

SAN FRANCISCO BAY AREA TRANSIT DISTRICT ACCESSIBILITY TASK FORCE

Draft Minutes

December 11, 2013

1. Self-Introductions of Members

Members present: Janet Abelson; Janice Armigo Brown; Peter Crockwell; Don Queen; Hale Zukas; Clarence Fischer; Gerry Newell; Herb Hastings; David Jackson; Katrina McCurdy; Alan Smith; Larry Bunn; Marina Villena

Members not present: Randall Glock; Jane Lewis

Staff: Ike Nnaji; Bob Franklin

Directors, Speaker(s), Guest Staff, and Guests of the Public: Director Robert Raburn; Megan O'Brien; Jerry Grace

2. Public Comments

[No public comments.]

3. Approval of Minutes of November 13, 2013 Meeting

No opposition to Janet Abelson's motion to approve minutes of the November 13, 2013 meeting, (second by Gerry Newell). Motion carries with one abstention by David Jackson.

4. New Member Nomination Approval

No opposition to David Jackson's recommendation to approve Megan O'Brien's application, (second by Clarence Fischer). Motion carries unanimously.

5. Path of Travel Issues

No opposition to Larry Bunn's motion to create a group to work on path of travel issues, (second by Gerry Newell). Motion carries unanimously.

Janet Abelson stated that this group should include wheelchair users.

Larry Bunn suggested looking at BART's current standards for the detectable paths of travel, and added that it will be helpful to include an orientation and mobility instructor.

Members expressed their interest in going out to tour the stations in order to look at the detectable paths of travel.

Bob Franklin and Ike Nnaji agreed to coordinate a time for the group (which will include a mobility trainer) to meet. This will occur somewhere in mid to late January and members will receive travel reimbursement.

6. Project Status Reports

General Disabilities Awareness Booklet Preparation:

[No update at this time.]

Stair Tread Color Contrast Project

[No update at this time.]

eBART Project

[No update at this time.]

Richmond Intermodal Project

[No update at this time.]

Warm Springs Station

[No update at this time.]

VTA - Berryessa/Milpitas Stations

The Environmental Impact Report (EIR) is in the process of being drafted and prepared. BART is expected to get through San Jose and Santa Clara in 2022 or 2023. Members can expect to be invited to outreach meetings, which is covered by the travel reimbursement. Staff will be in attendance and present at the January 2014 meeting.

Alan Smith will be put in contact with a VTA group similar to the BATF wherein he can find out why they recommended the black domes.

7. Chairperson Announcements

Roland Wong has missed four meetings this year and has been removed as a member of the BATF. He has been sent a new member application and is encouraged to reapply.

Alan Smith notified members of the passing of Jeff Garcia, an engineer for BART.

No opposition to Janet Abelson's motion to send condolences to Jeff Garcia's family on behalf of the BATF, (second by Clarence Fischer). Motion carries unanimously.

Testing is set to begin at the Oakland Airport Connector (OAC).

Alan Smith presented a report to the Board of Directors and it was well received.

8. Staff Announcements

Bob Franklin stated that Paul Medved, engineer for the Warm Springs Extension, forwarded some tile specifications for the platform and platform edge.

It is the opinion of the BATF that yellow tile is preferred over red, and three inches is better than two, in order to make the door opening area clearer for everyone to see.

Ike Nnaji expressed concern regarding the width of the platform and that it may become narrower because of changes made to the door opening area. He said that it will create a safety and liability issue.

Bob Franklin said that the Bicycle Task Force did not endorse the BATF's proposal regarding the elevator signage.

9. Member Announcements

Janice Armigo-Brown said members will be able to review the final draft of the General Disabilities Awareness pamphlet either by e-mail or at the January 2014 meeting.

Clarence Fischer asked that special meetings be called in order to clear up previously suggested "Future Agenda Topics" that never seem to be agendized. He then cited from the BART Accessibility Task Force By-Laws, Article VII, Sub B regarding special meetings.

Alan Smith asked to defer to the chairperson, Randall Glock, who will be back for the January 2014 meeting

Janet Abelson suggested that a simpler way to achieve this would be to meet a little earlier on a BATF meeting date, rather than call an additional day to meet.

10. Future Agenda Topics

- Equal access for notifications of fare increases to include disabled fare increase
- Frequency of announcements made on the BART system that deal with disabled topics versus nondisabled topics
- Wheelchairs (especially manual) boarding trains – discussion on what can be done to allow extra time for wheelchair users to lock brakes before train begins to move

11. Adjournment

The meeting adjourned to the next regularly scheduled meeting of **Thursday, January 23, 2014, at 2:00 p.m.**