

fSAN FRANCISCO BAY AREA RAPID TRANSIT DISTRICT
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**NOTICE OF MEETING AND AGENDA
BART ACCESSIBILITY TASK FORCE (BATF)**

December 13, 2023

2:00 p.m.

A regular meeting of the BART Accessibility Task Force (BATF) will be held on Wednesday, **December 13, 2023**, starting at 2:00 p.m. to 3:00 p.m. The meeting will be held in the BART Board Room, 2150 Webster Street, 1st Floor, Oakland, California 94612. The facility is served by public transportation. The nearest BART Station is the 19th Street BART Station and there are multiple AC Transit routes to the meeting site.

Please note that this meeting will be held in person in the BART Board Room, 2150 Webster Street, 1st Floor, Oakland, California 94612 with an option for public participation via teleconference.

Presentation materials will be available via Legistar at <https://bart.legistar.com>

You may attend the Committee Meeting in person or join the Committee Meeting via Zoom by calling **1-833-548-0282** and entering access code **899 1887 9603**; logging in to Zoom.com and entering access code **899 1887 9603**; or typing the following Zoom link into your web browser:

<https://us06web.zoom.us/j/89918879603>

If you wish to make a public comment:

- 1) Submit written comments via email to evanloo@bart.gov, using “public comment” as the subject line. Your comment will be provided to the Committee and will become a permanent part of the file. Please submit your comments as far in advance as possible. Emailed comments must be received before 12:00 p.m. on **December 13, 2023**, in order to be included in the record.
- 2) Appear in person and request to make a public comment.
- 3) Call **1-833-548-0282**, enter access code **899 1887 9603**, dial *9 to raise your hand when you wish to speak, and dial *6 to unmute when you are requested to speak; log in to Zoom.com, enter access code **899 1887 9603**, and use the

raise hand feature; or join the Committee Meeting via the Zoom link (<https://us06web.zoom.us/j/89918879603>) and use the raise hand feature.

Public comment is limited to two (2) minutes per person.

Please refrain from wearing scented products (perfume, cologne, after-shave, etc.) to these meetings, as there may be people in attendance susceptible to environmental illnesses.

BART provides services/accommodations upon request to persons with disabilities and individuals who are limited English proficient who wish to address Committee matters. A request must be made within one and five days in advance of Board/Committee meetings, depending on the service requested. Please contact the Office of the District Secretary at (510) 464-6083 for information.

Meeting Location

BART Board Room, 2150 Webster Street, 1st Floor, Oakland, CA 94612

1. Roll call of BATF members. (Information) 5 minutes
Self-Introductions: Staff and Guests.
2. Public comment. (Information)
An opportunity for members of the public to comment on items not on the agenda.
Public comment is limited to two (2) minutes per person
3. Approval of November 15, 2023, meeting minutes. 5 minutes
(Information/Action)
4. Discussion about re-posting BATF recruitment article on 10 minutes
bart.gov website. (Information/Action)
5. New committee member nomination. (Information/Action) 10 minutes
 - Daniel (Danny) Kodmur
6. Member announcements. (Information) 5 minutes
7. Staff announcements. (Information) 5 minutes
8. Chairperson announcements. (Information) 5 minutes
9. Future agenda topics – Members suggest topics.
Next meeting scheduled: January 25, 2024, Thursday 5 minutes
10. Adjournment.

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Approval of November
15, 2023

Meeting minutes –
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SAN FRANCISCO BAY AREA RAPID TRANSIT DISTRICT
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BART ACCESSIBILITY TASK FORCE
Committee Meeting **DRAFT** Minutes
December 13, 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 (2nd Vice-Chair)
10. Randall Glock (Chair)
11. Roland Wong (Vice-Chair)
12. VACANT
13. VACANT
14. VACANT
15. VACANT
16. VACANT
17. VACANT
18. VACANT

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 November 15, 2023 meeting minutes

Clarence Fischer moved approval of the November 15, 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:
 - 12th 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
 - 16th Street BART Station
 - 24th 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.

