

SAN FRANCISCO BAY AREA TRANSIT DISTRICT ACCESSIBILITY TASK FORCE

Minutes

June 23, 2016

1. Self-Introductions of Members, Staff and Guests

Members:

Janet Abelson
Randall Glock
Janice Armigo Brown
Peter Crockwell
Don Queen
Hale Zukas
Clarence Fischer
Gerry Newell
Herb Hastings
Alan Smith
Larry Bunn – (ABSENT)
Brandon Young
Roland Wong – (ABSENT)
Esperanza Diaz-Alvarez

BART Staff present: Ike Nnaji, Bob Franklin, Elena Vanloo

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

Director Robert Raburn
Mark Dana (BART)
Greg Lombardi (BART)
Catherine Callahan
Debbie Leung
Janice Dispo (Stenographer)

2. Public Comments

[No public comments.]

3. Approval of Minutes of May 26, 2016 Meeting

No opposition to Herb Hastings' motion to approve the amended minutes of the May 26, 2016 meeting, with a second by Gerry Newell.

Motion passes unanimously.

4. Staircase Landing Warnings

Bob Franklin asked for clarification from members in order to best explain the intent of the request.

Members replied that they are looking for a change in texture to let people know of a change in elevation or an approaching staircase, which does not have adverse impact on others and does not create a tripping hazard or obstacle for travel.

5. Station Maintenance Tours

After the presentation given by Greg Lombardi, members were allowed to ask questions and/or share any concerns they had. A lengthy discussion was held.

6. e-BART Antioch Station Escalators

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

Members requested for a construction tour and a train tour, if possible. If not, then a preview of the station before it is available to the public will suffice.

The projected date for revenue service is the winter of the 2017-2018 year.

7. Station and Train Announcements

Alan Smith drafted a letter to Paul Oversier regarding issues with the announcements.

No opposition to Clarence Fischer's motion to forward the letter on to Paul Oversier, with a second by Gerry Newell.

Motion passes with one abstention by Randall Glock.

8. BART Bond Endorsement

No opposition to Janet Abelson's motion to endorse the bond, with a second by Gerry Newell.

Motion passes with abstentions by Hale Zukas and Randall Glock.

9. Elevator Issues

Clarence Fischer clarified the intent of this agenda item.

Wherever there is an elevator outage towards the end of the line on a late-service train, he asked whether trains can just switch platforms rather than having passengers get off at an earlier stop than their intended destination and completing their journey by alternate transportation.

He wanted to raise this issue to senior management and hold a discussion with them in order to explore other options.

The consensus from the BATF was that they do not want to follow up with senior management regarding this issue.

Bob Franklin stated that though the probability of this occurring is very small, it is still BART's responsibility to address this type of issue should it occur.

Randall Glock suggested inviting the appropriate staff to come to a future meeting to talk to members about what steps need to be taken in the event they are stuck at a station at the end of the night. He stated that going directly to the board is not necessary and that holding a discussion with staff is preferable.

10. Capital Project Status Reports

Station Hearing Loop

The BART Board has approved and awarded the contract for the ADA pilot project for a hearing loop system to be installed in the Fremont BART station.

Montgomery Station Upgrade

LED lights are being installed throughout the Montgomery Station.

Installation of new lights around the platform is expected to be completed by the end of the year.

No updates were given for the following projects:

El Cerrito Del Norte

Oakland Airport Connector

Union City Station Remodel

Fleet of the Future

eBART

Warm Springs Station

Phase 2 – San Jose Downtown

Civic Center Station Upgrade
Concord Station Upgrade
Dublin/Pleasanton Project
West Oakland
Entrance Canopies
Berkeley Station Upgrade
Stair Tread Color Contrast
Richmond
Berryessa/Milpitas Stations
Powell Street Station Upgrade
Embarcadero Station Upgrade
West Dublin Path of Travel
Track Maintenance
Elevator Priority Signage
Pittsburg/Bay Point

11. Chairperson Announcements

Alan Smith will be out of town in mid-July.

He shared that Carter Mau thanked him for the BATF's comments in supporting the budget.

The BATF's letter in support of BART's Station Access Policy was well received.

The BATF's checklist for BART construction project managers (regarding accessible path of travel during construction) was sent to Bob Powers and Paul Oversier. Alan Smith shared a comment he received from Director Raburn, who said that he appreciates the BATF's methodical prioritization of mitigations for construction disruptions.

12. Staff Announcements

Bob Franklin talked briefly about a technology conference that was recently held called "AccessTech," and shared some examples of the suggestions and recommendations received.

13. Member Announcements

Janet Abelson wanted to commend the BART employee who helped her at the elevator at the El Cerrito Plaza station earlier today.

Clarence Fischer reminded members that AC Transit will have some service changes effective Sunday, June 26, 2016.

Hale Zukas attended a recent AC Transit meeting where there was a demonstration on text-to-speech/speech-to-text technology on their buses.

Bob Franklin shared that as a result of the AccessTech conference, BART will be receiving a demonstration of this speech-to-text technology.

Randall Glock shared that requests for travel reimbursement is being submitted after today's meeting.

14. Future Agenda Topics

- Discussion on issues getting to destination on late trains (see Item 9)

15. Adjournment

The meeting adjourned to the next regularly scheduled meeting of **Thursday, July 28, 2016, at 2:00 p.m., at 1750 Broadway in Oakland, California.**

(The meeting adjourned at 4:24 p.m.)