

SAN FRANCISCO BAY AREA TRANSIT DISTRICT ACCESSIBILITY TASK FORCE

Minutes

February 25, 2016

1. Self-Introductions of Members, Staff and Guests

Members:

Janet Abelson
Randall Glock
Janice Armigo Brown
Peter Crockwell
Don Queen
Hale Zukas
Clarence Fischer
Gerry Newell
Herb Hastings
Alan Smith
Larry Bunn
Megan O'Brien – (ABSENT)
Brandon Young
Roland Wong
Esperanza Diaz-Alvarez – (ABSENT)

BART Staff present: Ike Nnaji, Bob Franklin

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

Elena Vanloo (BART), Mariana Parreiras (BART),
Meghan Weir and David Fields (Nelson Nygaard), Marianne
Haas, Arnold Bollinger. Janice Dispo (Stenographer)

2. Public Comments

[No public comment.]

3. Approval of Minutes of October 22, 2015, December 9, 2015, and January 28, 2016 Meetings

No opposition to Herb Hastings' motion to approve the amended minutes of the October 22, 2015 meeting, with a second by Gerry Newell.
Motion passes unanimously.

No opposition to Gerry Newell's motion to approve the amended minutes of the December 9, 2015 meeting, with a second by Janet Abelson.

Motion passes with an abstention by Herb Hastings.

Janet Abelson moved to defer approval of minutes of the January 28, 2016 meeting, with a second by Herb Hastings.

Motion passes with one opposition by Gerry Newell, and one abstention by Randall Glock.

4. Elevator Priority Signage Update

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

5. Multi-Modal Access Guidelines

After the presentation given by Mariana Parreira, David Fields, members were allowed to ask questions and/or share any concerns they had.

Janet Abelson commented that information signs often block the path of travel of wheelchair users. She feels that some signs also need to be lowered for wheelchair users to be able to see them. She has experienced this at many stations, but specifically at El Cerrito Del Norte.

Gerry Newell asked if the surveys were available in electronic format. He added a few comments regarding the Pittsburg Station. Firstly, the Paratransit sign needs to be relocated. Secondly, there is a cement sign that has been put up that he did not detect with his cane, therefore, walking into it. Lastly, the station is in need of a bus shelter.

Clarence Fischer commented that Treasury trucks should be given their own space as blind persons often get confused, thinking their buses have arrived.

Alan Smith stated that the survey should ask about their return trip, as sometimes people come one way and go by another.

Staff hopes to return in August and November to give members an update on the project.

6. Super Bowl Debrief

A short discussion was held and members were able to share their thoughts.

Randall Glock shared that he heard multiple reports of riders not easily finding their way to and from BART. There was also a long wait for the elevators. It would have been

helpful to have had a stronger presence from BART staff in order to give assistance, especially to disabled riders.

He added that any large future events should have priority in getting on the BART agenda.

Roland Wong echoed that the wait time for the elevators was long. Elevator priority needed improvement.

Herb Hastings appreciated receiving text notifications.

Clarence Fischer stated that now that this event has passed, BART should have a better idea on planning and preparing for future events.

7. Capital Project Status Reports

eBART

Alan reported that the structure over westbound Highway 4 connecting to the Antioch station is quite visible. Staff reports that it is too early for a construction tour.

Fleet of the Future

Alan Smith provided an update. He is working on coordinating on getting members an early preview.

Fleet of the Future was discussed at this year's Board retreat.

Montgomery Station Upgrade and Embarcadero Station Upgrade

During the Board retreat, they discussed installing an emergency BART-only elevator. They also discussed platform edge doors, and the challenge with running a mixed fleet. Elevator is nearing 35 percent design completion.

No updates were given for the following projects:

El Cerrito Del Norte

Oakland Airport Connector

Union City Station Remodel

Warm Springs Station

Phase 2 – San Jose Downtown

Civic Center Station Upgrade

Concord Station Upgrade

Dublin/Pleasanton Project

Station Hearing Loop

Entrance Canopies

Berkeley Station Upgrade
Stair Tread Color Contrast
Richmond Intermodal Project
Berryessa/Milpitas Stations
Powell Street Station Upgrade
West Dublin Path of Travel
Track Maintenance

8. Chairperson Announcements

Alan Smith made a few chairperson announcements.

Aaron Weinstein will return to the April meeting to talk about finding the third door.

No decisions have been made regarding the potential BART bond issue. A decision is expected to be made by June.

9. Staff Announcements

[No staff announcements.]

10. Member Announcements

The Richmond shop tour has been scheduled for Wednesday, March 9th, 2016 at 1:00 p.m.

11. Future Agenda Topics

- Pittsburg intermodal project
- Trains passing through stations without stopping, with no audible announcements being made
- “Doors are closing” announcements being made, but doors are already closed
- Public information regarding discount Clipper cards
- Platform gap at Oakland Airport Connector. Wheelchair users getting stuck. Also, no room to maneuver wheelchair.
- Fleet of the Future (especially regarding mixed fleet)
- Elevator update for Montgomery/Embarcadero
- Accessibility Capital Project four-year outlook
- Elevator priority signage
- Building a Better BART

12. Adjournment

The meeting adjourned to the next regularly scheduled meeting of **Thursday, March 24, 2016, at 2:00 p.m., at 1750 Broadway in Oakland, California.**