

SAN FRANCISCO BAY AREA TRANSIT DISTRICT ACCESSIBILITY TASK FORCE

Minutes

April 24, 2014

1. Self-Introductions of Members

Members present: Janet Abelson; Randall Glock; Janice Armigo Brown; Peter Crockwell; Don Queen; Hale Zukas; Clarence Fischer; Gerry Newell; Herb Hastings; David Jackson; Alan Smith; Megan O'Brien

Members not present: Larry Bunn; Marina Villena; Katrina McCurdy

Staff: Ike Nnaji; Bob Franklin

Directors, Speaker(s), Guest Staff, and Guests of the Public: Director Robert Raburn; Scott Smith; John Alex Lowell; Val Menotti; Tim Chan; Aaron Weinstein; Roland Wong; Danielle Roundtree; Brandon Young; Dawn Gibbs

2. Public Comments

John Alex Lowell with the San Francisco Pedestrian Safety Advisory Committee introduced himself and hopes that the organization he represents can make more informed decisions by his attending the BATF meetings.

3. Approval of Minutes of March 27, 2014 Meeting

No opposition to Alan Smith's motion to approve minutes of the March 27, 2014 meeting, (second by Clarence Fischer). Motion carries with abstentions from Herb Hastings, David Jackson, and Gerry Newell.

4. Station Modernization Update

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

Herb Hastings stated that a guided path or a tunnel might help stop fare evasion at the Oakland Coliseum platform concourse elevator.

Alan Smith asked whether the installation of hearing loops will be included in updating the station agent booths.

He also asked whether all curb cut-outs will have yellow truncated domes.

Hale Zukas asked whether swing gates will be included when barriers are built to reduce fare evasion.

Clarence Fischer shared his concern with the lack of seating at pickup/drop-off zones, especially at the Del Norte Station.

5. Powell Street Master Plan

[No presentation at this time; presentation to occur at future meeting.]

6. Berkeley Station Redesign

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

Janet Abelson suggested removing the wall located just outside the elevator or even changing the location of the elevator to the other side of the plaza.

Scott Smith replied a connection for fire department access is located on the other side of the wall. He can look into moving that connection in order to get rid of the accessibility issue at the elevator. The elevator will not be moved as a result of this project, but there are future projects that may address that.

Don Queen asked that there be a detectible pathway to the escalator going into the plaza.

Clarence Fischer suggested that the pickup/drop-off area around the elevators be made a disabled zone.

A Berkeley BART Station Plaza Design Open House will be held on April 28, 2014 from 4:30 pm to 7:00 pm at the Brower Center in Berkeley.

7. FTA Funding Allocation

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

Janice Armigo Brown asked whether TTY phones are being replaced in stations that do not currently have one available. She then suggested that some sort of shield be put in place over any replacements so as to protect it from vandalism.

Hale Zukas asked whether the elevator door will remain open even after the button has been pressed or whether it will trigger a closure. Bob Franklin is to follow up and report back.

8. Member Recognition Award

[No presentation at this time.]

9. Project Status Reports

Fleet of the Future

Aaron Weinstein encouraged everyone to attend any of the New Train Car Model events.

Different exercises will be staged in order to get a realistic experience.

More information can be found by visiting www.bart.gov/cars

New Train Car Model Schedule:

- Friday, April 25th – Civic Center Plaza, Fulton Street San Francisco, 11:00 am to 7:00 pm
- Tuesday, April 29th – North Berkeley Station, 2:00 pm to 7:00 pm
- Friday, May 2nd – Milpitas/San Jose, Great Mall Main Transit Center, 2:00 pm to 7:00 pm
- Monday, May 5th – Dublin/Pleasanton Station, 2:00 pm to 7:00 pm
- Wednesday, May 7th – Fruitvale Station, 2:00 pm to 7:00 pm
- Friday, May 9th – Concord Station, 2:00 pm to 7:00 pm

Stair Tread Color Contrast

Alan Smith and Randall Glock have met with staff and talked about updating the BART Facility Standards.

He reminded members that through a vote during the last BATF meeting, it was deemed reasonable for all future detectable paths of travel to be six inches wide.

MacArthur Garage

Update expected around late May.

eBART Project

Stations names were formally adopted at the last board meeting: Antioch Station and Pittsburg Civic Center.

There will not be a center pole on new trains.

There will be wind screens on new trains.

The detectible path of travel will be six-inches wide.

There are plans to have a change in surface texture in the area between the detectible path of travel and the stairway.

The detectible path of travel will stop between the fare gates.

Staff will work on having TTY phones at the platforms and photocell lights in the stairways.

Richmond Intermodal Project

Scott Smith stated that now included in the design is a shelter (perforated metal) at the pickup/drop-off area. Tactile pathways have also been incorporated into this project, and all curb cuts will have yellow truncated domes.

Warm Springs Station

Tunnel tour planned for late May or Early June.

Berryessa/Milpitas Stations

The use of the black truncated domes is still an issue, and Alan Smith and Randall Glock are continuing to work with staff.

Phase 2 – South Bay Extension

Outreach meetings have been delayed and are tentatively scheduled for late 2014 or early 2015.

Oakland Airport Connector

Randall Glock shared pictures with members from a tour that he attended with Alan Smith.

Alan Smith has raised an issue with staff regarding the lack of yellow striping on the stairs. Staff previously agreed to have stripes on each and every step, but in touring the OAC, the stripes only appear on the top and bottom stair.

Some of their observations:

- The priority seating symbols are located in the fabric of the seat
- Cameras, camera monitors, and flashing fire alarms have been installed

Shirley Eng will follow up and find out whether there are any existing documents regarding wayfinding signage during construction, both from a construction and maintenance standpoint.

10. Chairperson Announcements

Randall Glock announced that BART board meetings will be held in the evenings through the month of June. He will be working on putting together tours for SFO and for path of travel, and will work on putting together a joint VTA/BATF meeting.

Staff will work on setting up an Oakland Airport Connector tour in September.

11. Staff Announcements

Ike Nnaji announced that the next step in the process for the GDA (General Disabilities Awareness) booklet is approval by Chief Rainey.

He will be attending the "Tech Day" workshop at DCARA (Deaf Counseling, Advocacy & Referral Agency) on May 17th.

The National Council on Disability will host a meeting May 4 – 6, 2014 at the Ed Roberts Campus in Berkeley.

12. Member Announcements

[No member announcements at this time.]

13. Future Agenda Topics

- Path of Travel
- Member Recognition Award
- Oakland Airport Connector Meeting
- Oakland Airport Connector Update from Staff

14. Adjournment

The meeting adjourned to the next regularly scheduled meeting of **Thursday, May 22, 2014, at 2:00 p.m.**