

SAN FRANCISCO BAY AREA RAPID TRANSIT DISTRICT
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NOTICE OF MEETING AND AGENDA
BART ACCESSIBILITY TASK FORCE (BATF)

August 28, 2025

2:00 p.m.

A regular meeting of the BART Accessibility Task Force (BATF) will be held on Thursday, August 28, 2025, starting at 2:00 p.m. to 4:30 p.m. The meeting will be held at East Bay Paratransit's location at 1750 Broadway, Oakland, California 94612, 1st Floor conference room. The facility is served by public transportation. The nearest BART Station is the 19th Street BART Station and there are multiple AC Transit routes to the meeting site.

Please note that this meeting will be held in person in the East Bay Paratransit, 1st Floor conference room, Oakland, CA 94612 with an option for public participation via teleconference.

Presentation materials will be available via Legistar at <https://bart.legistar.com>

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<https://us06web.zoom.us/j/86258612538>

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- 1) Submit written comments via email to evanloo@bart.gov, using "public comment" as the subject line. Your comment will be provided to the Committee and will become a permanent part of the file. Please submit your comments as far in advance as possible. Emailed comments must be received before 12:00 p.m. on **August 26, 2025**, in order to be included in the record.
- 2) Appear in person and request to make a public comment.
- 3) Call 1-833-548-0282, enter access code **862 5861 2538**, dial *9 to raise your hand when you wish to speak, and dial *6 to unmute when you are requested

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Public comment is limited to two (2) minutes per person.

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Meeting Location

East Bay Paratransit, 1750 Broadway, Oakland, CA 94612
1st Floor Conference Room

1. Roll Call of BATF Members. (Information) 5 minutes
Self-Introductions: Staff and Guests.
2. Public Comment. (Information)
An opportunity for members of the public to comment on items not on the agenda.
Public comment is limited to two (2) minutes per person
3. Approval of the July 24, 2025 Meeting Minutes. 10 minutes
(Information/Action)
4. BART's Restroom and Elevator Attendant Program Update. 30 minutes
(Information)
5. Senate Bill 63 Update. (Information) 20 minutes
6. Member Announcements. (Information) 5 minutes
7. Staff Announcements. (Information) 5 minutes
8. Chairperson Announcements. (Information) 5 minutes
9. Future Agenda Topics – Members Suggest Topics. 5 minutes
Next Meeting Scheduled: September 25, 2025 – Thursday
10. Adjournment.



Approval of July 24, 2025
meeting minutes

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BART ACCESSIBILITY TASK FORCE
DRAFT Committee Meeting Minutes
July 24, 2025

1. Roll Call of Members:

1. Anita Ortega
2. Bruce Yow
3. Catherine Callahan (2nd Vice-Chair)
4. Clarence R. Fischer
5. Danny Kodmur
6. Daveed Mandell
7. Emily Witkin - ABSENT
8. Herb Hastings (Chair)
9. Hillary Brown
10. Janice Armigo Brown
11. Janien Harrison
12. Joshua Saunders
13. Roland Wong
14. Sam Buman
15. Shana Ray
16. VACANT
17. VACANT
18. VACANT

Quorum of eight (8) in-person appointed BATF members.

BART Customer Access and Accessibility Department Staff:

Elena Van Loo
Ryan Greene-Roesel
Kevin McDonald

BART Director (s), BART Staff, Speakers, and members of the public:

Ahmad Rassai (BART staff)
Sarah Worth O'Brien (Guest)
Sara Desumala (Guest)
Jerry Grace (Guest)

Mussie Gebri (Guest)
Masooma Afgan (Guest)
Dorene Giacomini (Guest)

2. Public Comments

Mussie Gebri introduced himself and voiced interest in returning as an appointed BATF member.

3. Approval of May 22, 2025 meeting minutes

Clarence R. Fischer moved approval of the March 27, 2025, meeting minutes. Hillary Brown second the motion.

- Motion passes with twelve (12) in favor, zero (0) opposed, and one (1) abstention.

4. Tactile walking surface indicators for wayfinding

Sarah Worth O'Brien presented on the agenda item. The full presentation was included in the BATF July's 2025 agenda package.

