

SAN FRANCISCO BAY AREA TRANSIT DISTRICT ACCESSIBILITY TASK FORCE

Minutes

August 25, 2016

1. Self-Introductions of Members, Staff and Guests

Members:

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

BART Staff present: Ike Nnaji, Bob Franklin

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

Director Robert Raburn
Mike Lemon
Vince Bevilacqua
Matthew Sloan
Patrick Quinn
Greg Lombardi
Debby Leung
Jerry Grace
Catherine Callahan
Sunday Parker
Janice Dispo (Stenographer)

2. Public Comments

Sunday Parker stated that shutting down elevators for five days (for the Elevator Flooring Replacement Project) is an unacceptable amount of time.

3. Approval of Minutes of July 28, 2016 Meeting

No opposition to Gerry Newell's motion to approve the amended minutes of the July 28, 2016 meeting, with a second by Randall Glock.

Motion passes unanimously.

4. Elevator Outages Communication

After the presentation given by Mike Lemon, Matthew Sloan and Patrick Quinn, members were allowed to ask questions and/or share any concerns they had. A long discussion was held.

5. Capital Request List

[No update given at this time.]

6. Weekend Closure Status Update

[No formal update given at this time.]
A discussion was held.

7. Obstruction of Entrances/Stairways

A discussion was held regarding obstructions on stairways, like people sitting on the stairs, and how best to resolve this issue.

Some of the ideas discussed:

- Installing cameras
- Making audio warning announcements
- Issuing infraction tickets
- Installing "No Loitering" signs
- Increasing police presence

8. SFO Fare Gate Opening Time

A discussion was held regarding the length of time the fare gates stay open at the SFO station.

Members suggested bringing this item back on the agenda at a future meeting in order to have a more in-depth discussion with appropriate staff.

9. New Membership Application

No opposition to Randall Glock's motion to recommend approval of Catherine Callahan's application, with a second by Clarence Fischer.

Motion passes unanimously.

10. Capital Project Status Reports

Fleet of the Future

Alan Smith gave members an update about the Fleet of the Future. Planned tour of the test train is now delayed to October instead of September, pending approval from the Public Utilities Commission, because the train has to be moved onto revenue tracks.

Station Upgrade Modernization

Alan Smith stated that ADA improvements are being made at the Castro Valley Station, like adding truncated domes at all the curb cuts, adding a new ADA drop-off at the kiss-and-ride area, and replacing cracked curb ramps to now be ADA compliant.

Entrance Canopies

Phase 1 construction is set to begin for the San Francisco BART Escalator/Entrance Project.

Warm Springs Station

Staff will present on overcrossing project at the October BATF meeting.

Elevators

The Elevator Flooring Replacement project focuses on replacing the existing flooring with a new material, two-part Polyurea epoxy. It will help prevent liquid from getting beneath the floor and causing damage, and will also make the elevators easier to clean.

Due to the nature of the work, each elevator must be shut down for a minimum of five days.

Other Reports

Alan Smith shared that at the last board meeting, the Board of Directors heard a report on progress for designs to reopen two restrooms located at Powell Street in San Francisco and 19th Street in Oakland.

No updates were given for the following projects:

El Cerrito Del Norte
Oakland Airport Connector
Union City Station Remodel
eBART
Phase 2 – San Jose Downtown
Track Maintenance
Pittsburg/Bay Point
Station Hearing Loop
Berkeley Station Upgrade
Stair Tread Color Contrast
Richmond
Berryessa/Milpitas Stations
West Dublin Path of Travel
Dublin/Pleasanton Project
West Oakland

Randall Glock commented that the BATF should have been given equal opportunity to tour the Fleet of the Future and the eBART cars.

11. Chairperson Announcements

Alan Smith will be out of town from September 8 to September 16. He talked about a recent trip to Yellowknife, Canada, and how accessibility is quite advanced there.

12. Staff Announcements

The Center for Independent Living is interested in placing a mural on a wall located in a corridor at Ashby BART, and hopes the BATF can provide some input in starting the process. Director Raburn suggested first taking the proposal to Jennifer Easton, BART's art program manager.

Staff has requested to present on the proposed elevator at 19th Street station.

Testing of the beacon system at SFO will continue over the next month. When that is complete, the BATF will be invited for a tour.

Bob Franklin told members that if they see or read something inaccurate as far as passenger bulletins, that they should let him know.

13. Member Announcements

Randall Glock requested to be invited to a planning meeting.

He added that travel reimbursement requests need to include the event, the date, the attendees, and whom the request was approved by.

14. Future Agenda Topics

- Elevator Mitigation
- SFO Fare Gates (length of time they remain open)

15. Adjournment

The meeting adjourned to the next regularly scheduled meeting of **Thursday, September 22, 2016, at 2:00 p.m., at 1750 Broadway in Oakland, California.**

(The meeting adjourned at 4:04 p.m.)