NOTICE OF REGULAR MEETING AND AGENDA
BART ACCESSIBILITY TASK FORCE

April 28, 2016

A Meeting of the BART Accessibility Task Force (BATF) will be held on Thursday, April 28, 2016 at 2:00 – 4:30 p.m. The Meeting will be held in the Community Room, East Bay Paratransit Offices, 1750 Broadway, Oakland, California. The facility is served by public transportation at the 19th Street BART Station and multiple AC Transit routes.

AGENDA
1. Self-Introduction of Members, Staff and Guests 5 Minutes
   BATF Roll Call and Introduction of Individuals Present

2. Public Comments (Information) 5 Minutes
   Opportunity to Comment on Items Not on the Agenda
   (2 Minutes per Speaker)

3. Approval of Minutes of March 24, 2016 Meetings (Action) 5 Minutes

4. Fleet of the Future Update (Information/Action) 60 Minutes
   Staff to Present Fleet of the Future for Comments

5. Transit Universal Design Guideline (Information/Action) 20 Minutes
   Staff to Present Proposed Guideline Development for Comments

6. Accessibility Capital Projects (Information/Action) 20 Minutes
   Staff to Present a Four Year Outlook for Comments

7. West Oakland, Richmond, Pleasant Hill, Lafayette Improvements
(Information/Action)  
Staff to Present Proposed Improvements for Comments  

20 Minutes

8. New Member Application (Action)  
Members to Vote to Recommend for BART Board Approval  

5 Minutes

9. Capital Project Status Reports (Information/Action)  

El Cerrito Del Norte/Plaza  
Oakland Airport Connector  
Union City Station Remodel  
Fleet of the Future  
eBART  
Warm Spring Station  
Phase 2- San Jose Downtown  
Civic Center Station Upgrade  
Montgomery Station Upgrade  
Concord Station Upgrade  
Dublin/Pleasanton Project  
Station Hearing Loop  
Entrance Canopies  
Berkeley Station Upgrade  
Stair Tread Color Contrast  
Richmond Intermodal Project  
Berryessa/Milpitas Stations  
Powell Street Station Upgrade  
Embarcadero Station Upgrade  
West Dublin Path of Travel  
Track Maintenance  
Elevator Priority Signage  

10 Minutes

10. Chairperson Announcements (Information)  

5 Minutes

11. Staff Announcements (Information)  

5 Minutes

12. Member Announcements (Information)  

5 Minutes

13. Future Agenda Topics (Information/Action)  

Members to Suggest Topics  

5 Minutes

Next Meeting Schedule:  
Thursday, May 26, 2016

14. Adjournment

Please refrain from wearing scented products (perfume, cologne, after-shave, etc.) to this meeting, as there may be people in attendance susceptible to environmental illnesses.

BART provides service/accommodations upon request to persons with disabilities and individuals who are limited English proficient who wish to address Board matters. A request must be made within one and five days in
advance of Board meetings, depending on the service requested. Please contact the Office of the District Secretary at (510) 464-6083 for information.

ATTACHMENT I

Material Enclosed for this Meeting
• 3-24-16 Minutes

eBART Links

Future Agenda Topics
• Detectable Path of Travel
• Accessible Capital Request List Update
• Station Announcements (emergency and non-emergency)
• Capital Improvement Program
• Elevators; also cone clutter, odor
• Best Practice Standards for Construction
• Signage Update
• Alternative travel options while elevators are out of service
• Policies regarding using discount tickets versus Clipper cards
• Difficulty (especially among disabled community) boarding buses when a station is under construction; discussion of policies and procedures
• Editing BART app to include information of construction at stations
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 – (ABSENT)  
Megan O’Brien – (ABSENT)  
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:  
Director Robert Raburn, Elena Vanloo (BART),  
Linton Johnson (BART), Carl Orman (BART),  
Debby Leung, Marianne Haas,  
Janice Dispo (Stenographer)

2. Public Comments

[ No public comment.]

3. Approval of Minutes of January 28, 2016 and February 25, 2016 Meetings
No opposition to Clarence Fischer’s motion to approve the minutes of the January 28, 2016 meeting, with a second by Gerry Newell.

Motion passes unanimously.

No opposition to Clarence Fischer’s motion to approve the amended minutes of the February 25, 2016 meeting, with a second by Janet Abelson.

Motion passes unanimously.

