

SAN FRANCISCO BAY AREA TRANSIT DISTRICT ACCESSIBILITY TASK FORCE

Draft Minutes

July 26, 2012

1. Self-Introductions of Members

Members present: Jan Armigo Brown; Larry Bun; Peter Crockwell; Linda Drattell; Mary Fowler; Randall Glock; Jim Gonsalves; David Jackson; Gerry Newell; Alan Smith; Roland Wong; Hale Zukas

Members not present: Janet Abelson; Herb Hastings; Jane Lewis; Katrina McCurdy; Don Queen; Carmen Rivera-Hendrickson

Guests of the Public: Jerry Grace; Lauren Sugayan; Armando Sandoval; Michael Hayes; AnnaMae Stanley; Pilar Marsh (Sign Language Interpreter); Terry Tibble (Sign Language Interpreter); Janice Hoang (Steno Captioner)

Staff: Ike Nnaji

Guest Speaker(s) and Guest Staff: Robert Raburn; Bob Franklin; Greg Cheifetz; Paul Pecnik; Aaron Weinstein

2. Public Comments

AnnaMae asked whether it were a possibility for BART to install a mechanism within the cars where it would sense when there is an obstruction in the doorway and, in turn, not close.

3. Approval of Minutes of June 28, 2012 Meeting

The approval of the minutes of May 24, 2012 could not take place as the minutes were not attached to the agenda. The approval of the May minutes has been postponed to take place at the August meeting.

No opposition to Alan's motion to approve minutes of the June 28, 2012 meeting, (second by Gerry). Motion carries unanimously.

4. Richmond Garage

Members expressed an interest in a tour of the Richmond garage, as soon as it's deemed safe to do so.

5. Extensions and Stations Improvements Update

[Balboa/Warm Springs/Union City/E BART]

After the update, the floor was opened up to questions and concerns from members.

Comments:

- Members would like to see station design and signage for E BART.
- Some consistency from station to station would be helpful.

- Some other things that are helpful for BART to keep in mind: electronic signage and electronic notification, wide walkways, fire alarms, parking lot design and esthetic.
- If members can review stations before construction is completed, it would save BART a lot of money.

Questions/Concerns to be looked into and answered at a later time:

- Are there plans for Balboa station to have elevator access on the other side?
- Will there be contrast and/or rubble strip leading up to the staircase at Warm Springs?
- Why was the second place bidder rejected? (Union City)
- Is the material used for the tactile pathway at Union City replaceable?
- When will construction on Paratransit stop at Union City commence?
- Update on relocation of bench from West side of Union City station, Fremont side.

6. New Car Design Working Group

Aaron is looking for volunteers to participate in a working group.

Member volunteers: Randall, Roland, Hale, David, Alan, Peter, Jim, Mary, Larry, Gerry, Linda.

Public volunteers: AnnaMae

This group has tentatively scheduled to meet on Tuesday, August 7th in the afternoon.

7. Ad-Hoc Committee Reports

Police Communication:

The ad-hoc committee for this item has been working together on and giving input regarding the BART police training bulletin. They are aiming for a release date of September. Once this group comes up with the proper language to be used, they will be looking to receive general input from the BATF, before its set release date.

The next meeting for this ad-hoc committee has tentatively been set to take place sometime at the end of August.

Stair Tread Policy:

Alan shared that BART now has a project funded to get clearly contrasting colored stripes on every step in BART by the end of the year, which will exceed ADA and California Building Code standards. He found the changing surface textures at the approach to stairways to be very helpful.

The next meeting for this ad-hoc committee has tentatively been set to take place on Wednesday August 15th, 2012.

Oakland Airport Connector Project:

Randall asked for a volunteer to work as a lead on this item, alongside Carmen and himself. This person will be Alan.

Hale has been asked to take a look at the drawings to give input on the elevator button panels.

The next meeting for this committee has tentatively been set to take place at 1:00pm on August 1, at the Ed Roberts Campus.

8. Chairperson Announcements

Randall reminded members of the Bikes on BART pilot program and that BART is looking for volunteers to act as observers and fill out a form in order to report back on what they see.

The BATF will be meeting in August.

Randall is still working on the arrangement of the December meeting and will update the members as soon as he can.

9. Staff Announcements

On Friday, August 31st, Lions Center for the Blind will be holding a mock election with accessible voting machines for blind and visually impaired voters.

Bob announced that BART will be removing payphones that are simply no longer being used.

A document entitled "Transfer Timing" was handed out to members, which details the scheduled transfers for MacArthur.

10. Member Announcements

Hale suggested that the design layout of the "A" car should never include a bicycle space.

Roland told members of the ADA 22nd Anniversary Celebration being held that same day, July 26th, at the Veteran's building located at 401 Van Ness Avenue, 2nd Floor, in San Francisco. It will begin at 5:30pm.

Linda shared with members the June publishing of the Deaf Counseling, Advocacy & Referral Agency's (DCARA) quarterly newsletter, DeafLink. This issue contains an article by Linda, wherein she writes about the success of DCARA's 50th Anniversary Gala; and an article by Jan, wherein she writes about Hale Zukas and the history of the BATF.

11. Future Agenda Topics

- Lighting in Downtown San Francisco stations (BATF to request staff to attend meeting and discuss issue)
- Door safety mechanism (suggested by a member of the public)
- Lack of cameras in elevators (suggested by a member of the public)

12. Adjournment

The meeting adjourned to the next regularly scheduled meeting of Thursday, August 23, 2012, at 2:30 p.m.