

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

November 14, 2018

A meeting of BART Accessibility Task Force (BATF) will be held on Wednesday, November 14, 2018 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 19<sup>th</sup> Street Station and there are multiple AC Transit routes to the meeting site.

**AGENDA**

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| 1.  | Self-introductions of members, staff, and guests. (Information/Action)<br>BATF roll call and introductions of individuals present. | 05 minutes |
| 2.  | Public comments. (Information)<br>Opportunity to comment on items not on the agenda.<br>(Two minutes per speaker)                  | 15 minutes |
| 3.  | Approval of October 25, 2018 draft minutes. (Information/Action)   | 05 minutes |
| 4.  | BART future Irvington Station – Update. (Information/Action)   | 20 minutes |
| 5.  | BART Website overview – Update. (Information/Action)   | 20 minutes |
| 6.  | Discussion with BART Police regarding system safety and security.<br>(Information/Action)  | 15 minutes |
| 7.  | Letter of support for purchase of 425 new rail cars. (Information/Action)  | 15 minutes |
| 8.  | BATF new member nomination. (Information/Action)   | 10 minutes |
| 9.  | Approval of the BATF 2019 member/public meeting dates  | 05 minutes |
| 10. | Member announcements. (Information/Action)   | 05 minutes |
| 11. | Staff announcements. (Information/Action)  | 05 minutes |

12. Chairperson announcements. (Information/Action) 15 minutes
13. Future agenda topics-Members suggest topics. (Information/Action) 15 minutes  
Next two (2) meetings scheduled: Wednesday, **December 12, 2018**  
(BATF Holiday Reception @ 300 Lakeside Drive, 15th floor  
from 2:00 – 4:30pm) **and**  
Thursday, **January 24, 2019** @ 1750 Broadway,  
Oakland, Ca 94612
14. 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.

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

## **Material attached for November 8, 2017 BATF meeting:**

- October 25, 2018 draft minutes
- BATF 2019 member/public meeting dates
- Final letter of support for purchase of 425 new rail cars

## **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. Best practice standards for constructions/BATF travel obstacles mitigation – Checklist
7. Status, updates of signages
8. Policies regarding using discount tickets versus Clipper Cards
9. Train safety presentation
10. Path of travel (yearly update)
11. Sharp's container in BART stations (for example: if diabetic and want to throw away the needle, what is the safest way at BART stations)
12. Annual report of accomplishments (once a year with BATF members – January)
13. Update, establish annual, strategic goals (once a year with BATF members)
14. Field trip to Milpitas/Berryessa – Two newest BART/VTA stations
15. Faregates – Updates – New faregates being put in some stations
16. How to report when things are not working in the BART system via BART.gov
17. Irvington Station – update
18. White emergency white call boxes
19. Emergency blue light, poles (blue boxes)
20. Elevator mitigation – new program
21. Quarterly projects updates
22. Updates on Measure “RR”
23. Updates on VTA – BART Silicon Valley Extension project – Downtown San Jose

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

**Draft Minutes**  
October 25, 2018

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

**Members:**

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

**BART Staff present:**

Bob Franklin,  
Elena Van Loo

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

Director Robert Raburn  
Catherine Westphall (BART Staff)  
Mark Dana (BART Staff)  
Melissa Gordon (BART Staff)  
Michael Eiseman (BART Staff)  
Emily Witkin (Guest)  
Shawn Costello (Guest)  
Daniel Lebriaaja (Guest - CIL)  
Shawn Merriman-Roberts (ASL Interpreter)  
Hannah Kanzell (ASL Interpreter)  
Janice Dispo (Stenographer)

## **2. Public Comments**

Shaun Costello said that he would like to see more effort being made to clean the interior of the trains.

## **3. Approval of September 27, 2018 Meeting Minutes**

No opposition to Alan Smith's motion to approve the September 27, 2018 meeting minutes, with a second by Gerry Newell.

Motion passes unanimously.

## **4. BART's New Advertising Franchise Agreement & Digital Screens**

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

A discussion was held.

The members requested to see examples.

## **5. Embarcadero Station Platform Elevator Capacity and Redundancy - Update**

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

A discussion was held.

