

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

December 12, 2018

A meeting of BART Accessibility Task Force (BATF) will be held on Wednesday, December 12, 2018 from 2:00 p.m. – 4:30 p.m. The meeting will be held at BART Administration Building location at, 300 Lakeside Drive, 15<sup>th</sup> Floor, Oakland, California 94612 in the community room. The facility is served by public transportation. The nearest BART Station is the 19<sup>th</sup> Street Station and there are multiple AC Transit routes to the meeting site.

**AGENDA**

1. Self-introductions of members, staff, and guests. (Information/Action) 05 minutes  
BATF roll call and introductions of individuals present.
2. Public comments. (Information) 15 minutes  
Opportunity to comment on items not on the agenda.  
(Two minutes per speaker)
3. Approval of November 12, 2018 draft minutes. (Information/Action) 05 minutes
4. BART – VTA Berryessa/Milpitas project – Update. 30 minutes  
(Information/Action)
5. Member announcements. (Information/Action) 05 minutes
6. Staff announcements. (Information/Action) 05 minutes
7. Chairperson announcements. (Information/Action) 15 minutes
8. Future agenda topics-Members suggest topics. (Information/Action) 15 minutes  
Next meeting scheduled: Thursday, January 24, 2019  
@ 1750 Broadway, Oakland, Ca 94612

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

## **Material attached for November 8, 2017 BATF meeting:**

- November 14, 2018 draft minutes
- Corrected BART 2019 meeting dates – Does not show 2018 for November and December towards the bottom of the page
- Final letter of support for purchase of 425 new rail cars presented at the BART Board of Director's meeting on November 15, 2018

## **Future Agenda Topics:**

1. Accessible Capital Request list update (once a year – Finance Dept presents)
2. Station announcements (emergency and non-emergency)
3. Announcements on board trains (not always clear or too loud, or too low)
4. Elevators; odor concerns – Clean-up efforts
5. Best practice standards for constructions/BATF travel obstacles mitigation – Checklist
6. Train safety presentation
7. Sharp's container in BART stations (for example: if diabetic and want to throw away the needle, what is the safest way at BART stations)
8. Annual report of accomplishments (once a year with BATF members – January)
9. Update, establish annual, strategic goals (once a year with BATF members)
10. How to report when things are not working in the BART system via BART.gov
11. White emergency white call boxes
12. Emergency blue light, poles (blue boxes – being tested)
13. Elevator mitigation – new program – updates
14. Quarterly projects updates
15. Updates on Measure "RR"
16. Updates on VTA– BART Silicon Valley Extension project
17. Field trip to Milpitas/Berryessa – Two newest BART/VTA stations
18. Clipper Cards (possible improvements – Updates)
19. BART elevator tenants in Downtown San Francisco program through Hunter Point Family program – status, update
20. BART (Official) app now working under I-phone and Android – Status, updates

**SAN FRANCISCO BAY AREA TRANSIT DISTRICT  
ACCESSIBILITY TASK FORCE**

**Draft Minutes**

November 14, 2018

**1. Self-Introductions of Members, Staff and Guests**

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

**BART Staff present:** Elena Van Loo, Laura Timothy, Bob Franklin (ABSENT)

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

Susan Poliwka (BART Staff)  
Paul Medved (BART Staff)  
Alicia Trost (BART Staff)  
Anjelica Dill-James (BART Staff)  
Melissa Jordan (BART Staff)  
Carl Holmes (BART Staff)  
Chief Carlos Rojas (BART PD)  
Deputy Chief Lance Haight (BART PD)  
Officer David Touye (BART PD)  
Office Eric Hoffstein (BART PD)  
Larry Bunn (Guest)  
Brian Cloy (Guest)  
Emily Witkin (Guest)  
Shawn Costello (Guest)

Sara Desumala (Guest)  
Arthur Peterson (Guest)  
Jerry Grace (Guest)  
Janice Dispo (Stenographer)

## **2. Public Comments**

Shaun Costello commented about the lack of cleanliness of the trains, especially with regards to the windows.

## **3. Approval of October 25, 2018 Meeting Minutes**

No opposition to Herb Hastings' motion to approve the October 25, 2018 meeting minutes, with a second by Gerry Newell.

Motion passes with abstentions from Clarence Fischer, Catherine Callahan, Esperanza Diaz-Alvarez, and Christina Lasson.

## **4. BART Future Irvington Station - Update**

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

A discussion was held.

Some members asked if BART would reconsider also having escalators at the station.

## **5. BART Website Overview - Update**

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

A discussion was held.

Member were encouraged to share any additional feedback off-line.

## **6. Discussion with BART Police with System Safety and Security**

After the overview given by the BART Police Staff, members were allowed to ask questions and/or share any concerns they had.

