

SAN FRANCISCO BAY AREA TRANSIT DISTRICT ACCESSIBILITY TASK FORCE

Minutes

March 27, 2014

1. Self-Introductions of Members

Members present: Janet Abelson; Randall Glock; Janice Armigo Brown; Peter Crockwell; Don Queen; Hale Zukas; Clarence Fischer; Katrina McCurdy; Alan Smith; Larry Bunn; Marina Villena; Megan O'Brien

Members not present: Gerry Newell; Herb Hastings; David Jackson

Staff: Ike Nnaji; Bob Franklin

Directors, Speaker(s), Guest Staff, and Guests of the Public: Director Robert Raburn; Lieutenant Paul Kwon; Deidra Heitman; Sadie Graham; Bruce Harris; Roger Acuna; Danielle Roundtree; Jerry Grace; Roland Wong; Brandon Young; Janice Dispo, (Stenographer)

2. Public Comments

Jerry Grace shared that he observed a person sit their dog on a seat in the train earlier that morning.

3. Approval of Minutes of February 27, 2014 Meeting

No opposition to Randall Glock's motion to approve amended minutes of the February 27, 2014 meeting, (second by Janet Abelson). Motion carries with one abstention by Larry Bunn.

4. Deaf Accessibility Features

After the presentation given by Bruce Harris, members were allowed to ask questions and/or share any concerns they had.

The BATF thanked him for his informative presentation and invited him to come back to future meetings.

5. Wayfinding Signs/Directions During Construction/Maintenance

A draft policy document has now been developed, and it will be introduced to Bob Powers, assistant general manager, in a meeting with Alan Smith and Randall Glock.

After the meeting, Alan and Randall will bring a revised version of the document back to the BATF for their review.

6. Detectable Path of Travel Tour

Alan Smith shared some of the comments and suggestions from those who toured West Dublin.

- Request for two accessible fare gates, one with detectable pathway and one without.
- Detectable path of travel should be six inches wide, and yellow

No opposition to Clarence Fischer's motion to deem it reasonable for all future detectable paths of travel to be six inches wide and yellow in color and appropriately applied (i.e., not down the middle of the stairway, but more towards the side and closer to the railing), (second by Peter Crockwell). Motion passes unanimously.

7. Concord Downtown Specific Plan

After the presentation given by Deidra Heitman and Sadie Graham, members were allowed to ask questions and/or share any concerns they had.

Clarence Fischer requested that more seating be provided at passenger pick-up and drop-off areas.

Janet Abelson asked that there be adequate directional signage and improved ramps.

Roland Wong requested for canopies around the kiss-and-ride area in order to provide more shelter.

Staff will return to a future meeting to give members an update and to get further input.

8. San Leandro/Bay Fair Crime Issues

After the presentation given by Lt. Paul Kwon, members were allowed to ask questions and/or share any concerns they had.

Larry Bunn said he had heard about a new smartphone app being developed for BART rider safety, and he asked for more information.

The app will be another tool for passengers to participate in the national "If You See Something, Say Something" campaign, where they will be able to act as an extra set of eyes and ears in order to help keep the system safe.

Clarence Fischer feels that Bayfair is a station that gets quite dangerous at times. He shared about an incident wherein he called BART police, but was told that it would be a few minutes before the police would arrive. He suggested that BART police patrol in plain clothes, and that walk-throughs be made all the way to the back of the train.

Janet Abelson stated that she has never seen police presence around the elevators.

The BART Police can be reached at by calling (510) 464-7000.

9. Project Status Reports

Fleet of the Future

The mockup is tentatively scheduled for the week of April 21, 2014.

[Subsequent to the meeting, more information was given.

There are multiple dates between April 16 and May 9 to view and give feedback on the Fleet of the Future.]

Stair Tread Color Contrast

[No update at this time.]

MacArthur Garage

Tour tentatively scheduled for May 2014.

eBART

Some members of the BATF met with Mark Dana, along with a couple other engineers.

They have agreed to reduce the width of the pathway from 24 inches to 6 inches.

Richmond Intermodal

[No update at this time.]

Warm Springs Station

[No update at this time.]

Berryessa/Milpitas Stations

The City of San Jose does not agree to change the black truncated domes to yellow.

Phase 2-South Bay Extension

[No update at this time.]

OAC Outreach Survey

Alan Smith shared that he was disappointed with the lack of information given by BART staff.

Members felt that it was poorly done and that it was a waste of a trip.

Director Raburn said that this was an exercise that was more dictated by working through the requirements for Title VI of the Civil Rights Act of 1964 than a need to share information with the community.

10. Chairperson Announcements

Alan Smith stated that both he and Randall Glock have reached out to Jim Gonsalves and Mary Fowler, and have encouraged them to reapply.

11. Staff Announcements

Ike Nnaji reminded members to turn in a summary of actual costs for travel, in order for them to receive reimbursement.

In response to a previous request to televise BATF meetings, Ike Nnaji told members that it is something that would require a lot of time and capital from BART as it would then have to be done for all other committees, and not just the BATF. This request, therefore, will not be entertained.

12. Member Announcements

Hale Zukas requests a joint meeting with the BART Board of Directors. Ike Nnaji recommended adding this request to the “Future Agenda Topics” for further discussion.

Based on Director Raburn’s comments, it was decided that it would be more effective for Board members to observe disabled users dealing with the pole.

13. Future Agenda Topics

- Discussion regarding joint BATF meetings with Board of Directors

14. Adjournment

The meeting adjourned to the next regularly scheduled meeting of **Thursday, April 24, 2014, at 2:00 p.m.**