

SAN FRANCISCO BAY AREA TRANSIT DISTRICT ACCESSIBILITY TASK FORCE

Draft Minutes

March 23, 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
Brandon Young
Roland Wong
Esperanza Diaz-Alvarez – (ABSENT)
Debby Leung – (ABSENT)
Catherine Callahan

BART Staff present: Ike Nnaji, Elena Vanloo

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

Director Robert Raburn
Greg Lombardi (BART)
Aaron Weinstein (BART)
Pamela Herhold (BART)
Roderick McFarland (BART)
Michael Eiseman (BART)
Patrick Caceres (OIPA)
Russell Bloom (OIPA)
Sarah Celso (OIPA)
Valerie Buell
Chris Mullin
Jerry Grace
Daniel Cifuentes
Mussie Gebre
Daniel Vilhauer (ASL Interpreter)
Heather West (ASL Interpreter)
Janice Dispo (Stenographer)

2. Public Comments

Mussie Gebre said that not everything has been designed very well for people who are deaf and blind, like himself, and he cited Daly City and San Francisco stations as examples. He stated that riders like himself can really benefit from the use of Braille around the stations, and urged for BART to find a way to make announcements in a way that he can understand. His home station is El Cerrito. He finds the tactile pathways at El Cerrito Del Norte station very useful and he can use his cane well there.

3. Approval of Minutes of February 23, 2017 Meeting

No opposition to Herb Hastings' motion to approve the minutes of the February 23, 2017 meeting, with a second by Janet Abelson.

Motion passes with abstentions from Gerry Newell, Alan Smith, and Larry Bunn.

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.

A long discussion was held.

5. FY17 Short Range Transit Plan (SRTP)/Capital Improvement Program (CIP)

After the presentation given by Pamela Herhold and Michael Eiseman, members were allowed to ask questions and/or share any concerns they had.

6. South Hayward Elevator Relocation Project

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

Members asked for BART to make sure that the entire area is well-lit.

7. New Independent Police Auditor

Russell Bloom gave a brief overview of the Office of the Independent Police Auditor (OIPA).

Independent Police Investigator Patrick Caceres introduced himself and welcomed any questions or concerns.

8. Election of the Second Vice-Chair

Ike Nnaji ran this portion of the meeting.

Randall Glock moved to hold nominations to elect the second vice-chair, seconded by Gerry Newell.

Candidates for Second Vice-Chair:

Gerry Newell – 2 votes

Roland Wong – 6 votes

Herb Hastings - 2 votes

The Second Vice-Chair for the current term will be Roland Wong.

9. New Membership Applications

No opposition to Herb Hastings' motion to recommend the approval of Valerie Buell's and Chris Mullin's applications, with a second by Alan Smith.

Motion carries unanimously.

10. BATF Agendas and Presentation History

No opposition to Clarence Fisher's motion to allow Roland Wong to continue with compiling the BATF Agendas and Presentation History list, with a second by Gerry Newell.

Motion passes unanimously.

11. Chairperson Announcements

BART will host an opening celebration one day before service begins at the Warm Springs Station. This celebration will be held on Friday, March 24, 2017, from 10:00 a.m. to 12:00 p.m.

12. Staff Announcements

Ethics Training is being held on Tuesday, May 2nd, 2017, from 1:30 p.m. to 3:45 p.m. It will be held in the AC Transit 2nd Floor Board Room located at 1600 Franklin Street in Oakland. Members are reminded that the BATF meeting is still going forward in May.

Ike Nnaji reminded members that it is their responsibility to update staff of any changes to or issues with their Clipper accounts.

13. Member Announcements

Alan Smith reported that the BART Board authorized the sale of \$300 million in Measure RR bonds.

For the station modernization projects that are being funded by State of California Proposition 1B funds, extensions have been granted through the year 2022 for the work to be completed.

14. Future Agenda Topics

- Swing gate design change

15. Adjournment

The meeting adjourned to the next regularly scheduled meeting of **Thursday, April 27, 2017, at 2:00 p.m., at 1750 Broadway, Oakland, California.**

(The meeting adjourned at 4:29 p.m.)