A long discussion was held.

## **7. Letter of Support for Purchase of 425 New Rail Cars**

Alan Smith brought up to moved that the BATF support the purchase of 425 additional railcars and present the updated letter at the next BART Board meeting.

With a second by Gerry Newell, the motion passes unanimously.

Alan Smith thanked Randall Glock for taking the lead in drafting the letter, and thanked Roland Wong for his efforts in editing the letter.

Alan Smith mentioned that the final letter be part of the December's agenda and Elena Van Loo will follow through.

## **8. BATF New Member Nomination**

No opposition to Gerry Newell's motion to recommend the approval of Emily Witkin's application, with a second by Christina Lasson.

Motion carries with abstentions from Roland Wong, Esperanza Diaz-Alvarez, Janice Armigo-Brown, and Randall Glock.

## **9. Approval of the BATF 2019 Member/Public Meeting Dates**

No opposition to Alan Smith's motion to approve the dates, (with one correction to reflect 2019 as opposed to 2018), with a second by Esperanza Diaz-Alvarez.

Elena Van Loo will do the correction and present copies for the next BATF meeting as requested.

Motion passes unanimously.

## **10. Member Announcements**

Alan Smith shared that VTA has begun preliminary work in Downtown San Jose.

He also shared that BART will be adding over 800 parking spaces at the Antioch Station. The station's success has pushed the demand for parking in Antioch far beyond the space available. The new lot will be completed in 2020.

## **11. Staff Announcements**

Elena Van Loo let BATF members know that she will be sending detailed information to the December 12, 2018 meeting's and Holiday Reception.

Elena Van Loo also minded BATF members to give themselves plenty of time of arrival at the BART Administration Building on Lakeside Drive for the December's meeting and Holiday Reception.

Elena Van Loo also reminded members to reserve a ride with East Bay Paratransit for December 12, 2018 and let her know so that she's able to make sure the pick-up ride (s) are between 4:30 – 5:00 pm.

## **12. Chairperson Announcements**

Randall Glock shared a few informal announcements.

He shared that he will not be in attendance during the December BATF meeting.

## **13. Future Agenda Topics**

- Clipper Card
- BART Police App
- BART (Official) App – An update – Status

## **14. Adjournment**

The meeting adjourned to the next specially scheduled meeting of **Wednesday, December 12, 2018, at 2:00 p.m., at 300 Lakeside Drive, 15<sup>th</sup> Floor, Oakland, California.**

(The meeting adjourned at 4:31 p.m.)

**BART Accessibility Task Force (BATF)  
2019 Member / Public Meeting Dates**

- **January 24, 2019**, Thursday
- **February 28, 2019**, Thursday
- **March 28, 2019**, Thursday
- **April 25, 2019**, Thursday
- **May 23, 2019**, Thursday
- **June 27, 2019**, Thursday
- **July 25, 2019**, Thursday
- **August 22, 2019**, Thursday
- **September 26, 2019**, Thursday
- **October 24, 2019**, Thursday
- **November 13, 2019** (Wednesday due to Thanksgiving Holiday)
- **December 11, 2019** (no meeting at East Bay Paratransit due to BATF Holiday Reception at the BART Administration building-see below for more detailed information)

January – November 2019, meetings will be held at 1750 Broadway, Oakland, CA 94612 from 2:00 pm – 4:30 pm in the community room.

December's meeting / Holiday Reception will be on December 11, 2019, Wednesday, at 300 Lakeside Drive, Oakland, CA 94612. The conference room where reception will be held will be determined at a later date.



**FINAL LETTER**

Thursday, November 15, 2018

Robert Raburn, President  
BART Board of Directors  
300 Lakeside Drive  
Oakland CA 94612

SUBJECT: BART Accessibility Task Force (“BATF”) Letter of Support for the Purchase of New BART Rail Cars

Dear President Raburn,

At the November 14, 2018 BATF committee meeting, BART Staff presented an item on the procurement and purchase of 425 additional new BART Fleet of the Future rail cars. With the increase of rail cars, this will help ease the crowding and congestion on trains systemwide. Also, with increased passenger capacity, this will make it easier for seniors and passengers with disabilities to find a seat near the door. These new cars will also provide ample space for assistive mobility aids, such as wheelchairs, walkers, and service dogs, which will make traveling on BART more pleasant and comfortable.

BATF members have unanimously endorsed and passed a motion in support of the purchase of new BART rail cars. Thank you.

Sincerely,

Randall Glock  
BATF Chair

cc: BART Board of Directors  
Grace Crunican, BART General Manager  
BART Board Appointed Officers  
Carl Holmes, BART Assistant General Manager, Planning, Development & Construction  
BART Customer Access and Accessibility Department