SAN FRANCISCO BAY AREA TRANSIT DISTRICT
ACCESSIBILITY TASK FORCE
Minutes
January 26, 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 – (ABSENT)
Brandon Young – (ABSENT)
Roland Wong
Esperanza Diaz-Alvarez
Debby Leung
Catherine Callahan

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

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

Director Robert Raburn
Carl Orman
Valerie Buell
Chris Mullin
Jerry Grace
Janice Dispo (Stenographer)

2. Public Comments

Chris Mullin shared his appreciation for the elevator outage information being updated on BART’s website, which enabled him to better plan his trip to the meeting.
3. Approval of Minutes of August 25, September 22, October 27, November 9, and December 14, 2016 Meetings

No opposition to Don Queen’s motion to approve minutes of the August 25, 2016 meeting, with a second by Gerry Newell. Motion passes unanimously.

No opposition to Clarence Fischer’s motion to approve minutes of the September 22, 2016 meeting, with a second by Alan Smith. Motion passes with one abstention from Herb Hastings.

No opposition to Alan Smith’s motion to approve minutes of the October 27, 2016 meeting, with a second by Gerry Newell. Motion passes unanimously.

No opposition to Janet Abelson’s motion to approve amended minutes of the November 9, 2016 meeting, with a second by Gerry Newell. Motion passes unanimously.

No opposition to Alan Smith’s motion to approve minutes of the December 14, 2016 meeting, with a second by Janet Abelson. Motion passes with abstentions from Gerry Newell and Randall Glock.

4. Accessibility Projects Updates

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

A long discussion was held.

5. Fleet of the Future Update

[No presentation at this time; staff to present at March meeting]

6. New Independent Police Auditor

[No presentation at this time.]
7. December Reception Debrief

Members felt that the room did not accommodate wheelchair users well enough. They also felt that it may be helpful to hold introductions.

A short discussion was held and everyone was able to share about their experiences.

Herb Hastings made a motion to hold the November and December 2017 meetings on the first Wednesday of the month. The motion was seconded by Gerry Newell. A short discussion was held. The motion does not pass.

No opposition to Janet Abelson’s motion to continue holding the November and December meetings on the specially scheduled dates of Wednesday, November 8th, and Wednesday, December 13th, with a second by Debby Leung. Motion passes unanimously.

Randall Glock will work with staff on getting a more accessible room.

8. Capital Project Status Reports

Berryessa/Milpitas Stations

An e-mail was sent to members with a general update of VTA’s BART Silicon Valley Extension, and a Draft Environmental Impact Statement and Report.

Entrance Canopies

At the last board meeting, entrance canopy contracts were approved for at least 2 San Francisco stations.

Berkeley Station Upgrade

Construction is set to begin on February 13th.

Elevators

On January 30, work will begin to replace the floor on the elevator at the Pleasant Hill Station.
Oakland Airport Connector

Elevators have been working in about the 98 percent range.

No updates were given for the following projects:

- El Cerrito Del Norte
- Union City Station Remodel
- Fleet of the Future
- eBART
- Warm Springs Station
- Phase 2 – San Jose Downtown
- Track Maintenance
- Pittsburg/Bay Point
- Station Hearing Loop
- Stair Tread Color Contrast
- Richmond
- West Dublin Path of Travel
- Dublin/Pleasanton Project
- West Oakland
- Station Upgrade Modernization

9. Chairperson Announcements

Travel reimbursement has been applied to all members’ cards, with the exception of members who have not updated their card information.

Grace Crunican will attend either the March of April BATF meeting.

Randall Glock is working on getting a BART police representative to attend the BATF meetings.

10. Staff Announcements

Ethics Training has been scheduled for May 2nd. The location is to be determined.

The legal department has no issue with the BATF electing an alternate vice-chairperson. The BATF will need to amend the bylaws, and a motion has to be made and approved.
11. Member Announcements

Herb Hastings shared that the executive director at the Regional Center of the East Bay is announcing his retirement.

Alan reported that Asst. BART police chief Jennings said that when the rest rooms in Powell and Civic Center stations are opened, there may be rest room monitors. He further said that there is discussion these jobs might be a job that disabled people could do. No decisions have been made. Bob Franklin was asked to follow-up on this.

12. Future Agenda Topics

- BATF’s Interest in attending an evacuation drill
- Discussion of electing an alternate vice-chairperson
- Discussion on planning meetings
- Update on wheelchair lift at Oakland Airport Coliseum

13. Adjournment

The meeting adjourned to the next regularly scheduled meeting of Thursday, February 23, 2017, at 2:00 p.m., at 1750 Broadway, Oakland, California.

(The meeting adjourned at 3:43 p.m.)