

SAN FRANCISCO BAY AREA TRANSIT DISTRICT ACCESSIBILITY TASK FORCE

Draft Minutes

May 25, 2017

1. Self-Introductions of Members, Staff and Guests

Members:

Janet Abelson – (ABSENT)
Randall Glock
Janice Armigo Brown
Peter Crockwell
Don Queen
Hale Zukas
Clarence Fischer
Gerry Newell – (ABSENT)
Herb Hastings
Alan Smith
Larry Bunn – (ABSENT)
Brandon Young
Roland Wong
Esperanza Diaz-Alvarez
Debby Leung
Catherine Callahan
Valerie Buell
Chris Mullin

BART Staff present: Bob Franklin, Elena Vanloo

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

Director Robert Raburn
Carl Orman (BART)
Meghan Weir (Nelson Nygaard)
Shannon
Jerry Grace
Mussie Gebre
Terri Manning (Sign Language Interpreter)
Sherry Hicks (Sign Language Interpreter)
Janice Dispo (Stenographer)

2. Public Comments

Mussie Gebre, who is blind and deaf, shared about his experience as a BART rider. He hopes that BART can make announcements via text to inform users of things like trains being on different tracks than expected.

3. Approval of Minutes of March 23, 2017 and April 27, 2017 Meetings

No opposition to Herb Hastings' motion to approve the amended minutes of the March 23, 2017 meeting, with a second by Alan Smith.

Motion passes unanimously.

No opposition to Herb Hastings' motion to approve the minutes of the April 27, 2017 meeting, with a second by Alan Smith.

Motion passes unanimously.

4. Detectable Path Standard Update

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

Esperanza Diaz-Alvarez moved that staff return to BATF meetings every 12 months to update members of the status of the tactile path expansion, with a second by Peter Crockwell.

A discussion was held.

Motion passes unanimously.

Carl Orman has asked to come back in June to update the BATF on the accessibility improvement projects.

5. Multimodal Access Design Guidelines for BART Stations: Fremont Station Demonstration Workshop Debrief

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

Staff is to present an update to the BATF in the October 2017 meeting.

6. Warm Springs Station Tour Debrief

Randall Glock shared some of the things he noted during the tour.

A long discussion was held.

No opposition to Clarence Fischer's motion to include automatic door openers (whenever feasible/possible) for existing bathrooms so as to become more ADA friendly, with a second by Alan Smith.

Director Raburn suggested that this topic be agendaized and a proper discussion held.

The motion was withdrawn.

Director Raburn stated that it might be a worthwhile topic to raise within the multimodal access design standards discussion.

7. Chairperson Announcements

Randall Glock has extended an invitation to Carl Rojas, BART's new chief of police.

The BATF is interested in receiving train safety presentations for the new Fleet of the Future cars, especially with regard to emergency and evacuation situations.

Randall Glock thanked Janice Armigo Brown for all of her hard work and effort with getting hearing loop technology implemented throughout the system. Janice Armigo Brown is also a recipient of the Hearing Loss Association of America 2017 Get in the Hearing Loop Award, to be presented in Salt Lake City, Utah, at the national convention.

There is a closure scheduled this weekend and there will be no service between the Fruitvale and West Oakland stations.

Capital project updates will be held during member announcements.

8. Staff Announcements

Ethics training certificates were handed out to members.

9. Member Announcements

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

He added that there has been word that eBART will be opening in May of 2018.

Janice Armigo Brown shared that she accepted an invitation to BART's test yard and, along with other members of the hearing loss community, tested a train with new hearing loop technology installed.

10. Future Agenda Topics

- Accessibility improvement project survey
- Tactile path presentation "refresher"
- Discussion or presentation on installing automatic door openers for all BART bathrooms
- Presentation of station map diagram on BART website

11. Adjournment

The meeting adjourned to the next regularly scheduled meeting of **Thursday, June 22, 2017, at 2:00 p.m., at 1750 Broadway, Oakland, California.**

(The meeting adjourned at 3:43 p.m.)