

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

## **Minutes**

January 22, 2015

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

**Members present:** Janet Abelson, Randall Glock, Janice Armigo Brown, Peter Crockwell, Don Queen, Hale Zukas, Clarence Fischer, Gerry Newell, Alan Smith, Larry Bunn, Marina Villena, Brandon Young, Roland Wong

**Absent:** Herb Hastings, Megan O'Brien

**BART Staff present:** Bob Franklin, Ike Nnaji

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

Director Robert Raburn, Director John McPartland, Carl Orman, Kerry Hamill, David Vasquez, Aaron Weinstein, Elena Vanloo, Catherine Callahan, Aislinn Rocamora, Anne Smith (ASL Interpreter), Brooke Fulton (ASL Interpreter), Janice Dispo (Stenographer)

### **2. Public Comments**

Catherine Callahan shared about an incident in which the elevator was out of service at the Oakland Airport Connector. The BART supervisor with whom she spoke to offered her an option to take the bus. She could not do so as she did not have her Clipper card with her, nor did she have any cash. BART staff then offered to call Paratransit instead, although the wait was going to be an hour long.

She hopes that a better solution can be put in place for people who have mobility issues to get to and from BART in the event the elevators are out of service.

### **3. Approval of Minutes of September 25 and December 10, 2014 Meetings**

Amendments were made to the September 25, 2014 meeting minutes.

No opposition to Randall Glock's motion to approve the amended September 25, 2014 meeting minutes, (second by Clarence Fischer).

Motion passes unanimously.

No opposition to Randall Glock's motion to approve the December 10, 2014 meeting minutes, (second by Clarence Fischer).

Motion passes unanimously.

#### **4. Fleet of the Future Update**

The proposed compromise will be no poles in the middle, two wheelchair designations in the middle, one bicycle rack at an end, and poles at each end.

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

No opposition to Janet Abelson's motion to support the proposed compromise on the pole issue, (second by Gerry Newell).

The motion passes with abstentions from Randall Glock, Roland Wong, and Larry Bunn.

This proposal currently holds the support of the Disability Rights Advocates, the Independent Living Resource Center of San Francisco, the Community Resources for Independent Living in Hayward, and the California Foundation for Independent Living Centers in Sacramento.

#### **5. San Bruno Station Accessible Upgrade**

This project will improve the grade level, replacing the detectable path of travel with six-inch yellow inlaid Armor-Tile.

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

There was a question as to whether truncated domes can be used to at "decision points."

Carl Orman also discussed the West Dublin path of travel test. He confirmed what had been said at the test; that the version whereby the path of travel intersects in the middle of the three-foot bars was liked the best.

#### **6. Introduction of Board Member and Staff**

[No presentation at this time.]

#### **7. Capital Improvement Request List**

After a short discussion, members were allowed to identify specific concerns to add to the list.

Some of the items discussed:

- Addition of speed bumps in areas where vehicles make 90-degree turns right into a crosswalk
- Improvement in the detectable path of travel from the stairs/elevators to the buses (Pittsburgh)
- Make fare reader on fare gates visible/accessible
- Improvement in the wheelchair lift at Oakland Coliseum Station
- Improvement in the detectable path of travel on the west side of the station at Union City
- Addition of "Communication Access" category in the List
- Regular fare gates closing too fast
- Elevator doors closing too fast

## **8. Bike Pedestrian Safety Issues**

Steve Beroldo is scheduled to give a presentation at the February 26<sup>th</sup> BATF meeting regarding Bikes on BART.

A short discussion was held regarding the Bikes on BART rule that states as follows: "Bicyclists must use elevators or stairs, not escalators, and always walk bikes."

Janet Abelson moved to modify the aforementioned Bikes on BART rule to say, "Bicyclists must use elevators or stairs, not escalators, and always walk bikes on all BART property," and also moved to include skateboarders within that rule, (second by Gerry Newell).

Motion passes unanimously.

## **9. Holiday Reception Debriefing**

On behalf of the General Manager, Kerry Hamill thanked members for all their hard work, and handed out BART goodie bags.

No opposition to Roland Wong's motion to hold a BATF Holiday Reception in 2015, (second by Gerry Newell).

Motion passes unanimously.

## **10. Proposed Dates for November/December Meetings**

The proposed dates for the November and December meetings are the second Thursday of the month: November 12, 2015 and December 10, 2015.

Gerry Newell moved to adopt the proposed dates for the November and December meetings, (second by Randall Glock).

Motion passes with one opposition by Janet Abelson.

## 11. Capital Projects Status Reports

### Station Hearing Loop

A demonstration is being held at Colma Station on Wednesday, February 11, 2015, from 10:30am to 1:00pm.

### Oakland Airport Connector (OAC)

Bob Franklin stated that BART is looking into setting up alternative arrangements for people with mobility issues to get to and from BART in the event the elevator is out of service.

### Stair Tread Color Contrast

The stairs at the MacArthur Station have been deep cleaned.

### eBART

The Pittsburg Civic Center Station has been fully funded.

The two eBART stations are prepped to have escalators built in, if ridership so demands it.

### Richmond Intermodal Project

The award of contract for this project has been approved by the Board of Directors.

### Powell Street Station Upgrade

Station Brightening (deep cleaning, painting, repair) project is currently taking place.

### Civic Center Station Upgrade

The date for a BATF tour is Thursday, February 5, 2015, at 12:00pm.

### **No updates were given for the following projects:**

- General Disability Awareness Brochure
- El Cerrito Del Norte Improvement
- Joint Meeting With Valley Transportation Authority Committee for Transit - Accessibility (VTA CTA)
- 20<sup>th</sup> Street Entrance Canopy
- Union City Station Remodel
- Berkeley Station Upgrade
- Fleet of the Future
- Warm Springs Station
- Berryessa/Milpitas Stations
- Phase 2 – South Bay Extension

## 12. Chairperson Announcements

There are currently three open member positions on the BATF.  
Alan Smith encouraged members to find people to fill those positions.

Alan also told members about the special BART Board meeting workshop being held on January 29 and January 30, 2015, beginning at 8:30 am each day. The meeting will be located at the Renaissance ClubSport in Walnut Creek.

### **13. Staff Announcements**

Bob Franklin announced that plans are being made to hold a travel training session on April 1, 2015 at the 19<sup>th</sup> Street Station, from 10:00 am to 2:00 pm. More details to follow.

To clarify a question previously posed by Janet Abelson regarding the Oakland Airport Connector, Bob Franklin stated that each airline has different policies regarding passengers requesting assistance, and that one should call the airline in advance if that is the case.

Ike Nnaji gave clarification to a previous question posed by Clarence Fischer and stated that all members, current and potential, must reside within the BART districts, as stated in the BATF bylaws.

### **14. Member Announcements**

[No member announcements.]

### **15. Future Agenda Topics**

- Lack of announcements being made on trains

### **16. Adjournment**

The meeting adjourned to the next regularly scheduled meeting of **Thursday, February 26, 2015, at 2:00 p.m., at 101 8<sup>th</sup> Street in Oakland, California.**