NOTICE OF REGULAR MEETING AND AGENDA
BART ACCESSIBILITY TASK FORCE

July 28, 2016

A Meeting of the BART Accessibility Task Force (BATF) will be held on Thursday July 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
   BATF Roll Call and Introduction of Individuals Present
   5 Minutes

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

3. Approval of Minutes of June 23, 2016 Meeting (Action)
   5 Minutes

4. Station and Train Announcements (Information/Action)
   Staff to respond to the BATF letter to BART
   20 Minutes

5. Concord Station Plaza Improvement (Information/Action)
   Staff to Present Project for Comments
   20 Minutes

6. Bikes on BART Update (Information/Action)
   Staff to Present Update for Comments
   20 Minutes

7. Internal Process for Implementation of New Pilots (Information/Action)
   Staff to discuss Proposed Process
   10 Minutes
8. Transit Universal Design Guidelines (Information/Action) 10 Minutes
   Staff to Present Proposed Guidelines Development for Comments

9. BART Delivery of Passenger Experience (Information/Action) 10 Minutes
   Members Discussion

10. Elevator issues (Information/Action) 5 Minutes
    Staff to Update Member issues of last/first train, elevator out of service, cross over to platform with working elevator

11. New Membership Application (Action) 5 Minutes
    Members to Vote to Recommend for BART Board Approval

12. Capital Project Status Reports (Information/Action) 10 Minutes
    El Cerrito Del Norte/Plaza  Station Hearing Loop
    Oakland Airport Connector Entrance Canopies
    Union City Station Remodel Berkeley Station Upgrade
    Fleet of the Future Stair Tread Color Contrast
    eBART Richmond
    Warm Spring Station Berryessa/Milpitas Stations
    Phase 2- San Jose Downtown West Dublin Path of Travel
    Track Maintenance Dublin/Pleasanton Project
    Elevator Priority Signage West Oakland
    Pittsburg/Bay Point Station Upgrade Modernization

13. Chairperson Announcements (Information) 5 Minutes

14. Staff Announcements (Information) 5 Minutes

15. Member Announcements (Information) 5 Minutes

16. Future Agenda Topics (Information/Action) 5 Minutes
    Members to Suggest Topics

Next Meeting Schedule:
Thursday, August 25, 2016
17. Adjournment

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ATTACHMENT I

Material Enclosed for this Meeting
- 6-23-16 Minutes

eBART Links
http://www.stadlerrail.com/media/uploads/factsheets/GC
AP1007e.pdf
http://www.gonctd.com/pdf_fact_sheets/Sprinter_FactShe
eet.pdf

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)  
   Brandon Young  
   Roland Wong – (ABSENT)  
   Esperanza Diaz-Alvarez

   **BART Staff present:**  
   Ike Nnaji, Bob Franklin, Elena Vanloo

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

   Director Robert Raburn  
   Mark Dana (BART)  
   Greg Lombardi (BART)  
   Catherine Callahan  
   Debbie Leung  
   Janice Dispo (Stenographer)

2. **Public Comments**

   [No public comments.]

3. **Approval of Minutes of May 26, 2016 Meeting**

   No opposition to Herb Hastings’ motion to approve the amended minutes of the May 26, 2016 meeting, with a second by Gerry Newell.

   Motion passes unanimously.

4. **Staircase Landing Warnings**
Bob Franklin asked for clarification from members in order to best explain the intent of the request.

Members replied that they are looking for a change in texture to let people know of a change in elevation or an approaching staircase, which does not have adverse impact on others and does not create a tripping hazard or obstacle for travel.

5. Station Maintenance Tours

After the presentation given by Greg Lombardi, members were allowed to ask questions and/or share any concerns they had. A lengthy discussion was held.

6. e-BART Antioch Station Escalators

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

Members requested for a construction tour and a train tour, if possible. If not, then a preview of the station before it is available to the public will suffice.

The projected date for revenue service is the winter of the 2017-2018 year.

7. Station and Train Announcements

Alan Smith drafted a letter to Paul Oversier regarding issues with the announcements.

No opposition to Clarence Fischer’s motion to forward the letter on to Paul Oversier, with a second by Gerry Newell.

Motion passes with one abstention by Randall Glock.

8. BART Bond Endorsement

No opposition to Janet Abelson’s motion to endorse the bond, with a second by Gerry Newell.

Motion passes with abstentions by Hale Zukas and Randall Glock.

9. Elevator Issues
Clarence Fischer clarified the intent of this agenda item. Wherever there is an elevator outage towards the end of the line on a late-service train, he asked whether trains can just switch platforms rather than having passengers get off at an earlier stop than their intended destination and completing their journey by alternate transportation. He wanted to raise this issue to senior management and hold a discussion with them in order to explore other options.

The consensus from the BATF was that they do not want to follow up with senior management regarding this issue.

Bob Franklin stated that though the probability of this occurring is very small, it is still BART’s responsibility to address this type of issue should it occur.

Randall Glock suggested inviting the appropriate staff to come to a future meeting to talk to members about what steps need to be taken in the event they are stuck at a station at the end of the night. He stated that going directly to the board is not necessary and that holding a discussion with staff is preferable.

10. Capital Project Status Reports

Station Hearing Loop

The BART Board has approved and awarded the contract for the ADA pilot project for a hearing loop system to be installed in the Fremont BART station.

Montgomery Station Upgrade

LED lights are being installed throughout the Montgomery Station. Installation of new lights around the platform is expected to be completed by the end of the year.

No updates were given for the following projects:

El Cerrito Del Norte
Oakland Airport Connector
Union City Station Remodel
Fleet of the Future
eBART
Warm Springs Station
Phase 2 – San Jose Downtown
Civic Center Station Upgrade
Chairperson Announcements

Alan Smith will be out of town in mid-July.

He shared that Carter Mau thanked him for the BATF’s comments in supporting the budget.

The BATF’s letter in support of BART’s Station Access Policy was well received.

The BATF’s checklist for BART construction project managers (regarding accessible path of travel during construction) was sent to Bob Powers and Paul Oversier. Alan Smith shared a comment he received from Director Raburn, who said that he appreciates the BATF’s methodical prioritization of mitigations for construction disruptions.

Staff Announcements

Bob Franklin talked briefly about a technology conference that was recently held called “AccessTech,” and shared some examples of the suggestions and recommendations received.

Member Announcements

Janet Abelson wanted to commend the BART employee who helped her at the elevator at the El Cerrito Plaza station earlier today.

Clarence Fischer reminded members that AC Transit will have some service changes effective Sunday, June 26, 2016.
Hale Zukas attended a recent AC Transit meeting where there was a demonstration on text-to-speech/speech-to-text technology on their buses. Bob Franklin shared that as a result of the AccessTech conference, BART will be receiving a demonstration of this speech-to-text technology.

Randall Glock shared that requests for travel reimbursement is being submitted after today’s meeting.

14. **Future Agenda Topics**

   - Discussion on issues getting to destination on late trains (see Item 9)

15. **Adjournment**

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

(The meeting adjourned at 4:24 p.m.)