

SAN FRANCISCO BAY AREA TRANSIT DISTRICT ACCESSIBILITY TASK FORCE

Draft Minutes

July 25, 2013

1. Self-Introductions of Members

Members present: Janet Abelson; Randall Glock; Janice Armigo Brown; Peter Crockwell; Mary Fowler; Jim Gonsalves; Don Queen; Hale Zukas; Clarence Fischer; Gerry Newell; David Jackson, Jane Lewis; Katrina McCurdy; Roland Wong; Alan Smith; Larry Bunn

Members not present: Herb Hastings

Staff: Ike Nnaji

Directors, Speaker(s), Guest Staff, and Guests of the Public: Emile Jilwan; Elaine Cartwright; CSO Crystal Raine; Officer Bryan Trabanino.; Paul Plecnik; Art May; Mark Smith; Deputy Chief Jeffrey Jennings

2. Public Comments

[No public comments.]

3. Approval of Minutes of June 27, 2013 Meeting

No opposition to Gerry Newell's motion to approve minutes of the June 27, 2013 meeting, (second by Janet Abelson). Motion carries with one abstention by Larry Bunn.

4. Warm Springs Project

No opposition to Gerry Newell's motion to accept the compromise of the 19-inch allowance from the center of the elevator panels to the corner, and the automatic elevator movement option, (second by Roland Wong). The motion carries unanimously.

5. Future Berryessa Station Access Issues

At some time before the presentation, the BATF had provided staff a list of questions to answer. These questions were prepared by Randall Glock and Alan Smith.

The full list of questions and answers can be obtained through Randall Glock.

During and after the presentation by Emil Jilwan and Elaine Cartwright regarding the Berryessa and Milpitas Stations, members were allowed to ask questions and/or share any concerns they had.

6. Balboa Station Access Project Update

Tim Chan gave a short update. He expects to be able to present drawings to the group in September in order to get member input and feedback.

7. Proposed Sounds at Fare Gates

[No presentation at this time; staff not in attendance to present.]

8. MacArthur Station

During and after the presentation by Art May of MacArthur Transit Community Partners, members were allowed to ask questions and/or share any concerns they had.

Randall Glock asked that any new bulletins be e-mailed to either himself or to Ike Nnaji. He also requested that all signage during the project be kept up-to-date, especially with any information regarding route changes.

9. Project Status Reports

General Disabilities Awareness Booklet Preparation:

Next meeting to be scheduled for August 2013

Stair Tread Color Contrast Project

[No update at this time.]

eBART Project

[No update at this time.]

Richmond Garage and Intermodal Project

Paul Plecnik told members that BART has signed up to apply yellow thermoplastic material on each and every stair step nosing on all six levels of the two stairwells in the garage.

Future intermodal modification work will be done under a separate contract in approximately 18 months. At that time, members will be able to have a full accessibility review of the design prior to construction, and at that time, they will be able to address adding yellow dome tiling and curb cutouts on the intermodal adjacent to the garage.

10. Chairperson Announcements

Randall Glock talked about the Fleet of the Future mock-up that was held the day before the BATF meeting. He added that Aaron Weinstein will be coming back in the fall to give members an update on the Fleet of the Future.

Ike Nnaji shared that members will not be receiving reimbursements for this quarter. Members are to receive reimbursement at the next quarter in October.

Randall Glock offered help to members needing assistance in filling out a W-9 form.

He added that BART needs to record all members' personal Clipper card numbers.

11. Staff Announcements

[No staff announcements at this time.]

Deputy Chief Jeffrey Jennings attended the meeting as a special guest. Members were allowed to share any comments or concerns they had such as:

Janice Armigo Brown – lighting issues

David Jackson – would like more police presence

Mary Fowler – safety in elevators with fare evaders, especially at Bay Fair

Jim Gonsalves – added to Mary’s comment that he has safety concerns at Downtown Oakland and Fruitvale. (He later added that it would be nice to have signs that said something to the effect of “Do not get on the elevator if it is already in use by person(s) in wheelchairs.

Alan Smith – lighting and more police presence

Janet Abelson – fare evasion on elevators

Don Queen – no comment

Katrina McCurdy – no comment

Peter Crockwell – lighting and more presence

Gerry Newell – fare evasion, especially at 19th Street Station, 17th Street exit; would like more police presence; requested that BART police officers who walk through on the train introduce themselves to any visually impaired person(s) so as to let them know of police presence

Clarence Fischer – fare evasion; would like more patrolling on train by non-uniformed officers and especially in rear cars

Roland Wong – had an experience at Montgomery Station where homeless man urinated in front of him

12. Member Announcements

Katrina McCurdy announced that she has moved. She still has the same address, just a different apartment number.

Janet Abelson stated that there seems to be more bicycles on the trains, causing more crowding.

13. Future Agenda Topics

- Discussion on hearing induction loop system at Warm Springs
- Discussion about the lack of amenities in handicap areas but which are available in non-handicap areas
- Discussion on policy/procedure of temporary reversal escalator direction when elevator is out of service
- Discussion about lack of fare information at ticket machines for senior and/or disabled users
- Discussion on bicycles on trains (specifically with regard to limiting the number allowed per car)

14. Adjournment

The meeting adjourned to the next regularly scheduled meeting of **Thursday, August 22, 2013, 2:00 p.m.** (PLEASE NOTE TIME CHANGE)