

**SAN FRANCISCO BAY AREA RAPID TRANSIT DISTRICT
BART ACCESSIBILITY TASK FORCE**

Minutes
April 25, 2019

1. Self-Introductions of Members, Staff, and Guests:

Members:

Alan Smith (ABSENT)
Catherine Callahan (ABSENT)
Chris Mullin
Clarence Fischer
Christina Lasson
Don Queen
Emily Witkin
Esperanza Diaz-Alvarez, 2nd Vice-Chair
Gerry Newell
Hale Zukas (ABSENT)
Herb Hastings
Janet Abelson
Janice Armigo-Brown
Larry Bunn
Mussie Gebre
Randall Glock, Chair
Roland Wong, Vice-Chair
Valerie Buell

BART Staff present:

Bob Franklin
Elena Van Loo

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

Robert Raburn (BART Board of Directors)
Tian Feng (Staff)
Carl Orman (Staff)
Philip Kamhi (Staff)
Jeff Lau (Staff)
Roman Kotlyar (Staff)
Herr (Joshua) Teo (Staff)
Pam Herold (Staff)

Michael Eiseman (Staff)
Katie Jordan (Staff)
Lisa Agustin (Staff)
Nikhila Pai (Staff)
Lisa Washington (ASL Interpreter)
Lixa Pustink (ASL Interpreter)
Lisa Moore (ASL Interpreter)
Janice Dispo (Stenographer)
Jerry Grace (Guest)
Anita Ortega (Guest)
Marjorie Mc Wee (Guest)

2. Public Comments

No public comments

3. Approval of March 28, 2019, 2019 Minutes

Don Queen commented that his statement under item #4 “Braille Signage Content and Placement,” from March 28, 2019 meeting minutes was incorrect. Don Queen wanted to say, “Don Queen recommends placing Braille signs on top of the low walls which exist at the top and the bottom of many BART escalators.”

Esperanza Diaz-Alvarez mentioned that her statement under #7 “Future Irvington BART Station – Escalators,” from March 28, 2019 meeting minutes was also incorrect. The correct statement should be, “Esperanza Diaz-Alvarez would like to make a motion to support the continuation of this project with the condition that includes redundant elevators instead of escalators.”

Randall Glock asked the members who would like to make a motion to approve March 28, 2019 meeting minutes with the corrections requested by Don Queen and Esperanza Diaz-Alvarez.

Gerry Newell moved approval of the March 28, 2019 meeting minutes. Herb Hasting seconded the motion.

- Motion passes with fifteen (15) in favor, one (1) abstentions, zero (0) against

Elena Van Loo will correct March 28, 2019 meeting minutes as requested by members.

4. District Architect Will Summarize the Proposed American Public Transportation Association's Transit Universal Design Guidelines and Its Impact on Rider Access

Tian Feng gave a PowerPoint presentation on the item. Members were allowed to ask questions and/or share any concerns they had after the presentation.

Janet Abelson let Tian Feng know the proper etiquette describing a person with a disability. Janet Abelson suggested to correct a portion of Tien Feng's PowerPoint presentation from "Riders with Personal Mobile Equipment," to "Riders with Personal Mobility Equipment."

Tian Feng stated that he will forward his PowerPoint presentation to the BATF members and if members have any questions is to email Tian Feng.

Members asked for staff to continue to work on improving signage, as escalators and elevators are not always easy to find.

5. Legacy Fleet Decommissioning

Philip Kamhi gave a PowerPoint presentation on the item. Members were allowed to ask questions and/or share any concerns they had after the presentation.

A discussion was held.

Philip Kamhi encourage members to share any additional feedback off-line.

Members asked Philip Kamhi to forward the PowerPoint presentation to Elena Van Loo's attention and she will forward the presentation to the members.

6. Safety Features of the Fleet of the Future (FOF)

Jeff Lau gave a visual video presentation on the item. Members were allowed to ask questions and/or share any concerns they had after the presentation.

Gerry Newell stated that he liked the description of the different types of BART cars. He is now aware that there are four types of BART cars, "A" car, "B" car, "C" car, and an "E" car.

Randall Glock suggested to have a Fleet of the Future (FOF) BART train at the 19th St. BART Station to do a walk-through and point out the safety features.

BART Board of Director, Robert Raburn, stated that he would like to help facilitate getting members an onboard tour.

7. Milpitas/Berryessa Station Accessibility Features

Bob Franklin and Elena Van Loo lead discussion regarding site visits to Milpitas and Berryessa in the South Bay scheduled date for May 30th or have two separate trips.

Members agreed to have two separate trips instead of one day site trip to avoid a public meeting.

An ad hoc subcommittee was formed for Milpitas BART Station for a site tour at Milpitas BART Station on May 29, 2019 and a second ad hoc subcommittee was formed for Berryessa BART Station for a site tour on May 30, 2019.

The two ad hoc Subcommittees are:

May 29, 2019 (Milpitas BART Station)

- Don Queen
- Esperanza Diaz-Alvarez
- Herb Hastings
- Janet Abelson
- Janice Armigo-Brown
- Randall Glock
- Roland Wong

May 30, 2019 (Berryessa BART Station)

- Chris Mullin
- Clarence Fischer
- Emily Witkin
- Janet Abelson
- Larry Bunn
- Mussie Gebre
- Randall Glock
- Valerie Buell

Elena Van Loo let the members know that she and Bob Franklin will work with BART staff and VTA staff the details of the two separate site visits for Milpitas BART Station and Berryessa BART Station.

Elena Van Loo also approved travel reimbursement for either Milpitas BART Station site tour or site tour visit at Berryessa BART Station.

8. Fiscal Year 2020 Budget

Pam Herold, Michael Eiseman, Katie Jordan, Lisa Agustin, and Nikhila Pai gave a PowerPoint presentation on the item. Members were allowed to ask questions and/or share any concerns they had after the presentation.

A discussion was held.

Valerie Buell stated that the lack of available parking at BART Stations probably deters some users and impacts ridership and revenue.

Clarence Fischer suggested ways to attract rider to use BART.

9. Member Announcements

Valerie Buell stated the agenda is still being finalized for the next regional advisory committee meeting of the State Council on Developmental Disabilities, where one of the items she hopes will be discussed is Paratransit.

Valerie Buell also stated the celebration of self-advocacy that her office helps to coordinate will be held on October 18th, 2019 at the Ed Roberts Campus in Berkeley. Formal flyers and invitations will be shared with members when they become available.

10. Staff Announcements

Elena Van Loo reminded members that Ethics Training will be on May 7, 2019 and will email members the Ethics Training detailed information.

11. Chairperson Announcements

No Chairperson announcements

12. Future Agenda Topics – Members Suggest Topics

- Discussion regarding priority seat signage; including image of RTC Card
- Emergency procedures with people with disabilities on BART trains
- Paratransit Mitigation Program during BART emergencies

13. Adjournment

The meeting adjourned to the next regularly scheduled meeting for **June 27, 2019, at 2:00 pm at, 1750 Broadway, Oakland, CA 94612.**

[The meeting adjourned at 4:23 pm]