

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

**Minutes**

October 25, 2018

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

**Members:**

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

**BART Staff present:** Bob Franklin,  
Elena VanLoo

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

Director Robert Raburn  
Catherine Westphall (BART Staff)  
Mark Dana (BART Staff)  
Melissa Gordon (BART Staff)  
Michael Eiseman (BART Staff)  
Emily Witkin (Guest)  
Shawn Costello (Guest)  
Daniel Lebriaja (Guest - CIL)  
Shawn Merriman-Roberts (ASL Interpreter)  
Hannah Kanzell (ASL Interpreter)  
Janice Dispo (Stenographer)

## **2. Public Comments**

Shaun Costello said that he would like to see more effort being made to clean the interior of the trains.

## **3. Approval of September 27, 2018 Meeting Minutes**

No opposition to Alan Smith's motion to approve the September 27, 2018 meeting minutes, with a second by Gerry Newell.

Motion passes unanimously.

## **4. BART's New Advertising Franchise Agreement & Digital Screens**

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

A discussion was held.

The members requested to see examples.

## **5. Embarcadero Station Platform Elevator Capacity and Redundancy - Update**

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

A discussion was held.

## **6. FY19 Draft Short-Range Transit Plan/Capital Improvement Program**

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

A discussion was held.

## **7. Member Announcements**

Valerie Buell gave some remarks regarding the Carlos Quintong Self-Advocacy Celebration that was held on October 19<sup>th</sup>. She hopes to see and invited participation from members next year.

Gerry Newell shared that he has been appointed as chairman for what is now known as the Lion's Vision Resource Network.

Alan Smith stated that the Downtown Berkeley Station has been renovated and is now open. He shared positive comments.

Roland Wong shared that he working to connect with the San Francisco Mayor's office on Disability in order to talk about the issues regarding Paratransit. He hopes that the discussion can continue in the BATF meetings and that further updates can be shared amongst members.

Chris Mullin reminded members about the Abilities Expo taking place on October 26 to October 28, 2018 at the San Mateo Event Center.

## **8. Staff Announcements**

Peter Crockwell is no longer a member of the BATF.

Janet Abelson added that there is also an opening on the East Bay Paratransit's Rider Advisory Committee (SRAC or Service Review Advisory Committee) for a current BATF member to apply to be on.

Elena VanLoo has arranged the catering for the BATF December holiday reception.

She will be sending out the invitation fliers to BART staff, task members, community lists, as well as the Bike Task Force Advisory members.

## **9. Chairperson Announcements**

Randall Glock shared a few informal announcements.

He shared the BATF holiday reception with the board at their most recent meeting.

He commented that a few members have tested BART's mobile app and share positive feedback.

## **10. Future Agenda Topics**

- White emergency call boxes
- Inviting BART PD to future meetings (i.e., from San Francisco)
- Update on Fleet of the Future (as presented at the Board meeting)

## **11. Adjournment**

The meeting adjourned to the next specially scheduled meeting of **Wednesday, November 14, 2018, at 2:00 p.m., at 1750 Broadway, Oakland, California.**

(The meeting adjourned at 3:49 p.m.)