



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

Citizens' Oversight Committee Meeting Minutes

Wednesday, September 18, 2019, 4:30 pm

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

Meeting Number	Meeting Date	Meeting Time
Term 7, Meeting 2	September 18, 2019	4:33 pm – 5:48 pm
Attendees	<i>Current Members</i> Derek Schaible, chair Karen Varnado Eric Tandy	<i>BART Representatives</i> Zecharias “Zach” Amare Jose “Ramiro” Salazar Chuck Bernardo Christopher Vasquez Bianca Grogan
	<i>Alternate Members</i> Tom Horton Kathy Buckley Ken Mark Louise Engel	
Agenda Item	Action Taken	
A. Welcome, Introductions, and Roll Call	<p>Meeting called to order by Chair Schaible at 4:33 pm on Sept. 18, 2019.</p> <p>C. Vasquez acknowledged the following BART representatives in attendance: Capital Projects Group Manager Zecharias “Zach” Amare; Senior Attorney Jose “Ramiro” Salazar (OGC), Chuck Bernardo (ESP), and Christopher Vasquez & Bianca Grogan, The Allen Group (On-Call Community Relations).</p> <p>C. Vasquez took roll call, noted members in attendance and confirmed there was a quorum of 3 members.</p>	
B. Informational Report: Community Outreach for Salesforce Transit Center Reopening	<p>On-Call Community Relations (CR) Manager C. Vasquez noted that normally representatives from Planning, Design, and Construction (PDC) would be in attendance to give an update on the Early Bird Express (EBX) bus service, but the representatives indicated there was no update to give this meeting and will return at next scheduled COC meeting.</p> <p>C. Vasquez also said that PDC asked CR team to provide staff on four days in July to provide early morning outreach for the reopening of Salesforce Transit Center (STC), which would move EBX buses back to STC from the Temporary Transbay Terminal in San Francisco. He indicated that the outreach went smoothly, with no complaints from EBX passengers.</p>	
C. Project Update	Z. Amare, Capital Projects Group Manager, informed the COC of financial documentation included as an attachment in the meeting documents from the District Treasurer that shows combined Measures	



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AA/RR funding. He noted that the 4th and final Measure AA tranche had been sold; Dir. Rayburn added that the final tranche was sold at an extremely beneficial rate for BART.

Z. Amare introduced C. Bernardo, BART Project Manager for Transbay Tube (TBT) retrofit, who was present to give a presentation on an interesting facet of TBT work.

Z. Amare also noted that the Maintenance Vehicle Consist (MVC) trains had arrived for BART work in the TBT. As part of the delivery, there have been two in-class training for MVC operation that are completed. In the future there will be in-field training on the MVCs, which will occur after the 20 BART employees that will operate them go through BART system familiarization.

As part of the Project Update, Z. Amare provided an overview of the program's progress since the last meeting, noting the completed, current, and upcoming activities, with photos representing construction activity. Below is a summary of the report:

- There are two contracts remaining:
 - A-Line Stations: Fruitvale and Coliseum
 - TBT Retrofit

TBT Retrofit

- **Due to the Security Sensitive Information (SSI) nature of the project, details are limited and omitted per BART Attorney from COC Meeting Minutes**
- Z. Amare noted that all TBT steel shop drawings are complete, as well as steel fabrication, but not all of the steel has been delivered.
- As of June 2019, two issues presented to the COC have been solved:
 - Floor Anchor Welding: to solve the cracking the floor anchor welds, the Contractor will use a threaded head at the top of the anchor, which does not have the same welding crack issues.
 - Magnetism: the issue of magnetism affecting welding in the TBT was identified as "arc flow", which will be solved by a change from DC to AC current welding technique. Baseline welding has been completed to see if the difference in the welding switch will fully correct the project. 20 miles worth of welding must be done within the TBT by the end of the project. Dir. Rayburn questioned how much this delay will cost and affect the schedule. Z. Amare answered that he does not believe the change in welding will cause any cost/schedule delays and noted that currently the schedule is over 400 days behind due to other, more substantial issues.



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	<p>Z. Amare gave a visual presentation on the work that is being done in the TBT, as well as at Fruitvale and Coliseum stations. During the presentation, C. Bernardo shared visuals and gave a demonstration about the In-Service Track Testing work that will be done in the TBT during the project. D. Schaible asked if there is any contingency for if night single-tracking work runs behind and risks the opening of a TBT bore for revenue service in the morning commute. Z. Amare answered that there are break points during every night of work that includes single-tracking to ensure both bores are open in time for revenue service in a.m. hours.</p> <p><u>A-Line Stations: Fruitvale and Coliseum</u></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • The A-Line Stations (Fruitvale and Coliseum) earthquake safety construction is progressing at a swift pace with Fruitvale Station substantively complete as of September 2019. • The Contractor is still projecting substantial completion in Fall of 2019, although the Contract schedule shows completion in 2021. • Noise and dust mitigation measures are being implemented and monitored for compliance; there have still been no customer of community complaints for work at either station.
<p>D. Schedule and Financial Report</p>	<p>Z. Amare provided an overview of the Program’s schedule and finances, noting the following:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • The final tranche was issued and sold by BART to complete all \$980 million in 2004 Measure AA bond funds. • E. Tandy inquired about ESP underfunding; T. Horton noted that COC is only tasked with overseeing Measure AA funds, not other money that will have to be identified from other BART sources. Z. Amare says that the District is looking at all options available to complete the Program. That includes the possibility of ESP suspension when current money is expended until new funds are identified, but that the District had not made any decisions yet.
<p>Review of Administrative Matters</p>	<p>D. Schaible reviewed the following administrative matter:</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. The June 19, 2019 meeting minutes were approved at the beginning of the meeting. 2. There were no additional nominations for Chair and Vice Chair since the June 19, 2019 meeting. D. Schaible and K. Varnado were both elected by acclamation to those positions respectively. They will serve as Chair and Vice Chair through the end of the 2019-2021 term.
<p>Next Meeting</p>	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. D. Schaible noted that he will not be in town for the proposed December 4, 2019 meeting identified at the June 19, 2019 meeting. After review of COC member calendars, committee members voted to hold the next COC meeting on November 20, 2019.



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	<p>2. Agenda items identified for the next November 20, 2019 meeting include:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none">• An update on welding activities in the TBT• In-Service Track Testing update based on the presentation given by C. Bernardo• Update on the operator training for the Maintenance Consist Vehicle
Public Comments	No members of the public were present at November 20, 2019 meeting.
Adjournment	Motion to call meeting to adjourned was made by Chair D. Schaible at 5:48 p.m.; seconded by K. Varnado; passed unanimously.