

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

## **Minutes**

May 26, 2016

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

#### **Members:**

Janet Abelson  
Randall Glock  
Janice Armigo Brown  
Peter Crockwell  
Don Queen  
Hale Zukas  
Clarence Fischer  
Gerry Newell  
Herb Hastings  
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:**

Elena Vanloo (BART), Carter Mau (BART),  
Dennis Markham (BART), Pamela Herhold (BART),  
Hannah Lindelof (BART), Lynn Sinclair (BART intern),  
Catherine Callaghan  
Janice Dispo (Stenographer)

### **2. Public Comments**

Catherine Callaghan shared that elevators are being shut off during service hours, unannounced. She has been told that it was due to fare evasion.

### **3. Approval of Minutes of April 28, 2016 Meeting**

No opposition to Clarence Fischer's motion to approve the minutes of the April 28, 2016 meeting, with a second by Peter Crockwell.

Motion passes with abstentions from Randall Glock and Herb Hastings.

#### 4. **BART Fiscal Year 2017 Preliminary Budget**

After the presentation given by Pamela Herhold and Dennis Markham, members were allowed to ask questions and/or share any concerns they had.

They confirmed that no money is being taken away from any accessibility projects, station improvement projects, or Fleet of the Future, and that all the projects the BATF has been meeting about are still being funded and moving along as planned.

No opposition to Clarence Fischer's motion to endorse the FY17 Budget as presented, with a second by Peter Crockwell.

Motion passes unanimously.

#### 5. **BART Station Access Policy**

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

Clarence Fischer hopes that BART will take a serious look at putting in speed bumps in order to mitigate the issue of cars speeding through blind turns, therefore reducing the potential of injury to pedestrians and bicyclists.

He then suggested trying to find ways to encourage drivers to carpool to BART, since it has become increasingly difficult to find a space in which to park.

He also requested that more seating be made available at pick-up and drop-off areas.

Gerry Newell asked why tickets aren't being given to people who drive in the bus lanes to pick up their passengers, and that it needs to be enforced.

A discussion was held regarding the BATF's letter in support of BART's Station Access Policy wherein members were allowed to suggest editions.

No opposition to Herb Hastings' motion to adopt the **revised** letter in support of BART's Station Access Policy, with a second by Peter Crockwell.

Motion passes with abstentions from Randall Glock and Hale Zukas, and opposition from Roland Wong.

## **6. Accessible Path of Travel During Construction**

A discussion was held regarding the BATF's checklist for BART construction project managers wherein members were allowed to suggest editions.

No opposition to Larry Bunn's motion to adopt the **revised** checklist for BART construction project managers, with a second by Gerry Newell.

Gerry Newell suggested inviting Bob Powers to a future meeting to discuss the checklist and to confirm whether it's being used and implemented.

Motion passes unanimously.

## **7. Station and Train Announcements**

Alan Smith asked for members to share their experiences and provide any feedback. He plans on writing a letter to the Board, outlining some of the issues that are being faced.

A discussion was held regarding the BATF's experience with station and train announcement, and members suggested items for Alan Smith to include in the letter.

A discussion was held regarding the BATF's checklist for BART construction project managers wherein members were allowed to suggest editions.

No opposition to Herb Hasting's motion to allow Alan Smith to draft a letter to the Board (to be brought back for approval of members during the June BATF meeting), with a second by Larry Bunn.

Motion passes unanimously.

## **8. Capital Project Status Reports**

### Pittsburg/Bay Point

Work on this project is scheduled to have been started. Carl Orman was not in attendance of the meeting to confirm that work has started.

### Embarcadero Station Upgrade

Staff will present on this item during the July BATF meeting.

## Berryessa/Milpitas Stations

The VTA expects that these stations will open at the end of 2017.

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

El Cerrito Del Norte

Oakland Airport Connector

Union City Station Remodel

Fleet of the Future

eBART

Warm Springs Station

Phase 2 – San Jose Downtown

Civic Center Station Upgrade

Montgomery Station Upgrade

Concord Station Upgrade

Dublin/Pleasanton Project

West Oakland

Station Hearing Loop

Entrance Canopies

Berkeley Station Upgrade

Stair Tread Color Contrast

Richmond Intermodal Project

West Dublin Path of Travel

Track Maintenance

Elevator Priority Signage

## **9. Chairperson Announcements**

Alan Smith announced that he will out of town during the week of June 13.

## **10. Staff Announcements**

Bob Franklin shared that the Fare Evasion Task force is an internal committee. He added that if members have any suggestions, they can forward it to him or Ike Nnaji and they can then bring it to that task force.

He reminded members that 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.

Ike Nnaji reminded members that all requests for travel reimbursements need to be made in writing, and it should include specific dates and times.

## **11. Member Announcements**

Herb Hastings said that he has worked on it, and the Alameda County Fairgrounds is accessible via public transportation by BART and bus. Members can take the #10 Wheels bus from the West Dublin/Pleasanton BART station to the Peters Ave. stop, which is approximately 2 blocks from the fairgrounds.

## **12. Future Agenda Topics**

- Update on San Leandro/Bay Fair improvements

## **13. Adjournment**

The meeting adjourned to the next regularly scheduled meeting of **Thursday, June 23, 2016, at 2:00 p.m., at 1750 Broadway in Oakland, California.**

(The meeting adjourned at 4:09 p.m.)