The committee discussed the item. A few concerns and suggestions were provided:

- Roland Wong mentioned that some curb cuts do not have colors that stand out and that he finds it challenging to see the depth of these curb cuts, which usually have yellow markings to help indicate how deep they are.
- Clarence R. Fischer voiced concerns about accessible pathways with the bike warning indicator locations when crossing to get to a bus stop and when crossing the street. It is confusing to determine where you are located, whether you reached the other side of the street, or whether you have reached a middle area where there is a traffic lane on both sides.
- Joshua Saunders believed that tactile wayfinding could be a very helpful tool to create accessible tactile pathways to the faregates.
- Mussie Gebri mentioned in the past, using the Clipper Card to go through the old faregate doorways was easier, but now the Clipper Card doesn't always work and makes it more difficult to go through the new faregate doorways. He suggested having staff available to assist with the Clipper Card when going through faregates and this would be part of wayfinding efforts.

Commented [RG1]: Is this what he said? Did he say why?

- Mussie Gebri mentioned that the train does not always align with where the train doors open to enter the train.

5. Accessibility Improvement Program update

Ahmad Rassai (AR) presented on the agenda item. The full presentation was included in the BATF July's 2025 agenda package.

The committee discussed the item. A few concerns and suggestions were provided:

- Danny Kodmur mentioned the importance of ensuring the correct slopes on ramps.
- Janice Armigo Brown suggested that call boxes should be made accessible for those with hearing impairments by adding a hearing loop component.
- Janice Armigo Brown mentioned that not all trains display the hearing loop logo.
- Herb Hastings asked about the status of door markings at the platform level that indicate where wheelchairs can enter the train.
- Mussie Gebri asked about the trip planner on the BART app and wanted to know how to make it more accessible for people who are deaf, hearing impaired, visual impairment, or people who are blind.

6. Second quarter: BART's compiled and analyzed customer complaints related to accessibility

Elena Van Loo and Kevin McDonald presented on the agenda item. The full presentation was included in the BATF July's 2025 agenda package.

Elena Van Loo mentioned that quarters that have been reported so far are numbered Q1 and Q2, which is based on the calendar year, January to December 2025, rather than the Fiscal Year, July 2024 to June 2025.

The committee discussed the item. A few concerns were raised:

- Roland Wong mentioned that some stations need better lighting, and he will report when there is a lighting issue in the stations.

- Herb Hastings stated that in future quarterly reports, he would like to see a comparison of the current versus previous quarterly complaints.
- Catherine Callahan suggested when there are two elevators at a BART station, BART should note which elevator is out and inform riders that there is a second option to use the second elevator under the BART's elevator status.
- Dorene Giacomini asked if it is possible to have a drop-down option for accessibility complaints in the online form. Elena Van Loo mentioned she will reach out and see if this can be added to the online Customer Service complaint form.

7. Member announcements

Hillary Brown informed the committee that the Community Advisory Council is looking for applicants and have extended the application deadline to October of 2025.

Roland Wong shared that there will be a celebration to celebrate thirty-five (35) years of the American with Disabilities Act (ADA) in San Francisco on July 26, 2025.

Clarence R. Fischer voiced concerns that AC Transit will undergo significant service changes as part of its Realign Project and asked whether these changes would be reflected in BART's website, station signage, and trip planning tools. Ryan Greene-Roesel indicated she would confirm the process.

Sam Buman mentioned that when any BATF meeting gets cancelled, he would like to understand the reason behind the cancellation.

8. Staff announcements

Elena Van Loo mentioned that July 26, 2025, marks the thirty-fifth anniversary of the Americans with Disabilities Act (ADA).

Elena Van Loo shared that the final, approved minutes for the month from the BART Accessibility Task Force are posted on the BART website, <https://www.bart.gov/about/bod/advisory/accessibility>.

Kevin McDonald shared that staff is still planning to test the new faregate tones and will inform BATF members and invite them to visit the piloted stations to listen to the tones at the faregates and give feedback.

Kevin McDonald informed BATF members about BART's process for recording the BATF meeting minutes and stated that staff listens to recorded meetings and writes down the main points and summarizes what was discussed for each agenda item.

9. Chairperson announcements

Herb Hastings shared that he is a member of the Contra Costa Transportation Planning Council. He also shared that he has remained involved with the new Clipper 2.0 project.

10. Future agenda items – member suggest topics

- Assisting people with low vision or people who are blind in finding the faregates

11. Adjournment

Clarence R. Fischer moved to adjourn the July 24, 2025, meeting and Daveed Mandell second the motion. The meeting adjourned at 4:27 pm until the next regularly scheduled meeting, Thursday, August 28, 2025.



