

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

## **Draft Minutes**

February 23, 2012

### **1. Self-Introductions of Members**

**Members present:** Janet Abelson; Jan Armigo Brown; Peter Crockwell; Mary Fowler; Jim Gonsalves; Herb Hastings; David Jackson; Jane Lewis; Katrina McCurdy; Gerry Newell; Don Queen; Carmen Rivera-Hendrickson; Roland Wong; Hale Zukas

**Members not present:** Linda Drattell; Randall L. Glock

**Guests of the Public:** Alan Smith; Chris Mullin; Larry Bun; Lauren LaPlante; Terry Tibble (Sign Language Interpreter); Kellie Shanahorn (Sign Language Interpreter)

**Staff:** Ike Nnaji; Laura Timothy

**Guest Speaker(s) and Guest Staff:** Robert Raburn; Kevin Hagerty; Kobia West; Mark Smith

### **2. Public Comments**

[No public comments.]

### **3. Approval of Minutes of January 26, 2012 Meeting**

No opposition to Herb's motion to approve minutes of the January 26th, 2012 meeting, (second by Gerry). Motion carries unanimously.

### **4. Briefing by the Independent Police Auditor**

After a brief overview of the function of the independent police auditor, the floor was opened up for questions from members.

### **5. Staff Presentation on Proposed List of Accessible Capital Projects/Capital Wish List**

With this item, staff wants to make sure that nothing has been left off the list, and staff would also like to get some feedback from members. Members were instructed to pick three projects that they thought should be prioritized in the order of importance.

Gerry:

- 1) Fire alarms for the hearing impaired
- 2) Elevators - ticket processing
- 3) Escalators

Mary:

- 1) Elevator – ticket processing (issue with both her and Jim getting on elevator in time)
- 2) Accessible fare gate improvements

Peter:

- 1) Accessible fare gate improvements

Jane:

- 1) Elevators (anything to do with elevators)

Katrina:

- 1) Accessible fare gate improvements
- 2) Escalator redundancy

Don:

- 1) Detectable pathways
- 2) Stair treads (especially at top of stairs)
- 3) Noise mitigation

Janet:

- 1) Signage and wayfinding
- 2) Elevators – ticket processing
- 3) Accessible fare gate improvements

David:

- 1) Accessible fare gate improvements
- 2) Elevators – replacement & improvements (more lighting)
- 3) Stair treads
- 4) Sound mitigation

Jan:

- 1) Other signage and wayfinding (upgrades)
- 2) Upgrade to station PA system
- 3) Noise mitigation

Hale:

- 1) Elevators – ticket processing
- 2) Elevators - ideal elevator pilot

Roland:

- 1) Elevator – replacement & improvement (elevator redundancy)
- 2) Lighting improvements overall (new category)
- 3) PDA notification of train information

Carmen:

- 1) Accessible paths (including ADA)
- 2) Braille signage replacement
- 3) Flashing fire alarms
- 4) Detectable pathways

Herb:

- 1) Accessible fare gate improvements
- 2) Signage and wayfinding
- 3) PDA notification of train information

#### **6. Staff Presentation on Stair Treads at District Stations**

Some items for staff to look into and follow up on:

- Lack of stripes at 19<sup>th</sup> Street stairway from concourse to platform
- Lack of contrast or visibility of stripe at Walnut Creek
- Stripe lacks contrast on top step at Lake Merritt
- Stair treads at Glen Park are worn out; inadequate lighting
- Tripping hazard going into Civic Center & Montgomery elevators, material peeling up

Ad-hoc committee members for the stair tread item: David, Randall, Katrina

#### **7. Status Report on the Hale Zukas Plaque**

Hale has selected the location for the mounting of the plaque.

The suggested dates for the ceremony are Wednesday April 18<sup>th</sup>, Tuesday April 24<sup>th</sup>, and Monday April 30<sup>th</sup>.

#### **8. Ad-hoc Committee Reports**

- Police communicating with the deaf

A proposal has been requested for and the next step will be to look for funding.

- Oakland Airport Connector Project

Ad-hoc committee members for the Oakland Airport Connector Project: Herb, Jim, Carmen, Mary

#### **9. Comments from the Chairperson**

[N/A]

#### **10. Staff Announcements**

Laura stated that she met with Linda and Jim Brune at DCARA in order to get input for two projects she is currently working on. (Signage on platform, and pilot test for video sign language interpreter)

Laura announced that 21 out of 44 stations now have flashing fire alarms. Seven more stations will be fitted with flashing fire alarms between FY'11 and FY/12.

Ike mentioned that the demonstration pilot program for the senior/disabled fast pass has been discontinued.

He added that two members still need to complete the ethics training.

## **11. Member Announcements**

Gerry asked Ike to find out if there will be a tour of the 19<sup>th</sup> Street station this year.

Roland reminded members of his work in advocating for dual accessible fare gates. Laura suggested that the BATF make a formal request to BART engineering to amend the BFS to allow for dual accessible fare gates.

David and Jan told members about an informational meeting that they had with HR and gave an overview on the topics that were discussed. Some of the topics included the hiring process at BART for disabled persons.

## **12. Future Agenda Topics**

- BATF input to the BART Facility Standards

## **13. Adjournment**

The meeting adjourned to the next regularly scheduled meeting of Thursday, March 22, 2012 at 2:30 p.m.