SAN FRANCISCO BAY AREA TRANSIT DISTRICT
ACCESSIBILITY TASK FORCE
Minutes
December 12, 2018

1. Self-Introductions of Members, Staff, And Guests

Members:

Alan Smith
Catherine Callahan
Chris Mullen
Clarence Fischer
Christina Lasson
Don Queen
Emily Witkin
Esperanza Diaz-Alverez
Gerry Newell
Hale Zukas
Herb Hastings
Janet Abelson
Janice Armigo-Brown (ABSENT)
Mussie Gebre (ABSENT)
Randall Glock (ABSENT)
Roland Wong
Valerie Buell

BART Staff present: Bob Franklin, Laura Timothy, Elena Van Loo

Director (s), Speakers, Staff, and Guests of the Public:

Melissa Jordan (BART Staff)
Tracy Johnson (BART Staff)
Hassen Beshir (BART Staff)
Susan Poliwka (BART Staff)
Rajwinder Sehdev (VTA Staff, Guest)
Janice Dispo (Stenographer)
Sara Desumala (Guest)
Shawn Costello (Guest)
Jerry Grace (Guest)
Anita Ortega (Guest)
Larry Bunn (Guest)
2. **Public Commits**

Shawn Costello said that he would like to see BART take more of an interest in making the place look better as they look run-down, dirty, and use too much bleach.

3. **Approval of December 12, 2018 Minutes**

No opposition to Herb Hasting’s motion to approve the December 12, 2018 meeting minutes with a second by Gerry Newell.

Motion passes unanimously.

4. **BART – VTA Berryessa/Milpitas Project – Update**

PowerPoint presentation by BART Staff, Bob Franklin. Members were allowed to ask questions and/or share any concerns they had after his presentation.

Members had questions that were answered by Bob Franklin, BART Staff and Rajwinder Sehdev, VTA Staff.

A long discussion was held.

Since agenda item was short, members agreed to continue this item number to the BATF January 24, 2019 meeting due to that the BATF meeting was one hour long and not enough time to have questions answered on the item.

5. **Member Announcements**

[No member comments.]

6. **Staff Announcements**

Melissa Jordan announced that there is a new, redesign, BART website and to check out the new version. Also mentioned to check the updated version about pets on BART: www.bart.gov/guide/pets

Elena Van Loo reminded members and the public that the BATF meetings to be at it’s regular meeting place at East Bay Paratransit office, 1750 Broadway, Oakland on January 24, 2019.
Elena Van Loo reminded members to please make sure that all personal items are with them at the end of the meeting. Elena Van Loo stated that personal items are being left behind.

Elena Van Loo reminded members that their reimbursements are due by January 10th, 2019 for the fourth quarter and if there’s any questions or concerns to email or call to discuss.

7. Chairperson Announcements

[No Chairperson Announcements.]

8. Future Agenda Topics – Members Suggest Topics

Members asked to have item #4, BART – VTA Berryessa/Milpitas Project, back on the agenda for January’s meeting.

Alan Smith expressed to have another presentation why escalators are not on the drawing board for the newest BART Station, Irvington.

9. Adjournment

The meeting adjourned to the next regularly scheduled meeting for February 28, 2019 at 2:00 pm, at 1750 Broadway, Oakland, California.

(The meeting adjourned at 3:07 pm)