

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

## **Minutes**

January 26, 2017

### **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 – (ABSENT)  
Roland Wong  
Esperanza Diaz-Alvarez  
Debby Leung  
Catherine Callahan

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

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

Director Robert Raburn  
Carl Orman  
Valerie Buell  
Chris Mullin  
Jerry Grace  
Janice Dispo (Stenographer)

### **2. Public Comments**

Chris Mullin shared his appreciation for the elevator outage information being updated on BART's website, which enabled him to better plan his trip to the meeting.

### **3. Approval of Minutes of August 25, September 22, October 27, November 9, and December 14, 2016 Meetings**

No opposition to Don Queen's motion to approve minutes of the August 25, 2016 meeting, with a second by Gerry Newell.  
Motion passes unanimously.

No opposition to Clarence Fischer's motion to approve minutes of the September 22, 2016 meeting, with a second by Alan Smith.  
Motion passes with one abstention from Herb Hastings.

No opposition to Alan Smith's motion to approve minutes of the October 27, 2016 meeting, with a second by Gerry Newell.  
Motion passes unanimously.

No opposition to Janet Abelson's motion to approve amended minutes of the November 9, 2016 meeting, with a second by Gerry Newell.  
Motion passes unanimously.

No opposition to Alan Smith's motion to approve minutes of the December 14, 2016 meeting, with a second by Janet Abelson.  
Motion passes with abstentions from Gerry Newell and Randall Glock.

### **4. Accessibility Projects Updates**

After the update given by Carl Orman, members were allowed to ask questions and/or share any concerns they had.

A long discussion was held.

### **5. Fleet of the Future Update**

[No presentation at this time; staff to present at March meeting]

### **6. New Independent Police Auditor**

[No presentation at this time.]

## **7. December Reception Debrief**

Members felt that the room did not accommodate wheelchair users well enough. They also felt that it may be helpful to hold introductions.

A short discussion was held and everyone was able to share about their experiences.

Herb Hastings made a motion to hold the November and December 2017 meetings on the first Wednesday of the month. The motion was seconded by Gerry Newell.

A short discussion was held.

The motion does not pass.

No opposition to Janet Abelson's motion to continue holding the November and December meetings on the specially scheduled dates of Wednesday, November 8th, and Wednesday, December 13<sup>th</sup>, with a second by Debby Leung.

Motion passes unanimously.

Randall Glock will work with staff on getting a more accessible room.

## **8. Capital Project Status Reports**

### Berryessa/Milpitas Stations

An e-mail was sent to members with a general update of VTA's BART Silicon Valley Extension, and a Draft Environmental Impact Statement and Report.

### Entrance Canopies

At the last board meeting, entrance canopy contracts were approved for at least 2 San Francisco stations.

### Berkeley Station Upgrade

Construction is set to begin on February 13<sup>th</sup>.

### Elevators

On January 30, work will begin to replace the floor on the elevator at the Pleasant Hill Station.

## Oakland Airport Connector

Elevators have been working in about the 98 percent range.

### **No updates were given for the following projects:**

El Cerrito Del Norte

Union City Station Remodel

Fleet of the Future

eBART

Warm Springs Station

Phase 2 – San Jose Downtown

Track Maintenance

Pittsburg/Bay Point

Station Hearing Loop

Stair Tread Color Contrast

Richmond

West Dublin Path of Travel

Dublin/Pleasanton Project

West Oakland

Station Upgrade Modernization

## **9. Chairperson Announcements**

Travel reimbursement has been applied to all members' cards, with the exception of members who have not updated their card information.

Grace Crunican will attend either the March or April BATF meeting.

Randall Glock is working on getting a BART police representative to attend the BATF meetings.

## **10. Staff Announcements**

Ethics Training has been scheduled for May 2<sup>nd</sup>. The location is to be determined.

The legal department has no issue with the BATF electing an alternate vice-chairperson. The BATF will need to amend the bylaws, and a motion has to be made and approved.

## **11. Member Announcements**

Herb Hastings shared that the executive director at the Regional Center of the East Bay is announcing his retirement.

Alan reported that Asst. BART police chief Jennings said that when the rest rooms in Powell and Civic Center stations are opened, there may be rest room monitors. He further said that there is discussion these jobs might be a job that disabled people could do. No decisions have been made. Bob Franklin was asked to follow-up on this.

## **12. Future Agenda Topics**

- BATF's Interest in attending an evacuation drill
- Discussion of electing an alternate vice-chairperson
- Discussion on planning meetings
- Update on wheelchair lift at Oakland Airport Coliseum

## **13. Adjournment**

The meeting adjourned to the next regularly scheduled meeting of **Thursday, February 23, 2017, at 2:00 p.m., at 1750 Broadway, Oakland, California.**

(The meeting adjourned at 3:43 p.m.)