

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

**Minutes**

September 27, 2018

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

**Members:**

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

**BART Staff present:** Bob Franklin, Elena Van Loo

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

Director Robert Raburn (BART Board of Directors)  
Laura Timothy (BART Staff)  
Greg Lombardi (BART Staff)  
Tim Moore (BART Staff)  
Sandy Stadtfeld (BART Staff)  
Anjelica Dill-James (BART Staff)  
Satinder Bhalla (BART Staff)  
Angie West (BART Staff)  
Chris Filippi (BART Staff)  
Brian Yuen (CBS Station)  
Ross MacDonald (Guest)  
Janine Harrison (Guest)  
Ross MacDonald (Guest)

Emily Witkin (Guest)  
Jerry Grace (Guest)  
Shawn Costello (Guest)  
Shawn Merriman-Roberts (ASL Interpreter)  
Jim Henderson (ASL Interpreter)  
Janice Dispo (Stenographer)

## **2. Public Comments**

Shaun Costello shared that he was assaulted on the street at a BART station.

Jerry Grace shared that he is happy to have ridden on the new car.

Larry Bunn was asked by a couple of visually impaired persons to shared that the automated announcements on the new car are nice and clear; however, the train operator announcements are not as clear.

## **3. Approval of August 23, 2018 Meeting Minutes**

No opposition to Herb Hastings' motion to approve the August 23, 2018 meeting minutes (with the safety resolution attached), with a second by Clarence Fischer. Motion passes unanimously.

## **4. East Bay Paratransit**

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

A long discussion was held.

Some of the comments are as follows:

As a deaf/blind rider, Mussie Gebre stated that it would be useful to him if drivers were to identify themselves in some way, like with a tap on the shoulder.

Janine Harrison implores that Paratransit service do a more definitive intake evaluation so as to be more knowledgeable of their riders' needs.

## **5. BART Station Hardening**

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

A long discussion was held.

## **6. BART Unified Mobile App**

After the presentation given by Tim Moore, Satinder Bhalla, and Anjelica Dill-James, members were allowed to ask questions and/or share any concerns they had.

A long discussion was held.

## **7. Yearly Nominations and Election of Officers: Chair, Vice-Chair, and 2<sup>nd</sup> Vice Chair:**

Elena Van Loo ran this portion of the meeting.

### Candidates for Chairperson:

Randall Glock – 16 votes

### Candidates for Vice Chairperson:

Herb Hastings – 2 votes

Clarence Fischer – 4 votes

Roland Wong – 10 votes

### Candidates for Second Vice Chairperson:

Herb Hastings – 2 votes

Clarence Fischer – 4 votes

Esperanza Diaz-Alvarez – 10 votes

The Chairperson for the next term will be Randall Glock, the Vice Chairperson will be Roland Wong, and the Second Vice Chairperson will be Esperanza Diaz-Alvarez.

## **8. Member Announcements**

Valerie Buell reminded members about the Carlos Quintong Self-Advocacy Celebration event happening on October 19<sup>th</sup> at the Ed Roberts Campus in Berkeley, from 6pm to 9pm.

Chris Mullins thanked Elena Van Loo for creating the 2019 BATF meeting calendar.

Clarence Fischer shared his experience with the most recent bus bridge. He stated the elevator was out of service at the West Oakland station and there wasn't any elevator mitigation trips in place from 19<sup>th</sup> Street into San Francisco.

Catherine Callahan shared about her experiences with the downtown BART elevators. She stated that the attendants have instructions to never leave the elevator, therefore preventing two wheelchair users from riding the elevator at the same time. She suggested they have further training when encountering situations such as this.

She added that the attendants could use a reminder that wheelchair users sometimes need more space in elevators, and that they should move their stools to allow for that.

## **9. Staff Announcements**

Elena Van Loo said that the conference room has been booked for all 2019 BATF meeting dates.

Randall Glock reminded everyone that the November and December meeting dates still have to be voted on and approved by members at the start of 2019.

## **10. Chairperson Announcements**

Randall Glock shared a few informal updates with members.

He suggested forming a welcoming committee for the December holiday reception so as to better facilitate meet-and-greets between members and staff.

He reminded members that the specially scheduled November and December 2018 BATF meetings are on Wednesday, November 14<sup>th</sup>, and Wednesday, December 12<sup>th</sup>.

## **11. Future Agenda Topics**

- Further discussion/update on East Bay Paratransit

## **12. Adjournment**

The meeting adjourned to the next regularly scheduled meeting of **Thursday, October 25, 2018, at 2:00 p.m., at 1750 Broadway, Oakland, California.**

(The meeting adjourned at 4:27 p.m.)