

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

## **Draft Minutes**

April 27, 2017

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

#### **Members:**

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

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

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

Director Robert Raburn  
Grace Crunican (BART)  
Charlotte Barham (BART)  
Dennis Markham (BART)  
Pamela Herhold (BART)  
Sharon Moore (BART)  
Dana Rubin (Nelson\Nygaard)  
Jerry Grace  
Christina Lasson  
Edward Rodrigues  
Janice Dispo (Stenographer)

## **2. Public Comments**

Christina Lasson introduced herself as representing Bay Area People First, along with Jerry Grace, and gave a brief overview of what their group does.

Edward Rodrigues introduced himself and expressed hope that BART maintains their system.

## **3. Approval of Minutes of March 23, 2017 Meeting**

[No minutes to approve at this time; minutes to be approved at the next meeting.]

## **4. BART FY18 Preliminary Budget Overview**

After the presentation given by Dennis Markham and Pamela Herhold, members were allowed to ask questions and/or share any concerns they had.

A long discussion was held.

No opposition to Alan Smith's motion to endorse BART's FY18 Preliminary Budget, with a second by Clarence Fischer.

Motion passes with abstentions from Valerie Buell and Esperanza Alvarez-Diaz.

## **5. BART FY18 Possible Fare Modification Options**

After the presentation given by Dennis Markham and Pamela Herhold, members were allowed to ask questions and/or share any concerns they had.

Sharon Moore passed out surveys to interested members.

A long discussion was held.

## **6. General Manager Visit**

Grace Crunican addressed the BATF and answered questions from members.

Some concerns addressed:

- Exit signs are not lit during a power outage; no emergency lighting (i.e., Montgomery Station)
- Safety and security; working cameras throughout the system
- Fare evasion

- Boarding in the middle cars and what happens when there are two adjoining end cars
- Dim lighting throughout Civic Center hallways
- Wheelchair user safety in elevators
- Lack of police and/or authoritative presence
- Uneven sidewalks, sidewalk cracks, and trip hazards at San Leandro
- Out-of-order wheelchair lift at Oakland Coliseum on the parking lot side
- Lighting at the tunnel and signage for LAVTA at East Dublin BART Station

Randall Glock thanked Grace Crunican and invited her to come back to a future meeting.

## **7. Warm Springs Station Tour**

Clarence Fischer moved that the Warm Springs Station Tour be held on the same day as the MADG Fremont Open House, with a second by Gerry Newell.

Motion passes with abstentions from Catherine Callahan, Herb Hastings, Larry Bunn, and Alan Smith.

The Warm Springs Station tour has been tentatively scheduled for Thursday, May 11, 2017 at 1:00 p.m. Members are to meet at the station agent booth. (Travel reimbursement has been pre-approved.)

## **8. Chairperson Announcements**

Randall Glock will work on getting an update from BART Police Department CSO Michele Lazaneo.

Valerie Buell and Chris Mullin are now officially appointed members of the BATF.

## **9. Staff Announcements**

Ethics Training is being held on Tuesday, May 2<sup>nd</sup>, 2017, from 1:30 p.m. to 3:45 p.m. It will be held in the AC Transit 2<sup>nd</sup> Floor Board Room located at 1600 Franklin Street in Oakland. Members are reminded that the BATF meeting is still going forward in May.

## **10. Member Announcements**

Alan Smith reported that at the last Board meeting, funding was allocated to improve bus shelters at the Daly City Station, which will be going through upgrades. The bus shelters will be much better than originally planned.

Alan also reported talking to a teacher from California School for the Blind, who expressed a number of things about Warm Springs Station: first, how much they liked the path of travel at the Warm Springs Station; second, that they appreciate the wide black bar tiles in the center of the platform; and third, that the door for the restrooms are not that easy to open and require a little more muscle power.

Alan added that he did not see any benches at the kiss-and-ride area.

Valerie Buell said that she will continue to share about BART events (especially where BART is seeking public participation) with the State Council on Developmental Disabilities.

## **11. Future Agenda Topics**

- Update from Paul Oversier

## **12. Adjournment**

The meeting adjourned to the next regularly scheduled meeting of **Thursday, May 25, 2017, at 2:00 p.m., at 1750 Broadway, Oakland, California.**

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