

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

## **Minutes**

October 22, 2015

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

**Members present:** Janet Abelson, Randall Glock, Janice Armigo Brown, Peter Crockwell, Hale Zukas, Clarence Fischer, Gerry Newell, Herb Hastings, Alan Smith, Larry Bunn, Megan O'Brien, Brandon Young, Roland Wong, Esperanza Diaz-Alvarez

**Absent:** Don Queen, Linda Drattell

**BART Staff present:** Ike Nnaji

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

Director Robert Raburn, Elena Vanloo (BART), Aaron Weinstein (BART), Roderick McFarland (BART), Val Menotti (BART), Steve Beroldo (BART), Maureen Wetter (BART), Jerry Grace, Ric Owen (ASL Interpreter), Carol Day (ASL Interpreter), Janice Dispo (Stenographer)

### **2. Public Comments**

[No public comments.]

### **3. Approval of Minutes of September 24, 2015 Meeting**

The amended minutes will include the following amendments:

Under "Approval of Minutes," it should say:

- Marina Villena has missed four BATF meetings this year and has been removed as a member of the BATF.

Under "eBART," it should say:

- "There will be TTY telephones which will have a direct number to control central posted nearby. A toll-free number has been requested."

Randall Glock commented that the elections were conducted procedurally incorrect. Numerous interruptions during the elections caused confusion amongst members.

No opposition to Herb Hastings' motion to approve the amended September 24, 2015 meeting minutes, with a second by Gerry Newell.

Motion passes with abstentions from Larry Bunn and Randall Glock.

#### **4. Fleet of the Future Update**

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

Aaron Weinstein suggested that the BATF form a subcommittee.  
(Travel reimbursement approved, per Ike Nnaji.)

#### **5. Bikes on BART Update**

[No presentation at this time; staff not in attendance to present.]

#### **6. BART Access Policy**

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

Alan Smith suggested not stopping to pick up BART staff at Hayward and Concord yards as it can cause riders to miss bus connections.

Clarence Fischer agreed this issue impacts the Richmond-Fremont line as well.

#### **7. BART Website Station Map**

After a brief discussion, members brought forth a motion.

No opposition to Herb Hastings' motion to recommend that BART's website station maps include locations of elevators, stairs, escalators, the number of escalators, and escalator direction, (second by Gerry Newell).

Motion passes with an abstention from Roland Wong.

#### **8. By-Laws Update**

BART's Legal Department has asked that the language be changed in the recently recommended section for the Second Vice Chairperson, specifically with regard to the use of the word "inability."

No opposition to Gerry Newell's motion to remove the word "inability," (second by Janet Abelson).

Motion passes unanimously.

Upon approval, the by-laws will be edited to add a section for the Second Vice Chairperson, and it will read:

"The BATF shall elect from its membership a Second Vice Chairperson, who, in the absence of the Chairperson and Vice Chairperson to serve, shall have all the powers and perform the duties of the Chairperson and Vice Chairperson. The Second Vice Chairperson shall perform other duties from time to time, as may be requested."

## **9. Capital Project Status Reports**

Alan Smith shared a few thoughts regarding the Balboa Station tour that was recently held. He invited members who were in attendance for the tour to share their thoughts as well.

### Warm Springs Station

The Warm Springs Station will not open in December, as advertised. It will be opening sometime next 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

Phase 2 – San Jose Downtown

Civic Center Station Upgrade

Montgomery Station Upgrade

San Bruno Path of Travel

Track Maintenance

Station Hearing Loop

Entrance Canopies

Berkeley Station Upgrade

Stair Tread Color Contrast

Richmond Intermodal Project

Berryessa/Milpitas Stations

Powell Street Station Upgrade

Embarcadero Station Upgrade

West Dublin Path of Travel  
Concord Station Upgrade  
Dublin/Pleasanton Project

## **10. Chairperson Announcements**

Alan Smith, together with David Favello, the BART Bicycle Task Force Chairperson, expect to attend the November 19<sup>th</sup> Board meeting to present the BATF/BBATF joint letter.

## **11. Staff Announcements**

Ike Nnaji announced that the meeting room location at 1750 Broadway is has a hearing loop system.

He then reminded members that they must notify BART of any updates to their Clipper cards.

## **12. Member Announcements**

Clarence Fischer stated that destination signs (especially at MacArthur Station) are either displaying erroneous information or lack information.

## **13. Future Agenda Topics**

- Intermodal seating for the disabled (e.g. Dublin)
- BART fee schedule

## **14. Adjournment**

The meeting adjourned to the next specially scheduled meeting of **Thursday, November 12, 2015, at 2:00 p.m., at 1750 Broadway in Oakland, California.** (Location yet to be confirmed at the time of this meeting.)