the next regularly scheduled meeting of **Thursday, May 26, 2016, at 2:00 p.m., at 1750 Broadway in Oakland, California.**