

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

Committee Meeting Minutes
August 25, 2022

1. Roll Call of Members:

1. Anita Ortega
2. Catherine Callahan - ABSENT
3. Clarence Fischer
4. Don Queen
5. Emily Witkin
6. Gerry Newell
7. Hale Zukas - ABSENT
8. Herb Hastings (2nd Vice-Chair)
9. Janet Abelson - ABSENT
10. Janice Armigo Brown (Vice-Chair)
11. Larry Bunn
12. Marjorie (Marji) McWee
13. Randall Glock (Chair)
14. Roland Wong
15. Shay Roberson
16. Valerie Buell
17. VACANT
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BART Customer Access and Accessibility Department Staff:

Elena Van Loo
Laura Timothy
Bob Franklin

BART Director (s), BART Staff, Speakers, and members of the public:

Robert Raburn (BART Board of Director)
Roderick McFarland (BART Staff)
Heath Maddox (BART Staff)
Val Menotti (BART Staff)
Mayra Perez (Captioner)
Bridgett Nolot (Captioner)

David Fritz (Guest)
Sara Desumala (Guest)
Roger Acuna (Guest)

2. Public Comments

David Fritz introduced himself.

3. Approval of August 25, 2022 Meeting Minutes

Clarence Fischer moved approval of the August 25, 2022 meeting minutes. Herb Hastings seconded the motion.

- Motion passes with thirteen (13) in favor, zero (0) against, zero (0) abstention

4. BART's 50th Anniversary – Upcoming Public Events

Roderick McFarland presented plans for BART's 50th anniversary along with upcoming public events:

Celebrating: History

- Stories on social media, the public, and under BART's website
- bart.gov/50years – 50 years go live with microsite launching
- bart.gov/50years – Photo archive, calendar events, stories, historical documents

Celebrating: Community

- 50th Anniversary branded merchandise available at:
<https://www.railgoods.com>
- Other merchandise in the works: Legacy car number plates, BART map through the years posters
- “50 years proud; 50 years BART!” – Stories on social media, under bart.gov, under employee's website
- BARTmobile in San Francisco Pride Parade
- “Soundtrack,” at El Cerrito del Norte BART Station and at Downtown Berkeley BART Station in September of 2022 and “soundtrack,” at Glen Park BART Station in October of 2022

Celebrating: Creativity

- “BART Lines” short fiction contest – Authors living across BART's five counties - Runs from June 01, 2022 to June 30, 2022 or until 400 entries – 30 stories will be selected - Finalist announced week of September 05, 2022

Celebrating: Our Workers

- Commemorative pins for employees, retirees, and dignitaries
- Commemorative patches for employee uniforms
- Looking Back: Tales from the Track
- Looking Forward: BART to the Future

Celebrating: Our Riders

- 50th anniversary emblems stickers begin appearing on train car windows
- Systemwide advertising for the 50th anniversary begins in trains and in stations
- Arcade games at Powell BART Station

Celebrating: Our Legacy

- 50th Birthday Party and Family Fun Festival
 - **SAVE the date!**
 - September 10, 2022, from 11:00 am to 4:00 pm at Lake Merritt BART Station
 - 1992 time capsule opening and burying of 2022 time capsule
 - Food trucks, music, games, prizes, and a movie tent
 - Photo booth with BART train cab cutout
 - BARTmobile will join the festivities
 - Hands on activities for youth

Celebrating: Holidays

- BARTable holiday promotions
- Limited-edition holiday merchandise goes on sale, <https://www.railgoods.com>

Roderick McFarland informed members and members of the public that all fares are 50% off to celebrate 50 years for the month of September and this discount includes discount cards for seniors, youth, and people with disabilities.

Clarence Fischer asked if the 50% fare discount includes BART tickets and Clipper Card holders. Roderick McFarland stated the 50% fare discount only works for Clipper Cards and Clipper App on your smartphone, not for mag-stripped tickets.

Randall Glock asked if members could get hold of the BART's 50th Anniversary lapel pins and staff stated the lapel pins are for internal BART Staff and shared BART apparels can be purchased at, <https://www.railgoods.com>.

5. BART Bike Program Update

Heath Maddox presented on BART's Bike program update:

- BART bike parking summary on how many bike spaces on different types of lockers: Keyed Lockers, On-demand Lockers, Racks, Bike Station, Bikekeep, Bike Share Docks

- BART Bike Stations
- Went over the monthly volumes at BART Bike Stations and BART ridership from January 2019 to June 2022
 - Monthly volumes dropped dramatically during COVID-19 but, slowly increasing
- Went over monthly rentals at Bikelink, eLockers, and BART ridership from January 2019 to June 2022
 - Rentals dropped dramatically during COVID-19 that started in April of 2020
- Different types of bike racks in the Fleet of the Future (FOF) trains
- Explained what bicycle stairway channels are:
 - A ramp along the wall of the stairway
 - Left bike onto the ramp, tilt away from wall, and push forward
- Scooter stations at BART Stations
- Introduced to BART’s Bike Program advisory committee “BART Bicycle Advisory Task Force (BBATF)”
- Bicycle Access Capital Projects
 - North Berkeley access improvements
 - Ashby Bicycle Boulevard Connector
 - Dublin-Pleasanton iron Horse Trail improvements
 - Pittsburg/Baypoint Bicycle access improvements

Randall Glock asked if you could pay the Bike Link Card through a smartphone app and online. Heath Maddox confirmed Bike Link Card can be paid online and Bike Link card itself but, not through the smartphone at this time.

