

**SAN FRANCISCO BAY AREA TRANSIT DISTRICT ACCESSIBILITY
TASK FORCE
Minutes
July 26, 2018**

1. Self-Introductions of Members, Staff and Guests

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

BART Staff present: Bob Franklin, Elena Van Loo

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

Director Robert Raburn (BART Board of Directors)
Denise McDonald (BART Staff)
Ian Griffiths (BART Staff)
Rachel Russell (BART Staff)
Emily Witkin (Guest)
Jerry Grace (Guest)
Janine Harrison (Guest)
Alisha Patton (Guest)
Ross MacDonald (Guest)
Ric Owen (ASL Interpreter)
Heather West (ASL Interpreter)
Janice Dispo (Stenographer)

2. Public Comments

[No public comments.]

3. Approval of June 28, 2018 Meeting Minutes

No opposition to Clarence Fischer's motion to approve the amended June 28, 2018 meeting minutes, with a second by Christina Lasson.

Motion passes with abstentions from Janet Abelson, Esperanza Diaz-Alvarez, and Gerry Newell.

4. 19th Street BART Station Modernization

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

A discussion was held.

Work is expected to begin during the first quarter of 2019.

5. Concord BART Station Modernization

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

A discussion was held.

6. BART Early Morning Plan (change in opening hour of business)

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

A discussion was held.

7. Milpitas and Berryessa BART Station – Discuss Members' Visit to Station

The following members are interested in participating in the proposed construction tour:

Roland Wong
Clarence Fischer

Gerry Newell
Chris Mullin
Janet Abelson
Herb Hastings
Esperanza Diaz-Alvarez
Gerry Newell
Mussie Gebre

8. Member Announcements

Christina Lasson stated that El Cerrito Plaza and El Cerrito del Norte Stations need better lighting. She added that the elevators need cleaning as well.

Janet Abelson added that it is dark at the bus stop of bus 72.

Alan Smith shared positive comments regarding eBART. He also stated that there are some improvements that need to be made, and cited a number of examples.

Valerie Buell reminded members about the Carlos Quintong Self-Advocacy Celebration event happening on October 19th at the Ed Roberts Campus in Berkeley, from 6pm to 9pm.

Janice Armigo Brown shared that the Hearing Loop system at Fremont and Warm Springs Stations, both at the station agent booth and the platform level, is working really well.

Chris Mullin acknowledged that the ADA (Americans with Disabilities Act) turns 28 today.

A moment of silence was given to honor former BATF member, Mary Fowler.

9. Staff Announcements

In light of recent events, Director Raburn shared some tips on how members can better protect themselves on BART.

10. Chairperson Announcements

Randall Glock shared a few informal updates with members.

11. Future Agenda Topics

- BART Safety/Station Hardening

12. Adjournment

The meeting adjourned to the next regularly scheduled meeting of **Thursday, August 23, 2018, at 2:00 p.m., at 1750 Broadway, Oakland, California.**

(The meeting adjourned at 4:23 p.m.)