

**SAN FRANCISCO BAY AREA RAPID TRANSIT DISTRICT
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**NOTICE OF REGULAR MEETING AND AGENDA
BART ACCESSIBILITY TASK FORCE**

December 9, 2015

A Meeting of the BART Accessibility Task Force (BATF) will be held on Wednesday, December 9, 2015 at 2:00 – 4:30 p.m. The Meeting will be held in the Kaiser Center, 300 Lakeside Drive, 15th Floor Conference Room, Oakland, California. The facility is served by public transportation at the 19 Street BART Station and multiple AC Transit routes.

ATTENTION: THIS MEETING WILL TAKE PLACE AT A NEW LOCATION

AGENDA

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| 1. Self- Introduction of Members, Staff and Guests
BATF Roll Call and Introduction of Individuals Present | 5 Minutes |
| 2. Public Comments (<i>Information</i>)
Opportunity to Comment on Items Not on the Agenda
(2 Minutes per Speaker) | 5 Minutes |
| 3. Approval of Minutes of October 22, 2015 Meeting (<i>Action</i>) | 5 Minutes |
| 4. BATF By-Law Update (<i>Information/Action</i>)
Staff to Present Update for Comments | 5 Minutes |
| 5. Proposed Stations Tours (<i>Information/Action</i>)
Members to Discuss Tours from Accessibility Perspective | 10 Minutes |
| 6. BATF 2016 Goals (<i>Information/Action</i>)
Members to Approve | 10 Minutes |

- 7. 2016 Fare Chart Design (*Information/Action*)** **5 Minutes**
Staff to Respond to Members Recommendation
- 8. Capital Project Status Reports (*Information/Action*)** **5 Minutes**
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| El Cerrito Del Norte | Station Hearing Loop |
| Oakland Airport Connector | Entrance Canopies |
| Union City Station Remodel | Berkeley Station Upgrade |
| Fleet of the Future | Stair Tread Color Contrast |
| eBART | Warm Spring Station |
| Phase 2- San Jose Downtown | Powell Street Station Upgrade |
| Civic Center Station Upgrade | Embarcadero Station Upgrade |
| Montgomery Station Upgrade | West Dublin Path of Travel |
| San Bruno Path of Travel | Concord Station Upgrade |
| Berryessa/Milpitas Stations | Dublin/Pleasanton Project |
| Richmond East Side Construction | |
- 9. Chairperson Announcements (*Information*)** **5 Minutes**
- 10. Staff Announcements (*Information*)** **5 Minutes**
- 11. Member Announcements (*Information*)** **5 Minutes**
- 12. Future Agenda Topics (*Information/Action*)** **5 Minutes**
Members to Suggest Topics
Next Meeting: Thursday, January 28, 2016 (regular time and location)
- 13. Adjournment**
BATF Member Reception / Outreach / Meet and Greet will follow meeting at 3:00pm

Please refrain from wearing scented products (perfume, cologne, after-shave, etc.) to this meeting, as there may be people in attendance susceptible to environmental illnesses.

BART provides service/accommodations upon request to persons with disabilities and individuals who are limited English proficient who wish to address Board matters. A request must be made within one and five days in

advance of Board meetings, depending on the service requested. Please contact the Office of the District Secretary at (510) 464-6083 for information.

ATTACHMENT I

Material Enclosed for this Meeting

- Report to BART Board of Directors
- Draft 2016 BATF Goals

eBART Links

<http://www.stadlerrail.com/media/uploads/factsheets/GC/AP1007e.pdf>

[http://www.gonctd.com/pdf_fact_sheets/Sprinter FactSheet.pdf](http://www.gonctd.com/pdf_fact_sheets/Sprinter_FactSheet.pdf)

Future Agenda Topics

- Detectable Path of Travel
- Accessible Capital Request List Update
- Station Announcements (emergency and non-emergency)
- Capital Improvement Program
- Elevators; also cone clutter, odor
- Best Practice Standards for Construction
- Signage Update
- Alternative travel options while elevators are out of service
- Policies regarding using discount tickets versus Clipper cards
- Difficulty (especially among disabled community) boarding buses when a station is under construction; discussion of policies and procedures
- Editing BART app to include information of construction at stations

**BART ACCESIBILITY TASK FORCE
REPORT TO BART BOARD OF DIRECTORS
December 17 2015**

Note: This is the fourth report to the BART Board of Directors from the BART Accessibility Task Force (BATF). The report's purpose is to outline BATF's major accomplishments and activities during 2015. Directors are most welcome to attend any BATF meeting

1. Fleet of the Future

An issues/resolution questionnaire was developed from BATF members' questions. Staff resolved most of the issues while others are part of the test plan. Staff and BATF members are having a series of discussions on how blind and visually impaired riders will be able to detect the third door during the mixed fleet period.

2. Construction Tours

The chair and vice chair toured Warm Springs/South Fremont station to confirm that accessible features were included as staff had agreed. Also, many members toured the Oakland Airport Connector including the wheel house.

3 eBART

Public pay phones with TTY capability will be added to the Transfer platform and the two stations. There will be a direct, toll free number to Control central which will be displayed near the phone. However, advanced technology may result in further requests.

4. Hearing Loops

Many BATF members, along with several members of the public participated in a test of "Hearing Loops" at the San Bruno station, both on a platform and at a station agent booth. This technology allows people with T-coil hearing aids to hear announcements much more clearly. An additional test was done at 19th St. station to determine if it worked on a multi-level station. This was an outgrowth of BATF members' requesting hearing loops at the new stations at the station agent booth. As a result of the over whelming positive response, BART plans to go out to bid in January 2016 to install the equipment later that year at the Fremont station.. Assuming it works as well as expected, staff intends to roll it out throughout the system provided funding availability.

5. Station Tours

During the past several months, BATF members have toured with staff the downtown San Francisco stations, Downtown Berkeley and Balboa Park. Many have also participated in outreach events at other stations (e.g. El Cerrito del Norte etc.) The purpose has been for members to understand the planned upgrades and provide input to the proposals along with other desired upgrade features.

6. Joint BATF/BBATF (BART Bicycle Advisory Task Force) Joint Meeting

In July both task forces met and learned that both share very similar goals for station access. A joint letter was developed and presented to the Board on November 19, 2015.

Summary: 2015 has been another solid year of accomplishments in working closely with staff to make BART more accessible. We believe 2016 will be at least as productive.

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BART ACCESSIBILITY TASK FORCE
DRAFT 2016 GOALS
December 9, 2015 Version 1.1

1. Continue to tour construction sites to confirm that accessibility features have been included as agreed to by staff.
2. Continue to work with BART Bicycle Task Force and/or other agencies (e.g. VTA) when appropriate on joint projects/issues. As BART South Bay Extension is designed, hold joint meetings of entire task force or committees.
3. Examine detailed project design plans (remodeling and new construction) and make recommendation for revision as appropriate.
4. Examine new technology (e.g. Captioned Telephone) and make recommendations for adoption to BART staff.
5. Continue to examine BFS (BART Facility Standards) and make recommendations for revision as appropriate.
6. Advise BART Board of Directors and staff on capital improvement project list as prioritized by the BATF relative to those projects that will have the greatest impact on making BART more accessible and safer **for seniors and people with disabilities.**
7. Conduct systematic tours of stations to ascertain improvements needed to make stations more accessible to people with disabilities and for seniors. The end result would be a document to be provided to the BART Board of Directors to be included in budget considerations.
8. Participate in other projects as requested.