BATF

Discussion about re-
posting BARTF
recruitment article on
bart.gov website –
AGENDA 4

06.01.23 (posted) under bart.gov

[This story is archived. Visit bart.gov/news for the latest BART news.](#)

BART is recruiting new members for the BART Accessibility Task Force (BATF)

Want to help make BART more accessible for seniors and people with disabilities? The BART Accessibility Task Force (BATF) is recruiting new members!

The BART Accessibility Task Force is a public committee comprised of BART riders to advise the BART Board of Directors and staff on disability-related issues and advocate on behalf of people with disabilities and seniors to make the BART system accessible to all.

The BART Accessibility Task Force (BATF) generally meets on the fourth Thursday of each month from 2 p.m. to 4:30 p.m. The BATF meetings are open to the public and are located at the East Bay Paratransit Office, 1750 Broadway, 1st floor conference room, Oakland, CA 94612, which is adjacent to the 19th Street BART station street level elevator. Times and/or locations may vary for the November and December meetings.

BATF member responsibilities include the following:

1. Provide input on issues and policies; capital projects; compliance with local, state and federal legislation; and other issues that might be brought to the BATF by the public, staff or the Board.
2. Develop recommendations which take into consideration the needs of people with different disabilities and seniors.
3. Participate in the development of proposed new policies and the planning and implementation of new services that affect people with disabilities and seniors who use BART.
4. Provide a public forum for discussion of all BART related issues concerning people with disabilities and seniors.
5. Act as a resource group to BART staff who interact with people with disabilities and seniors to answer complaints, develop new programs, solve architectural problems in the system, conduct staff disability training, and address other areas as needed.

To learn more about the BATF, please click here: [BART Accessibility Task force \(BATF\)](#).

To become a member of the BATF, people have to attend three of four consecutive BATF meetings and then apply for membership. So come on by and check it out. Here is the schedule for upcoming meetings, as well as agendas from previous meeting: <https://www.bart.gov/about/bod/advisory/accessibility>

If you are interested or if you have any questions, please contact Elena Van Loo at 510-874-7366 or by email at evanloo@bart.gov

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New committee
member nomination –

AGENDA 5

BART ACCESSIBILITY TASK FORCE (BATF) MEMBERSHIP APPLICATION FORM

The BART Accessibility Task Force advises the BART Board of Directors and staff on disability-related issues and advocates on behalf of people with disabilities and seniors to make the BART system accessible to all.

Individuals applying for membership to the BART Accessibility Task Force must fill out an application form. Applicants must be endorsed by the members of the BATF through a majority vote after attending three out of four consecutive months. Their names are submitted by the BATF staff liaison to the BART Board of Directors for final approval.

Name of applicant: Daniel (Danny) Kodmur

3. EXPERIENCE AND SKILLS

3.a. Names and purposes of boards, commissions, or task forces you currently serve on or have served on and its relevancy to serving on BART's Task Force (BATF). Please indicate dates of service and the positions you held, if any:

I was on the consumer advisory committee for East Bay Paratransit for several years in the late 90s or early 2000s

3.b. Why do you want to serve on and what skills do you bring to the BART Accessibility Task Force (BATF):

I listen to riders and staff when they talk about challenges they face using the system or dealing with customers. I know my own disability related access and mobility needs, but I also recognize that other people have needs which might be very different from mine and might even conflict with mine. To me, balancing conflicting needs is both usual and important. It's not something I'm afraid of.

3.c. How would your membership assist in establishing communication with the disability community:

I've been part of the disability community in the East Bay for over 35 years. I know many people, but I'm also always learning and recognizing gaps in the my awareness. I would look forward to helping make the system, more accessible and more responsive.

Signature of Applicant: Daniel Kodmur (on file) Date: 10/19/2023