

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

September 28, 2017

A meeting of BART Accessibility Task Force (BATF) will be held on Thursday, September 28, 2017 from 2:00 p.m. – 4:30 p.m. The meeting will be held at East Bay Paratransit’s location at, 1750 Broadway, 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/Action) 05 minutes  
Opportunity to comment on items not on the agenda  
(Two minutes per speaker)
3. Approval for July 27, 2017, August 24, 2017 Minutes. 05 minutes  
(Information/Action)
4. Access component of Measure “RR.” BART Bond update 30 minutes  
(Information/Action)
5. BART Train Announcements (Information/Action) 20 minutes
6. GDA (General Disability Awareness) update (Information/Action) 20 minutes
7. Best practice standards for construction/BATF travel obstacles 15 minutes  
mitigation-Checklist (Information/Action)
8. Yearly nomination of Officers: Chair, Vice-Chair (Information/Action) 10 minutes
9. Chairperson announcements. (Information/Action) 10 minutes
10. Staff announcements. (Information/Action) 10 minutes

11. Member announcements. (Information/Action) 10 minutes
12. Future agenda topics. (Information/Action) 10 minutes  
Members to suggest topics  
Next 3 meetings scheduled:  
**Thursday, October 26, 2017, Wednesday, November 08, 2017, Wednesday, December 13, 2017 (BATF Holiday Reception @ 300 Lakeside Drive, 15<sup>th</sup> floor from 2:00 – 4:30pm)**

13. 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 illness.

BART provides services/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's Office at 510-464-6083 for information.

## **Material attached for August, 2017 BATF meeting:**

- July 27, 2017 minutes,
- August 24, 2017 minutes,
- Best practice standards for construction/BATF travel obstacles mitigation-Checklist
- 2017 BATF Holiday Reception flyer

## **Future Agenda Topics:**

1. Detectable Path of Travel
2. Accessible Capital Request List update
3. Station announcements (emergency and non-emergency)
4. Announcements on board trains (not always clear or too loud, or too low)
5. Elevators; odor concerns
6. Cone clutter
7. Best practice standards for construction/BATF travel obstacles mitigation-Checklist
8. Status, updates of signage
9. Alternative travel options while elevators are out of service
10. Policies regarding using discount tickets versus Clipper Cards
11. Editing BART app to include information of construction at stations
12. Train safety presentation
13. Path of travel (yearly update)
14. Why there is not more signage at the Fremont station for the hearing loop system; signage on the platform
15. Surcharge on the BART paper tickets
16. BART Watch app; more details of what it is and how it works
17. Sharp's container at BART stations (for example: if diabetic and want to throw away the needle; what is the safest way at BART stations)
18. GDA (General Disabilities Awareness) pamphlet
19. Third door markings on the platform for the new FOF (Fleet of the Future)-updates
20. Measure "RR," BART Bond
21. eBART update Antioch
22. Fares for eBART and SVBX (Silicon Valley/Berryessa)
23. New paid area for elevators outside the paid area
24. Escalator modernization updates
25. "Refresh" of BATF By-Laws

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

**Draft Minutes**

July 27, 2017

## **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  
Brandon Young – (ABSENT)  
Roland Wong  
Esperanza Diaz-Alvarez  
Debby Leung – (ABSENT)  
Catherine Callahan  
Valerie Buell  
Chris Mullin

**BART Staff present:** Bob Franklin, Elena Van Loo

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

Director Robert Raburn  
Aaron Weinstein (BART)  
Maureen Wetter (BART)  
Chief Carlos Rojas  
Jerry Grace  
Janice Dispo (Stenographer)

## **2. Public Comments**

[No public comments.]

### **3. Approval of Minutes of May 25, 2017 and June 22, 2017 Meetings**

No opposition to Alan Smith's motion to approve the minutes of the May 25, 2017 meeting, with a second by Gerry Newell.

Motion carries unanimously.

No opposition to Clarence Fischer's motion to approve the amended minutes of the June 22, 2017 meeting, with a second by Gerry Newell.

Motion carries unanimously.

### **4. Introduction to New BART Chief of Police**

After the introduction of Chief Carlos Rojas, members were allowed to ask questions and/or share any concerns they had.

A long discussion was held.

### **5. Fleet of the Future, Hearing Loops**

After the update given by Aaron Weinstein and Maureen Wetter, members were allowed to ask questions and/or share any concerns they had.

A long discussion was held.

### **6. Balboa Park Station Modernization**

[No presentation at this time.]

### **7. Chairperson Announcements**

Randall Glock has been talking to staff about coming up with a Fleet of the Future safety and equipment evacuation procedures guide.

More information to follow.

The bathroom doors at Warm Springs are to be reevaluated due to complaints of it being too heavy to open.

### **8. Staff Announcements**

Staff announced that Ike Nnaji has retired from BART.

### **9. Member Announcements**

Alan Smith shared that the Hayward Fault runs through the Oakland/Berkeley Hills tunnel, and that the track is slowly moving closer to the walls. This is an issue BART will need to address in the foreseeable future.

