

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

Minutes  
January 25, 2018

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

### **Members:**

Janet Abelson  
Randall Glock  
Janice Armigo Brown  
Peter Crockwell  
Don Queen – (ABSENT)  
Hale Zukas  
Clarence Fischer  
Gerry Newell  
Herb Hastings – (ABSENT)  
Alan Smith  
Larry Bunn  
Roland Wong  
Esperanza Diaz-Alvarez  
Debby Leung – (ABSENT)  
Catherine Callahan  
Valerie Buell  
Chris Mullin

**BART Staff present:** Bob Franklin, Elena VanLoo

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

Robert Raburn (BART Board of Directors)  
Carl Orman (BART Staff)  
Laura Timothy (BART Staff)  
Tim Chan (BART Staff)  
Naomi Armenta (Guest)  
Brandon Young (Guest)  
Mussie Gebre (Guest)  
Emily wikins (Guest)  
Jacqueline Uranga (DRA - Guest)  
Wendy Yu (Guest)  
Jerry Grace (Guest)  
Audrua Sysum (Antioch Alive - Guest)

Nickole Bouslog (Antioch Alive - Guest)  
Jason Parks (Antioch Alive - Guest)  
Heidi Cash (CIL Berkeley - Guest)  
Lisa Washington (ASL Interpreter)  
Daisy Moore (ASL Interpreter)  
Janice Dispo (Stenographer)

## **2. Public Comments**

Mussie Gebre shared his concerns regarding deaf/blind people getting help and/or support from station agents, and the difficulties they face.

## **3. Approval of October 26, 2017 and December 13, 2017 Meeting Minutes**

Motion to approve minutes by Roland Wong for the October 26, 2017 meeting, with a second by Alan Smith.

Motion carries with one abstention from Larry Bunn, and noes from Peter Crockwell and Hale Zukas.

Hale Zukas stated that he voted against the minutes as he would prefer to see more details included within it.

Motion to approve minutes by Alan Smith for the December 13, 2017 meeting, with a second by Janet Abelson.

Motion carries with abstentions from Larry Bunn, and noes from Peter Crockwell and Hale Zukas.

## **4. BATF Holiday Reception - Debrief**

Esperanza Diaz-Alvarez introduced the item and started by thanking all who were involved in organizing the reception and ensuring its success. She then invited members to share any questions, comments or suggestions they had.

### Some of the comments shared:

- it was a well-attended event
- staff was very helpful with helping members get to the meeting room
- staff made sure some members were picked up by their Paratransit rides
- keep better track of guest list; make sure invites get sent to more staff
- performance or show for future receptions
- members appreciated the by-law review; hope it can be done yearly

No opposition to Alan Smith's motion to hold specially scheduled BATF meetings for November (Wednesday, November 14); and December (Wednesday, December 12) 2018, with a second by Esperanza Diaz-Alvarez.

Motion passes unanimously.

#### **5. BART Homeless Effort Update**

After the update given by Tim Chan, members were allowed to ask questions and/or share any concerns they had.

#### **6. Station Access Mitigation Plan – Elevator outages or when entrances are blocked**

After the presentation by Laura Timothy and Naomi Armenta, members were allowed to ask questions and/or share any concerns they had.

A discussion was held

#### **7. BART Accessibility Improvements Program**

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

A discussion was held.

#### **8. BART Elevator Lobby LED Lighting Improvement Updates**

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

#### **9. Chairperson Announcements**

Randall Glock announced that a BART police representative will be coming to a future meeting to give an update on the General Disabilities Awareness booklet. He is working on getting some construction tours scheduled.

The BART Board retreat is scheduled for February 8<sup>th</sup> and 9<sup>th</sup>. Travel reimbursement has been approved for members who are interested in attending.

## **10. Staff Announcements**

Elena Vanloo gave a further update regarding the General Disabilities Awareness booklet. She relayed that Officer Hofstein stated that he is not personally aware of any issues or incidents in the field, and that officers tend to keep reference guides in their beat bag or locker for reference.

## **11. Member Announcements**

Alan Smith provided a few project updates.

According to the East Bay Times, the construction project at Richmond BART entrance is complete.

The opening of the Milpitas and Berryessa stations has been pushed back to later in the year instead of in June, as originally planned.

The San Jose twin bore tunnel issue is expected to be resolved by April.

## **12. Future Agenda Topics**

- Update on hearing loops on Warm Springs line

## **13. Adjournment**

The meeting adjourned to the next regularly scheduled meeting of **Thursday, February 22, 2018, at 2:00 p.m., at 1750 Broadway, Oakland, California.**

(The meeting adjourned at 4:21 p.m.)