**BART's restroom and
elevator attendant
program update**
*** no materials ***

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Senate Bill (SB) 63 update

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California Senate Bill 63 (Wiener and Arreguín) BART Accessibility Task Force – August 28, 2025

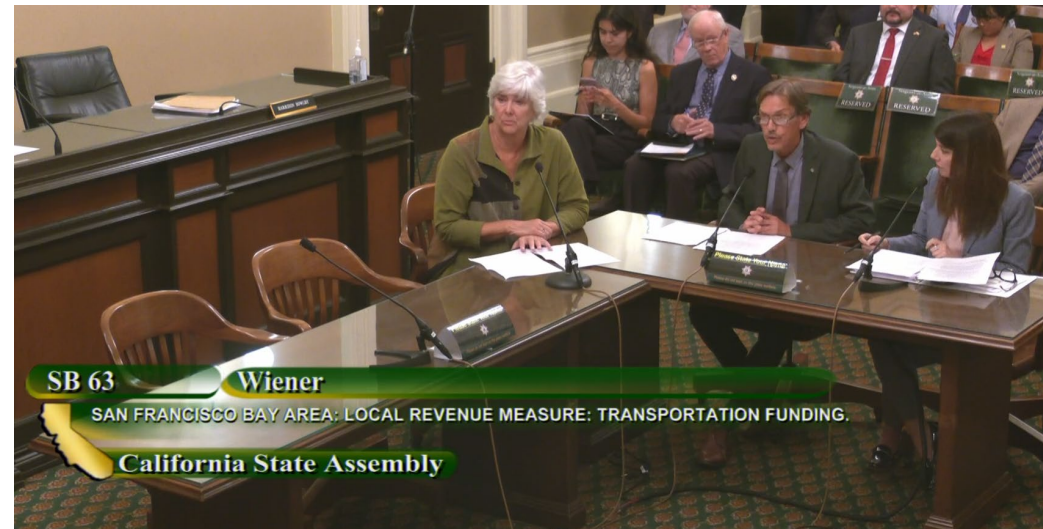


California Senate Bill 63

- In April, the BART Board of Directors took a Support position on California Senate Bill (SB) 63, authored by Senators Scott Wiener (D-San Francisco) and Jesse Arreguín (D-Berkeley).
- SB 63 would authorize a regional transportation funding ballot measure in 2026.



Deputy General Manager Michael Jones speaks at a press conference announcing SB 63 on March 24. Also pictured are bill authors Sen. Jesse Arreguín (far left) and Sen. Scott Wiener (far right).



Director Raburn testifies in support of SB 63 at the Assembly Revenue & Taxation Committee on July 14. Also pictured are MTC Chair Sue Noack (left) and bill co-author Assemblymember Catherine Stefani (D-San Francisco, right).

Revenue Measure Framework

Revenue Mechanism: Sales Tax

Geography: Five Counties (Alameda, Contra Costa, San Francisco, San Mateo, and Santa Clara)

Rates: One-half (1/2) cent in Alameda, Contra Costa, San Mateo, and Santa Clara and one (1) cent in San Francisco

Duration: 14 Years (Q4 of FY 2027 - FY 2040)

Operator Funding Targets

Operator Recipients	% of Measure	FY 2031\$
BART	31%	\$330M
Muni	16%	\$170M
Caltrain	7%	\$75M
AC Transit	5%	\$51M
Contra Costa County Small Bus Operators (County Connection, Tri Delta, WestCAT)	1.5%	\$15.75M
San Francisco Bay Ferry	0.7%	\$7M
Alameda County Small Bus Operators (LAVTA and Union City Transit)	0.5%	\$5.25M
Golden Gate Transit	0.1%	\$1M

Note: Allocations for small bus operators will be determined by county transportation entity on an annual basis

County Return-to-Source Funding

County Transportation Entities	% of Measure	FY 2031\$
Santa Clara Valley Transportation Authority	25.1%	\$264M
San Mateo County Transit District	4.7%	\$50M
Contra Costa Transportation Authority	2.5%	\$27M
Alameda County Transportation Commission	1.0%	\$10M
San Francisco County Transportation Authority	0%	\$0M

County funds must be used for public transportation expenses and cannot be withheld by the Transportation Revenue Measure District (TRMD) or the Metropolitan Transportation Commission (MTC).