4. Building a Better BART

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

More information can be found at http://www.bart.gov/better-bart

Alan Smith thanked Linton for his presentation, and looks forward to the continuing dialog regarding Building a Better BART.

5. Pittsburg/Bay Point and North Concord Accessibility Improvements

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

Gerry Newell thanked Carl Orman (and Scott Smith) for showing Gerry the work going on at Pittsburg Station.

Clarence Fischer asked about the availability of seats at the Kiss-and-Ride (pick-up/drop-off area).

6. Discussion and possible recommendation to the BART Board of Directors regarding the adoption of a policy and/or other measure to allow disabled persons a priority in the use of BART station elevators over other riders
Carl Orman asked three questions of members regarding elevators: What is the issue? Where is the issue? What is the frequency of the issue so that priorities may be needed?

A short discussion was held and members were able to share their thoughts.

Janet Abelson shared that she oftentimes can’t get on the elevators at MacArthur as well as at El Cerrito Plaza, either because they are too crowded or because they are too small.

Hale Zukas stated that he oftentimes shares the use of the elevator at MacArthur with a bicyclist, with no problems.

Clarence Fischer suggested that a reminder by printed in the Bikes on BART brochure, reminding folks to yield the use of elevators to people with disabilities.

Carl Orman plans on giving members an update at the next BATF meeting in April.

7. Capital Project Status Reports

Concord Station Upgrade

Contracts have been approved for reroofing of the supervisor office building at the south end of the platform, as well as reroofing of the maintenance yard.

Powell Street Station Upgrade

A contract has been approved for reroofing work to be done at Powell.

Berryessa/Milpitas Stations
The VTA (Valley Transportation Authority) has announced that they have received authorization from the FTA (Federal Transit Administration) to spend some funds in order to complete an environmental impact report.

Fleet of the Future

A new car is being tested at the Hayward maintenance yard. Two more cars will arrive in May. All new cars are set to be delivered by 2021, which is ahead of what the original contract called for. A special tour will be held for the BATF at the maintenance yard, date and time yet to be determined. It will be wheelchair accessible, and BART will provide Paratransit service from either South Hayward or Hayward Station. (Travel reimbursement approved, per Ike Nnaji.)

No updates were given for the following projects:

- El Cerrito Del Norte
- Oakland Airport Connector
- Union City Station Remodel
- eBART
- Warm Springs Station
- Phase 2 – San Jose Downtown
- Civic Center Station Upgrade
- Montgomery Station Upgrade
- Dublin/Pleasanton Project
- Station Hearing Loop
- Entrance Canopies
- Berkeley Station Upgrade
- Stair Tread Color Contrast
- Richmond Intermodal Project
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- Track Maintenance

8. Chairperson Announcements
Alan Smith made a few chairperson announcements.

Bob Powers has agreed to meet with members at 3:00 p.m. on April 5, 2016, at 300 Lakeside Drive, 21st Floor in Oakland. The purpose is for the BATF to meet with senior BART managers and construction supervisors to discuss how to ensure that when obstacles placed in the path of travel, the visually impaired be made aware of its presence. (Travel reimbursement approved, per Ike Nnaji.)

9. Staff Announcements

Bob Franklin gave an update regarding maintenance issues between Pittsburg/Bay Point into North Concord. Passengers will now be using a shuttle train.

He talked about weekend closures for maintenance, and that there will be a bus bridge between Bay Fair and San Leandro. Passengers can experience up to an hour delay transferring between these stations.

As it can get confusing, he encouraged members to get the latest information regarding BART maintenance on the BART website.

Alan Smith suggested that information be posted on the website, letting people know of the possible hour delay.

Director Raburn stated that members can go to BART’s website to watch a video regarding the Fleet of the Future Digital Display Simulation. http://www.bart.gov/about/projects/cars/new-features

10. Member Announcements

[No member announcements.]

11. Future Agenda Topics
- Discussion on when elevator platform is out of service, such as at Union City, whether the last revenue trains can run reverse direction so that people in wheelchairs can make use of the elevator at the opposite platform
- Safety concerns regarding panhandlers in stations and on trains
- Disabled rates printed in the fare chart
- Updates from staff for West Oakland, Lafayette, Richmond and Pleasant Hill projects

12. Adjournment

The meeting adjourned to the next regularly scheduled meeting of Thursday, April 28, 2016, at 2:00 p.m., at 1750 Broadway in Oakland, California.