

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

## **Minutes**

May 22, 2014

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

**Members present:** Randall Glock; Janice Armigo Brown; Peter Crockwell; Don Queen; Hale Zukas; Clarence Fischer; Gerry Newell; Herb Hastings; David Jackson; Alan Smith; Larry Bunn; Marina Villena; Megan O'Brien

**Members not present:** Janet Abelson; Katrina McCurdy

**Staff:** Ike Nnaji; Bob Franklin

**Directors, Speaker(s), Guest Staff, and Guests of the Public:** Director Robert Raburn; Aaron Weinstein; Roderick McFarland; Carter Mau; Val Menotti; Sadie Graham; Deidre Heitman; Peter Mendoza; Roland Wong; John Alex Lowell; Brandon Young; Mary Steiner

### **2. Public Comments**

John Alex Lowell suggested that the Traffic Collision Form (CHP 555) (used by police officers throughout the State) be revised to reflect whether an involved party in a collision has a disability, and whether their mobility device was involved as well.

### **3. Approval of Minutes of April 24, 2014 Meeting**

No opposition to Alan Smith's motion to approve minutes of the April 24, 2014 meeting, (second by Clarence Fischer). Motion carries unanimously.

### **4. Fleet of the Future Field Survey**

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

There was more discussion regarding the pole.

As the public address system had not been developed in time for the model, Larry Bunn feels that giving a rating on that portion of the Fleet of the Future questionnaire will be inaccurate.

Don Queen suggested removing the pole from the design at the middle doors of the car.

Peter Mendoza stated that he has heard multiple complaints regarding the placement of the pole.

Clarence Fischer shared a few ideas regarding the pole.

- no poles on all lead and end cars
- no poles at middle doors, poles on either end of car okay

- no poles at either end of car, pole in the middle okay

Alan Smith echoed Clarence Fischer's comments, saying that it might be better to leave the poles in at the middle door section of the car, and remove the poles at either end, as that the ends are where the wheelchair designation spaces are.

John Alex Lowell shared a suggestion regarding an alternative pole design.

Megan O'Brien stated that the information on the screens during the mockup were not very visible.

Brandon Young suggested that the screens have a sensor that would enable the screen to dim or brighten automatically.

Roland Wong suggested tilting the screens downward a little, so as to reduce glare.

He added that he has written a letter to BART, asking that they reconsider using ADA blue for the priority seats instead of lime green, and changing the other seats to a different color, perhaps gray.

Hale Zukas said that if the other seats were gray, it would be less distinct and not have enough contrast.

No opposition to Alan Smith's motion to recommend that BART use ADA blue in the priority seats; (second by Gerry Newell). Motion passes unanimously.

Aaron Weinstein discussed various alternatives about the poles and took informal surveys. There was general consensus that removing some of the poles from the cab cars could be a reasonable compromise.

## **5. BART Budget Update**

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

## **6. 19<sup>th</sup> Street Station Conceptual Design**

A short presentation was given by Sadie Graham. However, no questions were asked of her as time ran out and the meeting ended.

## **7. El Cerrito Del Norte and Plaza**

[No presentation at this time; presentation to occur at future meeting.]

## **8. New Member Nomination**

No opposition to David Jackson's motion to recommend approval of Brandon Young's application, (second by Peter Crockwell). Motion carries unanimously.

No opposition to Alan Smith's motion to recommend approval Roland Wong's application, (second by Gerry Newell). Motion carries unanimously.

**9. Project Status Reports**

[No project status reports; tabled until next meeting]

**10. Chairperson Announcements**

[No chairperson announcements; tabled until next meeting]

**11. Staff Announcements**

[No staff announcements; tabled until next meeting]

**12. Member Announcements**

[No member announcements; tabled until next meeting]

**13. Future Agenda Topics**

[No future agenda items; tabled until next meeting]

**14. Adjournment**

The meeting adjourned to the next regularly scheduled meeting of **Thursday, June 26, 2014, at 2:00 p.m.**