## **6. FY19 Draft Short-Range Transit Plan/Capital Improvement Program**

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

A discussion was held.

## **7. Member Announcements**

Valerie Buell gave some remarks regarding the Carlos Quintong Self-Advocacy Celebration that was held on October 19<sup>th</sup>. She hopes to see and invited participation from members next year.

Gerry Newell shared that he has been appointed as chairman for what is now known as the Lion's Vision Resource Network.

Alan Smith stated that the Downtown Berkeley Station has been renovated and is now open. He shared positive comments.

Roland Wong shared that he working to connect with the San Francisco Mayor's office on Disability in order to talk about the issues regarding Paratransit. He hopes that the discussion can continue in the BATF meetings and that further updates can be shared amongst members.

Chris Mullin reminded members about the Abilities Expo taking place on October 26 to October 28, 2018 at the San Mateo Event Center.

## **8. Staff Announcements**

Peter Crockwell is no longer a member of the BATF.

Janet Abelson added that there is also an opening on the East Bay Paratransit's Rider Advisory Committee (SRAC or Service Review Advisory Committee) for a current BATF member to apply to be on.

Elena Van Loo has arranged the catering for the BATF December holiday reception.

She will be sending out the invitation fliers to BART staff, task members, community lists, as well as the Bike Task Force Advisory members.

## **9. Chairperson Announcements**

Randall Glock shared a few informal announcements.

He shared the BATF holiday reception with the board at their most recent meeting.

He commented that a few members have tested BART's mobile app and share positive feedback.

## **10. Future Agenda Topics**

- White emergency call boxes
- Inviting BART PD to future meetings (i.e., from San Francisco)
- Update on Fleet of the Future (as presented at the Board meeting)

## **11. Adjournment**

The meeting adjourned to the next specially scheduled meeting of **Wednesday, November 14, 2018, at 2:00 p.m., at 1750 Broadway, Oakland, California.**

(The meeting adjourned at 3:49 p.m.)

## BART Accessibility Task Force (BATF) 2019 Member / Public Meeting Dates

- **January 24, 2019**, Thursday
- **February 28, 2019**, Thursday
- **March 28, 2019**, Thursday
- **April 25, 2019**, Thursday
- **May 23, 2019**, Thursday
- **June 27, 2019**, Thursday
- **July 25, 2019**, Thursday
- **August 22, 2019**, Thursday
- **September 26, 2019**, Thursday
- **October 24, 2019**, Thursday
- **\*November 13, 2019** (Wednesday due to Thanksgiving Holiday)
- **\*December 11, 2019** (no meeting at East Bay Paratransit due to BATF Holiday Reception at the BART Administration building-see below for more detailed information)

January – November 2018, meetings will be held at 1750 Broadway, Oakland, CA 94612 from 2:00 pm – 4:30 pm in the community room.

December's meeting / Holiday Reception will be on December 11, 2018, Wednesday, at 300 Lakeside Drive, Oakland, CA 94612. The conference room where reception will be held will be determined at a later date.

\* November and December will on a Wednesday



Thursday, November 15, 2018

Robert Raburn, President  
BART Board of Directors  
Bay Area Rapid Transit District  
300 Lakeside Drive  
Oakland CA 94612

**SUBJECT: BART Accessibility Task Force (BATF) Letter of Support for the Purchase of New BART Rail Cars**

Dear President Raburn,

At the November 14, 2018 BATF committee meeting, BART Staff presented an item on the procurement and purchase of 425 additional new BART Fleet of the Future rail cars. The increase of rail cars will help ease the crowding and congestion on trains system wide. Also, with increased passenger capacity, this will make it easier for seniors and passengers with disabilities to find a seat near the door. These new cars will also provide ample space for assistive mobility aids, such as wheelchairs, walkers, and service dogs, which will make traveling on BART more pleasant and comfortable.

BATF members have unanimously endorsed and passed a motion in support of the purchase of new BART rail cars. Thank you.

Sincerely,

Randall Glock  
BATF Chair

cc: BART Board of Directors  
BART Board Appointed Officers  
BART Assistant General Manager, Planning, Development & Construction  
BART Customer Access and Accessibility Department