

SAN FRANCISCO BAY AREA TRANSIT DISTRICT ACCESSIBILITY TASK FORCE

Minutes

March 26, 2015

1. Self-Introductions of Members, Staff and Guests

Members present: Janet Abelson, Randall Glock, Janice Armigo Brown, Peter Crockwell, Don Queen, Hale Zukas, Gerry Newell, Herb Hastings, Alan Smith, Larry Bunn, Brandon Young, Roland Wong

Absent: Clarence Fischer, Marina Villena, Megan O'Brien,

BART Staff present: Ike Nnaji, Bob Franklin

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

Director Robert Raburn, Aaron Weinstein (BART), Carl Orman (BART), Steve Beroldo (BART), Linda Drattell, Jerry Grace, Anne Smith (ASL Interpreter), Carol Day (ASL Interpreter), Janice Dispo (Stenographer), Rebecca Tovar (Stenographer Student)

2. Public Comments

[No public comments.]

3. Approval of Minutes of February 26, 2015 Meeting

No opposition to Randall Glock's motion to approve the February 26, 2015 meeting minutes, with a second by Peter Crockwell.

Motion passes unanimously.

4. DSS/FOF (Destination Sign Systems/Fleet of the Future) Updates

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

Janet Abelson asked how often an elevator outage notification would show on the DSS and suggested that it should appear more frequently. She added that this kind of notification should be announced on the train as well.

Hale Zukas wondered whether that can be something announced by the train operator, since this is an issue that occurs rather infrequently.

Ike Nnaji mentioned that he has sometimes observed BART Central Dispatch making announcements through the train.

5. Bikes on BART Survey Findings

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

Alan Smith will attend the next BART Bicycle Advisory Task Force meeting. He will follow up with the BATF regarding the Bicycle Advisory Task Force's discussion of and/or any action taken on the proposed bike rule of walking bikes through all pedestrian areas.

6. Hearing Loop Test Survey Findings

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

Carl Orman reported that the survey from the Colma test were very favorable. BART plans to work to bring a contract to the BART board by end of year to install hearing loops at Fremont station. That station was chosen as there are many schools for the disabled nearby. Subsequently, after resolving any issues, provided funding is available, the plan is to install hearing loops system wide.

Carl Orman received a lot of positive feedback and support from the BATF.

Roland Wong suggested that the BATF draft up a letter in support of this project in order to help move the project forward.

7. Construction Sign Policy

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

Bob Franklin will follow up on the protocol for putting up signage and giving notification to riders for maintenance and/or construction projects, particularly for short-term closures and unexpected closures. (e.g., escalator shut down for longer than expected)

He will also follow up on the possibility of putting out service advisories and station announcements for escalator outages.

8. Capital Project Status Reports

Oakland Airport Connector (OAC)

An arrow pointing toward the emergency exit will be placed at the south end stairway in order to help guide people toward the exit, if they should so need.

Berkeley Station Upgrade

As reported in an article in the Daily Californian, the city's Landmarks Preservation Committee has voted not to impede Berkeley City Council and BART's plan to renovate the Downtown Berkeley BART station.

Fleet of the Future

[See Agenda Item #5]

Stair Tread Color Contrast

Members are to expect a presentation on an alternate material for the six-inch tile.

Alan Smith will follow up with what BART plans to do regarding stair striping that continues even after there are no more stairs, at the Rockridge Station.

eBART

The station will be named Pittsburg Center Station instead of Pittsburg Civic Center.

Warm Springs Station

The station is at 84 percent completion. The projected completion date is in December. A "construction tour" has been arranged for Randall Glock and Alan Smith (and select members) to attend on June 5 at 1 o'clock.

Civic Center Station Upgrade

The colored striping at all four Downtown San Francisco stations will remain.

Embarcadero

Alan Smith gave an overview of some of things he had heard from staff during the March 13th Embarcadero tour, such as the plan for all light fixtures to be cleaned, and the plan for elevator to be installed at the end where the stairs and escalators are currently located.

Montgomery

The Montgomery Station tour planned for March 27th has been canceled. It is the consensus of the BATF that the tour be rescheduled for April 17th, 2015 at 10:00 a.m. Members are to meet at the primary station agent booth.

West Dublin Path of Travel

Staff has received requests to do further studies before installing anything at the station. Carl Orman stated that if anything violates the ADA standards, it will not be done.

There are plans to fix the elevation on one of the bus loading areas as the cross slope is a little bit off, currently.

Six-inch yellow tactile path will be installed from two bus loading areas to the station.

San Bruno Path of Travel and Grade

Grade: Excavation has begun on some parts of the plaza and the ramp that is adjacent to the police station. The plan is for construction to be completed by April 13, 2015.

Path of Travel: This portion has been deleted from this project.

Station Hearing Loop

See update above at Item 6.

Concord Station Upgrade

BART is holding an outreach event at the Willow Pass Community center on April 8 from 5:30pm to 7:30pm

No updates were given for the following projects:

- El Cerrito Del Norte Improvement
- Joint Meeting with Valley Transportation Authority Committee for Transit Accessibility (VTA CTA)
- 20th Street Entrance Canopy
- Union City Station Remodel
- Richmond Intermodal Project
- Berryessa/Milpitas Stations
- Phase 2 – South Bay Extension

9. Chairperson Announcements

BART Train and Track Tour will be held on Wednesday, April 1, 2015, from 10:00am to noon at the 19th Street station. Members will receive travel reimbursement for attending.

10. Staff Announcements

Ethics training has been scheduled for May 5th, 2015, tentatively. Members will receive travel reimbursement for attending.

11. Member Announcements

Larry Bunn stated that announcements on trains aren't being made all the time, and when they are, they aren't being made loud enough.

12. Future Agenda Topics

[No suggestions at this time.]

13. Adjournment

The meeting adjourned to the next regularly scheduled meeting of **Thursday, April 23, 2015, at 2:00 p.m., at 101 8th Street in Oakland, California.**