

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

April 25, 2019

A meeting of the BART Accessibility Task Force (BATF) will be held on Thursday, April 25, 2019, from 2:00 p.m. – 4:30 p.m. The meeting will be held at East Bay Paratransit's location at, 1750 Broadway, Oakland, California 94612 in the community room. The facility is served by public transportation. The nearest BART Station is the 19th Street Station and there are multiple AC Transit routes to the meeting site.

AGENDA

1. Self-Introductions of Members, Staff, and Guests. 05 minutes
(Information/Action)
BATF roll call and introductions of individuals present.
2. Public Comments. (Information) 10 minutes
Opportunity to comment on items not on the agenda.
(Two minutes per speaker)
3. Approval of March 28, 2019 draft minutes. 05 minutes
(Information/Action)
4. District Architect will summarize the proposed American 20 minutes
Public Transportation Association's Transit Universal Design
Guidelines and its impact on rider access.
(Information)
5. Legacy Fleet Decommissioning. (Information/Action) 20 minutes
6. Safety Features of the Fleet of the Future (FOF). 30 minutes
(Information/Action)
7. Milpitas/Berryessa Station Accessibility Features. 15 minutes
(Information/Action)
8. Fiscal Year 2020 budget. (Information/Action) 30 minutes
9. Member Announcements. (Information/Action) 05 minutes

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| 10. | Staff Announcements. (Information/Action) | 05 minutes |
| 11. | Chairperson Announcements. (Information/Action) | 10 minutes |
| 12. | Future Agenda Topics-Members Suggest Topics.
(Information/Action) | 10 minutes |

Next meeting scheduled: **Thursday, May 23, 2019.**

13. Adjournment.

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

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Material attached for April 25, 2019 BATF meeting:

- March 28, 2019 draft minutes

Future Agenda Topics:

1. Detectable path of travel
2. Accessible Capital Request list update (once a year – Finance Dept presents)
3. Station announcements (emergency and non-emergency)
4. Announcements on board trains (not always clear or too loud, or too low)
5. Elevators; odor concerns – Clean-up efforts
6. Status, updates of signages
7. Policies regarding using discount tickets versus Clipper Cards
8. Train safety presentation
9. Annual report of accomplishments (once a year with BATF members – January)
10. Update, establish annual, strategic goals (once a year with BATF members)
11. Field trip to Milpitas/Berryessa – Two newest BART/VTA stations
12. How to report when things are not working in the BART system via BART.gov
13. Irvington Station – lack of escalators (none at station, as per plan)
14. Emergency blue light, poles (blue boxes)
15. Elevator mitigation – new program – updates
16. Quarterly projects updates
17. Updates on VTA – BART Silicon Valley Extension project – Downtown San Jose
18. Elevator testing – size of elevator, powerchair testing in elevator and other mobility testing
19. Low income fare discount pilot program
20. Invitation for Grace Crunican to attend a meeting for 2019
21. Fleet of the Future BART safety protocols
22. Legacy Fleet Decommissioning

**SAN FRANCISCO BAY AREA RAPID TRANSIT DISTRICT
BART ACCESSIBILITY TASK FORCE**

DRAFT Minutes

March 28, 2019

1. Self-Introductions of Members, Staff, and Guests:

Members:

Alan Smith, Catherine Callahan, Chris Mullen, Clarence Fischer
Christina Lasson (ABSENT), Don Queen, Emily Witkin
Esperanza Diaz-Alvarez, Gerry Newell (ABSENT), Hale Zukas
Herb Hastings (ABSENT), Janet Abelson (ABSENT)
Janice Armigo-Brown (ABSENT), Mussie Gebre, Randall Glock
Roland Wong, Valerie Buell (ABSENT)

BART Staff present:

Bob Franklin (ABSENT), Laura Timothy, Elena Van Loo

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

Robert Raburn (BART Board of Directors)
Maureen Wetter (BART Staff), Aaron Weinstein (BART Staff),
Roderick McFarland (BART Staff), Paul Medved (BART Staff),
David Silva (BART Staff) Susan Poliwka (BART Staff),
Carl Orman (BART Staff), Melissa Jordan (BART Staff),
Janice Dispo (Stenographer), Terri Manning (ASL interpreter),
Lisa Moore (ASL interpreter), Marjorie Mc Wee (Guest)

2. Public Comments

No public announcements.

3. Approval of March 28, 2019 Minutes

Clarence Fischer moved approval of the March 28, 2019 meeting minutes. Larry Bunn seconded the motion.

Motion passed unanimously.

4. Braille Signage Content and Placement

Elena Van Loo gave a PowerPoint presentation on the item. Members were allowed to ask questions and/or share any concerns they had after the presentation.

After PowerPoint presentation from Elena Van Loo, Carl Orman answered questions.

Carl Orman brought a Braille tactile sign made out of magnesium to share with members and the public. The magnesium maintains its color and texture for many years. Carl Orman also mentioned that magnesium tactile signs last over ten years.

Carl Orman mentioned that the tactile signs should be cleaned more often and he is communicating with BART System Service group to have this done.