Herb Hastings expressed the bicycle trail bridge being done in Oakland will be nice.

Herb Hastings mentioned bikers use the escalators instead of stairs or the elevators and asked if there will be any enforcements for safety reasons. Heath Maddox mentioned this is not being heavily enforced by the BART Police, but signs are up not to take bikes on escalators.

Marjorie (Marji) McWee asked if the bike channels are on both sides of the stairways and expressed safety concerns. Heath Maddox stated bike channels are mostly on both sides of the stairway.

6. BATF Member Nomination (s) and Election (s)

Randall Glock led the agenda item, “BATF member nomination (s) and election (s),” and mentioned David Fritz expressed interest to be a committee member.

Janice Armigo Brown proposed to postpone the election and nomination process for members until January of 2023, thinking this would allow community members of the public to attend meetings and apply.

Janice Armigo Brown made the first motion to postpone election and nomination until January 2023 and Randall Glock asked who would like to second the motion.

Marjorie (Marji) McWee asked if there is going to be a discussion or go ahead and second the motion to postpone election and nomination. She suggested have a sub-committee to recruit new members.

Randall Glock asked Margorie (Marji) McWee if she wanted to second the motion and she seconded the motion.

Roland Wong asked why nomination and election needed to be postponed and he thinks recruitment can be an ongoing process and added having to keep postponing does not make any sense.

Valerie Buell expressed David Fritz has followed the BATF By-Laws, attending a certain amount of meetings needed to qualify to be nominated. She added postponing the nomination and election should not affect David Fritz.

Clarence Fischer stated that David Fritz has put in his meeting time. He mentioned we should go ahead and vote to see whether or not the BATF nominates him.

Janice Armigo Brown motioned to postpone nomination and election until January 2023. Marjorie (Marji) McWee seconded the motion.

- Motion does not pass with nine (09) not in favor, two (2) in favor, one (1) abstention

Randall Glock called on David Fritz to introduce himself. David Fritz gave a short speech as to why he would be a good candidate for BATF membership.

Valerie Buell made the first motion to nominate David Fritz as a new BATF member. Clarence Fischer seconded the motion.

- Motion passes with ten (10) in favor, one (1) against, one (1) abstention

Elena Van Loo will take David Fritz's approved votes to the BART Board of Directors meeting to do the final confirmation. If David Fritz passes through the

Board of Directors, there will be seventeen (17) active members and one (1) opening.

7. Member Announcements

Valerie Buell announced that the Regional Advisory Committee is looking for new members.

8. Staff Announcements

Ahmad Rassai (AR) gave an update on hearing loops. He mentioned there is a new type of hearing loops being tested, piloted at the 19th St. BART Station and he will reach out to Elena Van Loo to schedule a time to test the hearing loops with members who wish to test out and/or learn more about the new type of hearing loops. AR stated that he will present this item at an upcoming BATF meeting.

Elena Van Loo shared that two restrooms re-opened on June 28, 2022. One opened at Montgomery BART Station and the second one at Lake Merritt BART Station.

Elena Van Loo announced yearly nominations and elections for Chair, Vice-Chair, and 2nd Vice-Chair are scheduled for the next BATF meeting, September 22, 2022. She added members may request any reasonable accommodations or may ask questions by reaching out to Elena Van Loo for assistance.

Director Robert Raburn shared BART had its highest ridership that wasn't related to an event this week.

9. Chairperson Announcements

Randall Glock mentioned Metropolitan Transportation Commission (MTC) in conjunction with BART and other transit agencies launched a two-year pilot called Clipper BayPass to study the impact of a single pass for bus, rail, and ferry services in the nine-county region. He mentioned Clipper BayPass is distributed to select college students and then will expand to affordable housing communities.

10. Future Agenda Topics – Member Suggest Topics

- BART's Station Access and Wayfinding Update
- Yearly nominations and elections for Chair, Vice-Chair, and 2nd Vice-Chair
- Hearing Loops – Update
- Nominations and Committees – Discussion

- How to run meeting effectively – Refresher
- Clipper Card 2 – Update
- Brown Act Law - Refresher

11. Adjournment

The meeting adjourned at 4:10 pm until the next regularly scheduled meeting, September 22, 2022.