

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

## **Draft Minutes**

July 23, 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, Herb Hastings, Alan Smith, Megan O'Brien, Roland Wong

**Absent:** Larry Bunn, Marina Villena, Brandon Young,

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

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

Director Robert Raburn, Director Nick Josefowitz, Greg Lombardi (BART), John Spangler (BBATF), Shirley Johnson (BBATF), David Favello (BBATF), Esperanza Diaz-Alvarez, Elena Vanloo, Janice Dispo (Stenographer)

### **2. Public Comments**

[No public comments.]

### **3. Approval of Minutes of June 25, 2015 Meeting**

A correction was made to the minutes.

No opposition to Randall Glock's motion to approve the June 25, 2015 meeting minutes, with a second by Gerry Newell and an abstention by Randall Glock.

Motion passes unanimously.

### **4. Transbay Tube Shutdown Planning**

Bob Franklin reminded members of BART's plan to suspend service through the Transbay Tube on the weekend of August 1<sup>st</sup> and 2<sup>nd</sup>, 2015, and Labor Day weekend, September 5<sup>th</sup> to September 7<sup>th</sup>, 2015.

Riders will need to transfer to a bus bridge that will be in place while crews conduct their work inside the tube.

This shutdown will allow crews to perform critical track repairs that cannot be done in the overnight hours alone.

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

## **5. Joint BBATF/BATF Meeting**

John Spangler, Shirley Johnson, and David Favello from the BBATF (BART Bicycle Task Force) were in attendance, where many common-interest topics were discussed. These items will be included in a joint letter to the Board.

The first topic of discussion was wide fare gates.

Some of the items discussed with regard to fare gates:

- Wide fare gates at each entrance
- directional arrow on fare gate that is more visible
- sound alert or chime for visually impaired
- gate stays open for a sufficient amount of time
- sensor to detect when a person has already passed through so as to deter fare evasion

No opposition to Herb Hastings' motion that these items be included in the letter to the Board, with a second by Gerry Newell.

The BBATF representatives voted unanimously in favor of the motion.

Motion passes with one abstention by Randall Glock.

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The next topic of discussion was elevators.

Some of the items discussed with regard to elevators:

- cleaner elevators
- wayfinding signs to better direct riders to elevators; and the wayfinding signs are not obstructing any paths of travel
- elevators within paid areas
- courtesy campaign to emphasize priority on elevators
- speed of elevators

No opposition to Clarence Fischer's motion that these items be included in the letter to the Board, with a second by Gerry Newell.

The BBATF representatives voted unanimously in favor of the motion.

Motion passes with one abstention by Randall Glock.

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Some of the other items in the discussion that followed:

- ramps to walk bikes through stations
- better signage, including directional signs at center of platform
- lighting to indicate elevator locations
- wider stairways
- consistency among stations with signage, elevator location, and wide fare gates
- sufficient number of stairways and elevators to handle increased ridership

No opposition to Randall Glock's motion that these items be included in the letter to the Board, with a second by Herb Hastings.

The BBATF representatives voted unanimously in favor of the motion.

Motion passes unanimously.

## **6. New Staff Introduction**

Gregory Lombardi, BART's assistant chief maintenance & engineering officer, introduced himself to members.

Members were then allowed to ask questions and/or share any concerns they had.

## **7. New Member Application**

No opposition to Randall Glock's motion to approve Esperanza Diaz-Alvarez's application, with a second by Peter Crockwell.

Motion passes unanimously.

## **8. Capital Project Status Reports**

### El Cerrito Del Norte

An outreach event was held on Wednesday, July 8<sup>th</sup> from 4:00 p.m. to 7:00 p.m. Alan Smith was in attendance and shared his thoughts with members.

### Richmond Intermodal Project

Work will be completed in September, 2015.

### eBART

Staff is looking into making payphones and TTY phones available.

## Fleet of the Future

Aaron Weinstein is expected to attend a future meeting to give an update presentation and to address certain questions in the questionnaire.

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

- Oakland Airport Connector
- Union City Station Remodel
- Warm Springs Station
- Phase 2 – San Jose Downtown
- Civic Center Station Upgrade
- Montgomery Station Upgrade
- San Bruno Path of Travel
- Track Maintenance
- Station Hearing Loop
- Entrance Canopies
- Berkeley Station Upgrade
- Stair Tread Color Contrast
- Berryessa/Milpitas Stations
- Powell Street Station Upgrade
- Embarcadero Station Upgrade
- West Dublin Path of Travel
- Concord Station Upgrade
- Dublin/Pleasanton Project
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## **9. Chairperson Announcements**

The BATF Holiday Reception will be held on Wednesday, December 9, 2015 at 300 Lakeside Drive, 15<sup>th</sup> Floor, Oakland, California.

Alan Smith told members about the Pit Stop, which is a project operated by San Francisco Public Works.

A Pit Stop toilet will be coming to BART's 16<sup>th</sup> Street Plaza.

Alan Smith hopes that staff can get in touch with Clipper personnel in order to improve usability, and to make web navigation more efficient.

Randall Glock reminded members that any changes to their Clipper card information need to be shared with him as soon as possible in order for members to receive travel reimbursement.

## **10. Staff Announcements**

[No staff announcements.]

## **11. Member Announcements**

Peter Crockwell shared that he will not be able to attend the next BATF meeting due to a scheduled medical procedure.

## **12. Future Agenda Topics**

- Fleet of the Future update

## **13. Adjournment**

The meeting adjourned to the next regularly scheduled meeting of **Thursday, August 27, 2015, at 2:00 p.m., at 101 8<sup>th</sup> Street in Oakland, California.**