

SAN FRANCISCO BAY AREA TRANSIT DISTRICT ACCESSIBILITY TASK FORCE

Minutes

February 26, 2015

1. Self-Introductions of Members, Staff and Guests

Members present: Randall Glock, Janice Armigo Brown, Peter Crockwell, Don Queen, Hale Zukas, Clarence Fischer, Gerry Newell, Herb Hastings, Alan Smith, Larry Bunn, Megan O'Brien, Roland Wong

Absent: Janet Abelson, Marina Villena, Brandon Young

BART Staff present: Ike Nnaji

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

Vice President Tom Radulovich, Director Robert Raburn, Director Nick Josefowitz, Tim Chan (BART), Alex Mooradian (Commuter), Russell Bloom (OIPA), Mark Smith (OIPA), Crystal Raine (BART PD), David Vasquez (CIL and BART accessibility consultant), Linda Drattell, Mike Cole, Jessica Lauser, Jerry Grace, Kelvin Brand, Robin Mills (ASL Interpreter), Brooke Fulton (ASL Interpreter), Janice Dispo (Stenographer)

2. Public Comments

Linda Drattell reminded members of the need to have American Sign Language to BART signage, both on the platform and in the cars.

3. Approval of Minutes of January 22, 2015 Meeting

No opposition to Clarence Fischer's motion to approve the January 22, 2015 meeting minutes, with a second by Gerry Newell.

Motion passes with one abstention from Herb Hastings.

4. Smartphone Wayfinding Project

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

5. Early Wins Project Update

After the update given by Tim Chan, members were allowed to ask questions and/or share any concerns they had.

After hearing some suggestions, Tim agreed to look into injecting some color into the platform area to be used as a marker or identifier.

6. Introduction of Board Member and Staff

Director Nick Josefowitz introduced himself to the BATF.
Russell Bloom introduced himself to the BATF.

7. Capital Improvement Request List

After the presentation given by Director Tom Radulovich, members were asked to vote for the top three items that they feel should be prioritized from the list.

The result of the votes is as follows:

- 1 – Directional Signs/Instruction
- 2 – Lighting
- 3 – Accessible Communication

8. New Member Application

No opposition to Herb Hastings' motion to recommend the approval of Linda Drattell's application, with a second by Larry Bunn.
Motion carries unanimously.

9. Capital Project Status Reports

El Cerrito Del Norte Improvement

This project is approaching 35 percent in the design stage.
Staff is to give an update during the April BATF meeting.

Station Hearing Loop

Carl Orman will be updating the BATF with the results of the survey that was conducted at the Hearing Loop demonstration.

Anyone interested in testing out the Hearing Loop can make an appointment with Carl Orman by first contacting Ike Nnaji. It will be available through April 3, 2015.

General Disability Awareness Brochure

This item has been approved by the chief and is now in the process of being printed for distribution within the department.

Crystal Raine shared that officers will also be given a Community Services & Mental Health Resource Card in conjunction with the General Disability Awareness Brochure.

Oakland Airport Connector (OAC)

A tour is being conducted for a few members on March 9, 2015.

eBART

BART is holding a community meeting at Pittsburg City Hall in order to provide information about the Pittsburg Center Station, which is part of the eBART project.

A detectable path of travel in the grooves before stairs have been included within the design of the station.

Photovoltaic cells or solar cells have also been included within the design of the stairways of the station.

Research is now being conducted regarding communication devices for the deaf and hearing impaired.

Warm Springs Station

The outreach schedule for this item was shared with members.

Members will receive travel reimbursement if they attend, per Ike Nnaji.

Embarcadero

A tour is being conducted on Friday, March 13, 2015 from 10:00 a.m. to 12:00 p.m.

Members will receive travel reimbursement if they attend, per Ike Nnaji.

Montgomery

A tour is being conducted on Friday, March 27, 2015 from 10:00 a.m. to 12:00 p.m.

Members will receive travel reimbursement if they attend, per Ike Nnaji.

San Bruno Path of Travel and Grade

In response to a prior question raised by Hale Zukas regarding the use of truncated domes at decision points, Alan Smith relayed Carl Orman's response to members that horizontal bars will be used instead.

Alan Smith said that over the next three years, 20 Westinghouse escalators will have their stairs refurbished.

BART has agreed to make announcements and give updates for when escalators will be taken out of service.

Alan will follow up on whether signs will be put up in order to guide people to an alternate route when the escalator is out of service.

No updates were given for the following projects:

- Joint Meeting With Valley Transportation Authority Committee for Transit - Accessibility (VTA CTA)
- 20th Street Entrance Canopy
- Union City Station Remodel
- Berkeley Station Upgrade
- Fleet of the Future
- Stair Tread Color Contrast
- Richmond Intermodal Project
- Berryessa/Milpitas Stations
- Phase 2 – South Bay Extension
- Powell Street Station Upgrade
- Civic Center Station Upgrade
- West Dublin Path of Travel

10. Chairperson Announcements

Alan Smith announced that due to insufficient space at 300 Lakeside Drive, 16th Floor Conference room for everyone to be able to sit down, all foreseeable future BATF meetings will continue to be held in Room 171 of the MTC building.

However, the December Holiday Reception will be held at 300 Lakeside.

The BART Bicycle Advisory Task Force also agrees that bicycles should be walked outside of the paid area.

When the "Bikes on BART" item comes to the board, Alan will share that input.

BART is working on making the BATF's New Project Questionnaire a standard document to be used by project managers.

BART has formed a working group in order to come up with policies and procedures of providing guidance to riders in how to navigate throughout a station during construction.

Alan Smith then shared some highlights of the things he learned during the BART Board retreat that he recently attended, along with Randall Glock and Hale Zukas.

11. Staff Announcements

[No staff announcements at this time.]

12. Member Announcements

Gerry Newell announced that this is the first BATF meeting that Jessica Lauser is attending and that she is interested in becoming a member in the future.

13. Future Agenda Topics

[No suggestions at this time.]

14. Adjournment

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