

**SAN FRANCISCO BAY AREA RAPID TRANSIT DISTRICT**  
2150 Webster Street, P.O. Box 12688, Oakland, CA 94604-2688

**BART ACCESSIBILITY TASK FORCE**  
Committee Meeting Minutes  
November 15, 2023

**1. Roll Call of Members:**

1. Anita Ortega
2. Annie Koruga - ABSTENT
3. Bruce Yow
4. Catherine Callahan
5. Clarence Fischer
6. Daveed Mandell
7. Don Queen
8. Emily Witkin - ABSTENT
9. Janice Armigo Brown (2<sup>nd</sup> Vice-Chair)
10. Randall Glock (Chair)
11. Roland Wong (Vice-Chair)
12. VACANT
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Quorum of 6 (six) in-person BATF members. Janice Armigo Brown used “Just Cause,” for the second time.

**BART Customer Access and Accessibility Department Staff:**

Elena Van Loo  
Matt West  
Bob Franklin

**BART Director (s), BART Staff, Speakers, and members of the public:**

BART Chief of Police Kevin Franklin  
BART Deputy Chief of Police Ja’Son Scott  
Travis Huang (BART Staff)

Sara Hill (Captioner)  
Edith Eaton (Captioner)  
Hillary Brown (Guest)  
Valerie Buell (Guest)  
Alex Tiphayachan (Guest)  
Sarah Desumala (Guest)  
Jerry Grace (Guest)

## **2. Public Comments**

Andrea Johnson introduced herself and expressed her interest in becoming a BATF member.

## **3. Approval of October 26, 2023 meeting minutes**

Clarence Fischer moved approval of the October 26, 2023 meeting minutes with amendments. Daveed Mandell seconded the motion.

- Motion passes with nine (9) in favor, zero (0) against, and zero (0) abstention

## **4. Introduction to Chief of Police, Kevin Franklin and introduction to BART's Deputy Chief of Police, Ja'Son Scott**

BART Chief of Police Kevin Franklin introduced himself as the newly appointed Chief of Police and thanked BATF members for their commitment to the committee and the invitation to come to this meeting. He mentioned getting feedback from BATF member is important. Chief of Police Kevin Franklin shared that BART is hiring BART officers in different departments within the BART Police Department.

BART Deputy Chief of Police, Ja'Son Scott, introduced himself and thanked BATF members for the invitation. He shared phone numbers for texting and calling non-emergency with the BART Police Department. Non-emergency phone number, 510-464-7000 and to text BART Police Department from BART Watch App, 510-200-0992.

Clarence Fischer would like to see BART Police Officers be more present on the BART trains.

Valerie Buell expressed her low confidence with the BART's Watch App. She mentioned she has used the app to report different incidences within the BART system and has been disappointed with the outcome.

Randall Glock asked whether to revisit BATF General Disability Awareness (GDA) pamphlet. BART Chief of Police Kevin Franklin and BART Deputy Chief of Police would like to see the latest pamphlet for review and discuss further at a later meeting.

## **5. BART's middle door marking update**

Travis Huang presented on the item, "BART's middle door marker update."

He went over the scope of work for the middle door marking:

- We are procuring new decals to mark the middle car door for the new Fleet of the Future (FOF) trains on the platform
  - The decals with blue side design are for the middle doors, which designate the easiest access for patrons who use a mobility device (wheelchairs, powerchairs, etc.)
  - The decals with yellow side design are for doors at each end of the train, which will be installed system wide based on funding availability
- We are working on an expedited schedule to complete the installation by end of December 2023 or late January 2024 throughout the system
  - Depending on labor resources, decal manufacturing and delivery time
- This work will be performed during blanket hours (non-revenue hours)
  - Weekdays – about 3 to 4 hours work window
  - Weekends – about 6 to 8 hours work window

Travis Huang mentioned the current middle door decal markings says, "3-Door Cars Only," will be replaced middle door decal markings with, "Middle Door."

He shared current process as of, October 15, 2023:

- Completed as of 10-15-2023 (stations)
  - Richmond Line Stations:
    - Ashby Bart Station
    - Downtown Berkeley BART Station
    - North Berkeley BART Station
    - El Cerrito del Norte BART Station
    - Richmond BART Station
  - Antioch Line Station:
    - 12<sup>th</sup> Street BART Station
    - MacArthur BART Station

- Dublin/Pleasanton Line Stations:
  - Castro Valley BART Station
  - West Dublin/Pleasanton BART Station
  - Dublin/Pleasanton BART Station
- In-progress
  - Berryessa Linde Stations:
    - Lake Merritt BART Station
    - Fruitvaile BART Station
    - Coliseum BART Station
    - San Leandro BART Station
    - Bay Fair BART Station
    - Hayward BART Station
    - South Hayward BART Station
    - Union City BART Station
    - Fremont BART Station
    - Warm Springs/South Fremont BART Station
    - Milpitas BART Station
    - Berryessa/North San Jose BART Station
- Not started
  - West Oakland BART Station
  - Embarcadero BART Station
  - Montgomery BART Station
  - Powell Street BART Station
  - Civic Center/UN Plaza BART Station
  - 16<sup>th</sup> Street BART Station
  - 24<sup>th</sup> Street BART Station
  - Glen Park BART Station
  - Balboa Park BART Station
  - Daly City BART Station
  - Colma BART Station
  - South San Francisco BART Station
  - San Bruno BART Station
  - Millbrae BART Station

Clarence Fischer mentioned he still sees the old legacy train markings. Travis Huang shared all new Fleet of the Future (FOF) should have the correct markings for the three doors and not for the two doors which was the legacy trains.

Catherine Callahan would like to see more of a prominent, bigger, simple, door markings.

Roland Wong had an idea to change the “Middle Door,” to, “Center Door.” Travis Huang mentioned this would be complicated due to the door markings are in production to show, “Middle Door.”

Daveed Mandell would like to see a chime that would sound coming from the middle door for people who are low vision and people who are blind.

## **6. BART accessibility item of the quarter – Standardization of accessibility features**

Agenda item will be presented at a future scheduled BATF meeting.

## **7. New committee member nomination (s)**

- **Alex Tiphayachan**
- **Danny Kodmur**

Randall Glock led agenda item and introduced Alex Tiphayachan and Danny Kodmur, who are interested in becoming BATF members.

BATF members expressed they would like to meet Danny Kodmur in-person and may have questions.

Bruce Yow moved to postpone new committee member nomination, Danny Kodmur, for next scheduled BATF meeting, December 13, 2023. Clarence Fischer seconded the motion.

- Motion passes with nine (9) in favor, zero (0) against, and zero (0) abstention

Randall Glock introduced Alex Tiphayachan.

Alex Tiphayachan introduced himself and expressed why he is interested in joining the BATF.

Clarence Fischer moved to recommend Alex Tiphayachan as a BATF member. Daveed Mandell seconded the motion.

- Motion passes with five (5) in favor, zero (0) against, and four (4) abstentions

## **8. Member Announcements**

No member announcements.

**9. Staff Announcements**

Elena Van Loo remind BATF Holiday Reception is scheduled for December 13, 2023.

Bob Franklin announced Laura Timothy, Manager of Accessible Services, is retiring from BART after over twenty-three (23) years.

**10. Chairperson Announcements**

Randall Glock passed out a version of the BATF holiday reception flyer.

**11. Agenda Topics – Member Suggest Topics**

No future agenda suggested as of November 15, 2023

**12. Adjournment**

The meeting adjourned at 4:01 pm until the next regularly scheduled meeting, December 13, 2023, Wednesday, at 2pm.