

# SAN FRANCISCO BAY AREA TRANSIT DISTRICT ACCESSIBILITY TASK FORCE

## Draft Minutes

February 28, 2013

### 1. Self-Introductions of Members

**Members present:** Janet Abelson; Jan (Janice) Armigo Brown; Peter Crockwell; Mary Fowler; Jim Gonsalves; Don Queen; Hale Zukas; Clarence Fischer; Gerry Newell; David Jackson, Jane Lewis; Katrina McCurdy; Roland Wong; Alan Smith

**Members not present:** Randall Glock; Herb Hastings; Larry Bunn

**Staff:** Ike Nnaji; Bob Franklin

**Directors, Speaker(s), and Guests of the Public:** Esperanza Diaz-Alvarez; Armando Sandoval; Lt. Lopez; Steve Beroldo; Crystal Raine; Jennifer Yeamans

### 2. Public Comments

[No public comments.]

### 3. Approval of Minutes of January 24, 2013 Meeting

No opposition to David Jackson's motion to approve minutes of the January 24, 2013 meeting, (second by Gerry Newell). Motion carries unanimously.

### 4. Travel Training

Esperanza Diaz-Alvarez, who is an independent living coordinator and travel trainer for CRIL, (Community Resources for Independent Living), told members about CRIL's new travel training and mobility program called Hayward on the Go. This training offers seniors and persons with disabilities who are living in Hayward and Southern Alameda County how to travel independently using different forms of public transportation.

A video of the travel training can be found at:

<http://www.bart.gov/news/articles/2012/news20121115a.aspx>

### 5. Coordinated Human Transportation Update

MTC is conducting an update to the Coordinated Public Transit – Human Services Transportation Plan (the Coordinated Plan). This plan seeks to improve transportation coordination in the region to address the transportation needs of older adults, persons with disabilities, and low-income individuals. The plan will establish priorities to inform funding decisions for specialized transportation services.

Jennifer Yeamans gave members a brief overview of the Coordinated Plan.

A draft of the plan can be found at [www.mtc.ca.gov/planning/pths/](http://www.mtc.ca.gov/planning/pths/)

It is now available for public review and comment, and comments must be received before March 8<sup>th</sup>, 2013.

Janet Abelson suggested that there should be an “app” (for smart phones, tablets, etc.) that covers all public transportation, regardless of the county in which the agency is located, and it should cover counties such as Yolo and Sacramento.

## **6. Capital Improvement Priority List (Action)**

After tallying the priority list, the results are as follows:

1. Reinstall sound to fare gates
2. (2-way tie) Improve station sign visibility; Detectable path to and from elevators
3. Ideal elevator pilot
4. Elevators
5. (3-way tie) Improve hallways (lighting); Install Ticket Processing by Elevators in "Free" Areas; Upgrade station PA system
6. (2-way tie) Electronic signage of announcements; Braille signage replacement

## **7. March 2013 Bikes on BART Pilot Program**

Steve Beroldo stated that BART will be conducting a second pilot program during the week of March 18-22 that will allow bikes on trains all day, including commute hours, with some restrictions. Bikes will not be allowed on the first three cars during this period.

Members who are interested in participating in the observation are Janice Armigo Brown, Janet Abelson, Katrina McCurdy, Jim Gonsalves, Mary Fowler, Clarence Fischer, Alan Smith, and Randall Glock and Herb (per Alan Smith).

Steve Beroldo agreed to send red BART tickets to those who volunteered to observe during the pilot.

## **8. Ad-Hoc Committee Reports**

### General Disabilities Awareness Booklet Preparation:

The ad-hoc committee met and updated Crystal Raine on what they had been working on with Lauren Sugayan. They plan on changing the verbiage on areas of the bulletin that members feel aren't very well-developed, and will have an update within the next two months.

*Crystal Raine gave members a quick overview about Assembly Bill 716, which grants BART Police Officers the Authority to issue prohibition or stay-away orders to anyone who commits certain offenses on BART property banning them for 30 days to a year, depending on the offense.*

*Armando Sandoval told members about the supplemental Crisis Intervention Training and his involvement in that training.*

### Oakland Airport Connector Project

A meeting is to be scheduled in order to review Braille signs.

A mock-up car will also be available for members to view and tour at some time in the future.

Thermoplastic striping will no longer be used on stairs. Stripes are to be inlaid within the concrete.

#### Stair Tread Color Contrast Project

No update at this time. Meeting was unproductive as senior management canceled their attendance five minutes prior to the time the meeting was set to occur.

#### Warm Springs Project

No update at this time.

#### eBART Project

Meeting scheduled for March 1, 2013 at 10:00 a.m. at 300 Lakeside Drive in Oakland.

#### Richmond Garage Project

Bob Franklin mentioned that a letter has been sent to BART staff, and he has not heard from them with an update as of yet. He was invited to a meeting regarding the redesign of the Richmond intermodal area at the station, but it occurred at the same time as the February BATF meeting, and he therefore could not attend. He will get an update from staff and report back at the next meeting.

### **9. Schedule End-of-Year Meetings**

No opposition to Janet Abelson's motion to accept the November 13, 2013 and December 11, 2013 dates for end-of-year BATF meetings, (second by Peter Crockwell). Motion carries unanimously.

### **10. Ethics Training 3/5/13**

Ethics training is scheduled for Tuesday, March 5, 2013, 1:45 p.m. to 3:45 p.m., at the MTC Auditorium, 101 8<sup>th</sup> Street in Oakland.

### **11. Chairperson Announcements**

Alan Smith shared that he was surprised to see a maintenance worker mopping the floor on the concourse of the 19<sup>th</sup> Street Station during commute hours, and that it seemed like a safety hazard. Bob Franklin stated that there may have been a reason to do so during that time, but will look into it.

### **12. Staff Announcements**

Bob Franklin will be taking Clarence Fischer's photo for his ID and Clarence will be provided with a lanyard and business cards. Clarence is to submit to staff the information that he would like shown on his business cards.

### **13. Member Announcements**

Roland shared with members MUNI's plan to have major renovation of their elevators at the Van Ness station in San Francisco at some time in the near future.

#### **14. Future Agenda Topics**

- Presentation on handicap zones at BART and other transit facilities
- Attendance policy
- How fares are shown on the ticket machines for Clipper card users
- Dangerous right-of-way access when using roadways at BART stations, and potential improvements
- How to improve staircase railing (where hand grip ends and stairs still go down)
- Presentation on station upgrades

#### **15. Adjournment**

The meeting adjourned to the next regularly scheduled meeting of **Thursday, March 28, 2013, 2:30 p.m.**