Carl Orman mentioned if any tactile sign has been vandalized or stolen, BART Maintenance Department will order the tactile sign and replace them as soon as possible.

Carl Orman shared that the tactile signs near escalators and stairs are supplementary while the other signs throughout the station are at height that is ADA compliant.

Don Queen suggested to add a braille tactile sign at the top of the escalators and stairs and to continue to keep the Braille tactile signs at the bottom of the escalators and elevators.

Mussie Gebre was concerned that the Braille tactile signs are too low at the bottom of the stairs and escalators. Mussie Gebre suggested to have the tactile signs at the top of stairs and escalators. He also mentioned that some of the escalators do not have tactile signs at the bottom of the escalators.

5. Modernizing Elevators and Escalators

Michael Lemon gave a PowerPoint presentation on the item. Members were allowed to ask questions and/or share any concerns they had after the presentation.

Roland Wong asked if the Embarcadero BART Station and the 19th Street BART Station will have brand-new elevators put in. Michael Lemon confirmed that there will be a brand-new elevator put in at the Embarcadero BART Station and the 19th BART Station.

Randall Glock expressed when the brand-new elevators are put in at the Embarcadero BART Station and at the 19th Street BART Station that the elevator

panels where the push buttons are located should be at 26 inches from the floor to the panel and not at 36 inches.

Alan Smith asked if the new escalators in San Francisco will have yellow stripes at the edge of each step. Alan Smith also expressed at the Downtown Berkeley Station, during modernization, the escalators did not have the yellow stripes at the edge of each step.

Chris Mullen shared that he was at 12th Street/Oakland City Center training a client how to ride the BART System. One of the six escalators was not working. Chris Mullen asked how do we know when the escalators are not in service and would like an estimate of the time when the escalator (s) will be down.

6. Fleet of the Future (FOF) Survey Results

PowerPoint presentation from Aaron Weinstein and Maureen Wetter. Members were allowed to ask questions and/or share any concerns they had after the presentation.

Roland Wong asked if BART can reconsider to install flip-down seats due to less seating on the Fleet of the Future and can be used as bike area when flip down seats are not in use. Roland Wong was aware that this subject has been brought up in past BATF meetings.

Emily Witkin stated that screens are really nice and it would be even nicer if there wasn't a pole in front of them. Emily Witkin suggested to put the screens on the other side of the train where there are no poles and it is more visible.

Chris Mullen says that the survey seems really good. Chris Mullen asked if this will be only once in a life time survey or will there be more surveys down the road.

Randall Glock mentioned that he would like to see time and day displayed on the screens and the screens are small.

Clarence Fischer stated that there is a glare on the digital display screen, depending of the day or evening, and it is difficult to read.

7. Future Irvington BART Station - Escalators

Susan Poliwka, Paul Medved, and David Silva gave a PowerPoint presentation on the item. Members were allowed to ask questions and/or share any concerns they had after the presentation.

Randall Glock asked if the Irvington BART Station will be a low or high volume station in terms of the number of riders. The members and the public were informed that the Irvington Station will have a low volume of riders.

Randall Glock asked whether the elevator will accommodate two or more wheelchairs. The members and the public were informed that the elevator must accommodate a gurney into the elevator per elevator safety code requirements.

Hale Zukas asked why the ADA parking is far away from the elevator. Hale Zukas thinks the ADA parking should be closer to the elevator.

Alan Smith expressed concerns that the Irvington BART Station can be a high volume of riders in fifty years as there will be more residential and office buildings being built.

Randall Glock asked the members who would like to make a motion to do a study of ridership fifty years down the road. Alan Smith moved the item and Larry Bunn seconded the motion.

- Motion did not pass, with 2 votes in favor, 3 against, and 7 abstentions.

Esperanza made a motion to have redundant escalators instead of two elevators. Chris Mullen seconded the motion.

- Motion passes with 10 in favor, 0 against, and 2 abstentions.

8. Member Announcements

No comments from members.

9. Staff Announcements

Elena Van Loo congratulated Larry Bunn and let the members know that BART Board of Directors voted unanimously to approve him to become a BATF member. Larry Bunn is now officially a BATF member.

Elena Van Loo stated that the Ethics Training will be on May 7, 2019, in the BART Board of Directors Board Room, from 12:30 pm – 3:30 pm. Elena Van Loo mentioned that she will be mailing the members reminder of the Ethics Training. Also, she will remind members on April 25, 2019 BATF meeting under Staff Announcements.

Elena Van Loo reminded members that the first quarter reimbursement, January 01, 2019 to March 31, 2019, is due on April 10, 2019. Elena Van Loo let members

know if they need to get approved reimbursement that have not been approved to email Elena Van Loo by April 8, 2019.

10. Chairperson Announcements

Randall Glock stated that he has been asking BART Staff to present “Fleet of the Future Safety Features,” at the next BATF meeting in April.

11. Future Topics – Members Suggest Topics

- Fleet of the Future Safety Features

12. Adjournment

The meeting adjourned to the next regularly scheduled meeting for **April 25, 2019 at 2:00 pm at, 1750 Broadway, Oakland, California 94612.**

[The meeting adjourned at 4:36 pm]