Other Funding Categories

Transportation Revenue Measure District (TRMD): \$2.32M

- Annual allocation for administration by TRMD is 0.22% of total measure (0.25% of each county's ½-cent sales tax revenue generation).
- In addition to annual administrative allocation, one-time costs, taken off the top of the measure, for financial efficiency review and ballot-related expenses.

Rider-Focused Transit Improvements: \$46.40M

- Annual allocation to MTC is 4.4% of total measure (5% of each county's ½-cent revenue generation).
- **Fare programs (\$25.78M):** Funds to MTC for Clipper START discount program and free/discounted transfers.
- **Accessibility (\$10.31M):** Investments in streamlined paratransit eligibility and cross-jurisdictional paratransit.
- **Transit Priority and Navigation (\$10.31M):** Mapping and wayfinding upgrades at intermodal hubs and strategic transit priority investments.

Authors' Accountability Committee Proposal

- Applies to four operators receiving over \$50M for public transit operations expenses: BART, AC Transit, Caltrain, and Muni.
- Creates an Accountability Committee under MTC:
 - Ensures transit operators report regularly on performance metrics and apply their adopted policies, standards, or commitments consistently and fairly.
 - Provides participating counties a venue to raise concerns and seek redress while upholding regionwide standards of accountability and fairness.
 - May recommend measure funds be withheld from a subject operator if it is determined there is a breach of standards.
 - Final decision on withholding of funds to be made by full MTC commission.

Authors' Financial Efficiency Review Proposal

- Applies to same four operators receiving over \$50M from the regional measure.
- MTC shall contract with a third party to conduct a two-part efficiency review consisting of:
 - An early action phase, before the November 2026 election, to identify ways to increase or improve service using existing resources.
 - A more comprehensive phase, if the measure passes, to identify cost-saving measures and efficiencies that would reduce one-time and ongoing fixed and variable transit operator costs.
- An Oversight Committee is created by MTC:
 - Composed of a representative from MTC, a representative from each transit operator, and four public transit experts appointed by the State.
 - Operators shall submit draft implementation plans for efficiency and cost-savings to Oversight Committee for review, approval, or recommended revisions, with final operator board approval.
 - MTC shall review the implementation work of operators prior to an annual allocation of regional measure funds.

BART Financial Outlook

Five-Year Projection	FY26	FY27	FY28	FY29	FY30	FY31
Regular Sources	837	843	875	903	935	966
Regular Uses	1,152	1,218	1,251	1,266	1,292	1,312
SB 125 Emergency Assistance	315	0	0	0	0	0
Net Result	0	-376	-376	-363	-357	-346
SB 63 Sales Tax Proceeds (SB 63 Expenditure Plan Target)	0	77	312	317	323	330
Net Result with SB 63	0	-299	-64	-46	-34	-16

- SB 63 allocation to BART based on a % of revenue collected – could be higher or lower than forecast
- SB 63 authorizes one quarter of revenue collection in FY27; \$299M deficit forecast remains in that year
- ~\$64M deficit forecast in FY28 – more budget solutions needed
- Deficit projections after FY27 depend on rates of cost growth, ridership recovery, CPI-based fare increase policy, and sales tax

State Transit Loan

- AB 102, as part of the Budget Act of 2025, conditionally loans BART, AC Transit, Caltrain, and Muni a total of \$750 million from the General Fund for operating expenditures to maintain transit services.
- Only operative if future legislation is enacted during the 2025 session authorizing the passage of a Bay Area regional measure to support agencies' long-term financial stability and their ability to repay state loan.
- BART targeting up to \$300 million disbursement to bridge operating gap until regional measure funds start flowing in Quarter 4 of FY 2027.
- Desire for Legislature and Administration to finalize loan terms this legislative session.
- Current focus on negotiating favorable loan terms for the four agencies that includes repayment commitment to the state.

Legislative Look Ahead

- Bill likely to go to Suspense File. Suspense File hearing on August 29.
- Second hearing in Assembly Transportation Committee week of September 1.
- Last day to amend the bill on the floor is September 5.
- The bill must pass both the Assembly as well as the Senate on concurrence by September 12. A second hearing in the Senate Transportation Committee “off the floor” is likely when the bill is in the Senate for concurrence.
- Governor Newsom must act on the bill by October 12.

