

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

## **Draft Minutes**

November 12, 2015

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

**Members present:** Janet Abelson, Randall Glock, Janice Armigo Brown, Peter Crockwell, Hale Zukas, Clarence Fischer, Gerry Newell, Herb Hastings, Alan Smith, Larry Bunn, Megan O'Brien, Roland Wong, Esperanza Diaz-Alvarez, Don Queen, Linda Drattell

**Absent:** Brandon Young

**BART Staff present:** Ike Nnaji, Robert Franklin, Laura Timothy

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

Director Robert Raburn, Elena Vanloo (BART), Aaron Weinstein (BART), Carl Orman (BART), Scott Smith (BART), Steve Beroldo (BART), Maureen Wetter (BART), Ric Owen (ASL Interpreter), Carol Day (ASL Interpreter),

### **2. Public Comments**

[No public comments.]

### **3. Approval of Minutes of October 22, 2015 Meeting**

[No minutes available for approval]

### **4. BATF By-Law Update**

Ike Nnaji stated that the Legal Department has approved the change as to form. The next step is to forward it to the General Manager for approval.

## **5. Bikes on BART Update**

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

Alan Smith stated that the goal of bikes on BART is to reduce bike on trains. Steve responded that the goal is to have 60% of riders to park their bikes at station and 40% to ride on train.

Clarence Fischer stated that bikeshare would help reduce the number of bikes on trains. He said that BART used to have bike permits. There are safety issues like bikes on escalators and that the BART Police should enforce the bike rules. Steve stated that there are new signs that have been tested and will be installed in all escalators.

Larry Bunn asked do we have data on bikes on trains. Steve responded yes, we do have data and that is why we want people to leave their bikes at stations.

Janet Abelson stated that she likes the program to have bikes parked in stations. That she is concerned about the people taking bikes on trains and using the wheelchair spaces. Steve stated that we are training users on how to use bike spaces on trains, also that the Bike Rule states don't board if the train is crowded.

## **6. Berkeley Station Upgrade**

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

Clarence Fischer stated that bus shelter should provide space for wheelchair users and that a priority seats signs for seniors and people with disabilities should be posted.

Alan Smith asked what type of building material will be used for the bus shelter. Scott Smith said it will be sheet metal frame.

Janet Abelson stated that signage should address how to find the elevator location. What will happen to the outdoor market near the station? Scott Smith said that elevator needs to be upgraded. Also there is a way-finding sign component of the project. He noted that the Downtown Business Association is working on preventing/closing the outdoor market near the station.

Hale Zukas asked what will happen to the escalators and why is the rotunda style entrance been removed. Scott said that escalators will be replaced with stairs and that the city wanted a modernized entrance. Also, the District has concern about the entrance maintenance. Director Robert Raburn noted that the District wants detectability of the entrance.

## **7. 2016 Fare Chart Design**

After a brief member discussion, members brought forth a motion.

No opposition to Herb Hastings' motion to recommend that the lead staff attend the next meeting to receive BATF input, (second by Gerry Newell), motion passes.

## **8. Capital Project Status Reports**

Carl Orman provided a brief project updates for Dublin/Pleasanton, North Concord, Pittsburg/Bay Point and hearing loop project.

Alan Smith provided an update of the Richmond intermodal project.

Alan Smith stated as the elevator out-of-service hotline is been announced, Oakland Airport Connector elevator is not working but was not included.

Alan Smith stated that the elevator hot line as previously announced is now working. However when the OAC elevator on the airport end was not working, the hotline did not state the elevator was not working.

### **No updates were given for the following projects:**

El Cerrito Del Norte

Union City Station Remodel

Fleet of the Future

eBART

Phase 2 – San Jose Downtown

Civic Center Station Upgrade

Montgomery Station Upgrade

San Bruno Path of Travel

Track Maintenance

Station Hearing Loop

Entrance Canopies

Berkeley Station Upgrade

Stair Tread Color Contrast

Berryessa/Milpitas Stations

Powell Street Station Upgrade

Embarcadero Station Upgrade

West Dublin Path of Travel

Concord Station Upgrade

## **9. Chairperson Announcements**

Alan Smith, together with David Favello, the BART Bicycle Task Force Chairperson, expect to attend the November 19<sup>th</sup> Board meeting to present the BATF/BBATF joint letter.

Alan Smith stated there were no lights at the Montgomery Station and that staff commented that some of the lights are too high for BART maintenance workers to replace.

## **10. Staff Announcements**

None

## **11. Member Announcements**

None

## **12. Future Agenda Topics**

- Union City Project Update
- System wide station tour
- Communication Access – In Station and Train

## **13. Adjournment**

The meeting adjourned to the next specially scheduled meeting of **Wednesday, December 9, 2015 at 300 Lakeside Dr, 15th Floor, Oakland**