Valerie Buell is to find out more information about the City of Hayward and Chabot College's plan to build an elevated BART platform training center for firefighters.

Janice Armigo Brown shared about her experience attending the Hearing Loss Association of America Convention, wherein she received an award for her work on the BATF and acquiring hearing loop systems on BART.

## **10. Future Agenda Topics**

Fleet of the Future Third Door Marking Update  
Accessibility Improvement Project Survey Results Update

## **11. Adjournment**

The meeting adjourned to the next regularly scheduled meeting of August 24, 2017, at 2:00 p.m., at 1750 Broadway, Oakland, California.

(The meeting adjourned at 4:19 p.m.)

# **BART ACCESSIBILITY TASK FORCE**

## **PATH OF TRAVEL POTENTIAL OBSTACLES: MITIGATION MEASURES**

### **CHECKLIST FOR BART CONSTRUCTION PROJECT MANAGERS**

**May 26, 2016**

#### **INTRODUCTION:**

There were some path of travel issues during various BART construction projects in 2015-16. It was thus agreed on April 5, 2016 with the BATF and BART Planning and Development and Operations, that a checklist would be developed for BART construction managers. This checklist is to be used for all size projects prior to the start of construction so that managers can “walk the site” and determine if there will be obstacles to the path of travel; and if so, to ensure adequate mitigation measures have been planned as well as their implementation.

#### **Lighting:**

Will lighting be reduced? If so, what will be done to bring the lighting back to the original level? Many visually impaired people require more lighting than the CBC (California Building Code) minimum requirements.

#### **Fencing:**

Will chain link fencing (e.g. Cyclone™ fencing) be in the path of travel? Gray fencing can blend into the background of gray cement walls or floors. What will be done to ensure the visibility of the fence?

#### **Fare Gates:**

Will any fare gates be blocked? If so, does this include either/or the swing gate or the wide fare gate? If yes, how will wheelchair riders access the station? El Cerrito Plaza is an example of this situation in April 2016.

#### **“Trench Ramps”:**

Does the path of travel cross over a trench or similar opening? If so, describe what is covering the excavation. Is it easily wide enough for a large wheelchair? What is the “angle of approach” leading up to the cover? What color is used to delineate the edges? Are the edge colors clearly contrasting with the other nearby material?

#### **Construction Barricades (e.g. “K Rails” etc.):**

What type of barriers will be erected to keep people away from the construction area? Do they re-direct the path of travel? If so, how will the visually impaired be informed and aware of the detour?

#### **Signs**

Are there signs in the path of travel? Is it possible a blind person could walk into them? Are they constructed so that a person with a white cane could have the cane pass through the “legs” of the sign, thus allowing the cane user to run into the sign?

**Scaffolding:**

Will scaffolding be over the path of travel? If so, are the poles padded to protect those who might hit the poles? Is there a clear path of travel through the poles? Is it clear how a person is to navigate around the poles, especially for the visually impaired?

**Hearing Impaired:**

During construction, will it be necessary to verbally direct passengers around an obstacle on a temporary basis? If a construction worker will be verbally directing passengers, how will this communication be made to the hearing impaired?

**Level Surfaces:**

During construction, or when a path of travel has been re-opened in a construction area, will the surface be smooth, i.e. free of tripping hazards from re-paving and can a wheelchair easily cross the area?

**Wheelchair Accessible Ticket Machines**

Will a wheelchair accessible ticket machine be blocked? If so, an alternate accessible machine is needed

**Replace Station “Furniture”:**

Upon the project’s completion, will the station “furniture” (e.g. benches, trash cans etc.) be placed back in their original locations? This is important, if at all possible, as such furniture is often used as landmarks for the visually impaired using canes.

**CONCLUSION:**

The BATF believes that the above mitigation measures will make accessing BART stations safer for disabled riders; as well as for inattentive walkers. BATF members are quite willing to work with staff and participate in walking with the construction managers prior to the start of projects.

**Approved by the BATF May 26, 2016**

**Ayes:** Janet Abelson, Janice Amigo-Brown, Larry Bunn, Peter Crockwell, Clarence Fischer, Randall Glock, Herb Hastings, Gerry Newell, Don Queen, Alan Smith, Roland Wong, Brandon Young, Hale Zukas

**Nays:** None

**Abstentions:** None

**Absent:** Esperanza Diaz-Alvarez



*Happy  
Holiday*



**BART Accessibility Task Force (BATF)  
Cordially Extends an Invitation to  
You  
a Holiday Reception**

**WHEN:** Wednesday, 12/13/17  
3:00 pm - 4:30 pm

**WHERE:** Kaiser Center  
15<sup>th</sup> Floor Conference Room  
300 Lakeside Drive  
Oakland, CA 94612

Light refreshments will be served

We look forward to share this time with you!

Randall Glock, BATF Chair  
Clarence Fischer, BATF Vice  
Chair Roland Wong, BATF Vice  
Chair

&  
BATF Members