

**SAN FRANCISCO BAY AREA RAPID TRANSIT DISTRICT
BART ACCESSIBILITY TASK FORCE**

Minutes
December 11, 2019

1. Self-Introduction of Members, Staff, and Guests:

Members:

Alan Smith (2nd Vice Chairperson)
Catherine Callahan
Chris Mullin
Clarence Fischer
Don Queen
Emily Witkin
Esperanza Diaz-Alvarez
Gerry Newell (Vice Chairperson) - ABSENT
Herb Hastings
Janet Abelson
Janice Armigo Brown - ABSENT
Mussie Gebre
Randall Glock (Chairperson)
Roland Wong
Valerie Buell

BART Staff Present:

Laura Timothy
Bob Franklin
Elena Van Loo

Director (s), Speakers, Staff, and Guests of the Public:

Robert (Bob) Powers (General Manager)
Michael Jones (Deputy General Manager)
Rodd Lee (Assistant General Manager)
Robert Raburn (BART Board of Directors)
Val Menotti (Chief Plan Development Planner)
Tamar Allen (Assistant General Manager of Operations)
Melissa Jordan (Staff)
Danielle Dai (Staff)

Hannah Kanzell (ASL Interpreter)
Jim Henderson (ASL Interpreter)
Hale Zukas (Guest)
Gerry Grace (Guest)
Marjorie (Marji) McWee (Guest)
Dennis Gassaway (Guest)
Anita Ortega (Guest)
Jeshua Aveno (Guest)
Andy Payne (Guest)

2. Public Comments

Dennis Gassaway asked when will Milpitas BART Station and Berryessa BART Station be open to the public.

Randall Glock responded the opening for Milpitas BART Station and Berryessa BART Station have not yet been announced. He will announce when the two BART stations open.

3. Approval of October 24, 2019 Draft Minutes and November 13, 2019 Draft Minutes

Alan Smith moved approval of the October 24, 2019 meeting with the amended minutes. Herb Hastings seconded the motion.

- Motion passes with fifteen (15) in favor, zero (0) abstention, zero (0) against

Alan Smith moved approval of the November 13, 2019 meeting with the amended minutes. Herb Hastings seconded the motion.

- Motion passes with thirteen (13) in favor, zero (0) abstention, zero (0) against

4. Introduction of BART General Manager, Mr. Robert Powers

Robert (Bob) Powers introduced himself as the new BART General Manager as of July of 2019. He shared prior being the General Manager, he was the Deputy General Manager for BART and worked for BART for the last nine years.

Robert (Bob) Powers introduced Deputy General Manager, Michael Jones.

Robert (Bob) Powers introduced Assistant General Manager, Rodd Lee.

Robert (Bob) Powers introduced Chief Planning & Development Officer, Val Menotti.

Robert (Bob) Powers announced he has launched “rider listening tour,” to hear directly from riders to get feedback about BART services and policies. He mentioned he visits stations on Wednesdays at the platform level to talk to riders and added “rider listening tours,” schedules are posted under bart.gov.

Robert (Bob) Powers thanked BATF members for their time, commitment, dedication, and getting input in improving accessibility within the BART System.

5. Introduction of BART Deputy General Manager, Mr. Michael Jones

Robert (Bob) Powers introduced Deputy General Manager, Michael Jones.

Michael Jones, Deputy General Manager, shared with members he has been with BART for two years and added he has extensive knowledge of the transit industry for the last 20 years.

Michael Jones added he is looking forward to meeting and talking to the BATF members to discuss accessibility within the BART System.

6. Draft Letter in Support of the 19th Street BART Station, Oakland Modernization Project

Randall Glock led item agenda.

Robert Raburn asked about the subject title “Letter of Support – 19th Street, Oakland BART Station Modernization Project.” He stated the letter addresses more about adding a second elevator. He suggested to change the subject line to “Proposed adding a second elevator at the 19th Street BART Station.” Robert Raburn shared BART Board of Directors has already passed modernization project at 19th Street BART Station.

Randall Glock asked who would like to make the first motion to go ahead with the letter of support with the agreement to amend the letter. Alan Smith moved to approve the letter and Esperanza Diaz-Alvarez second the motion.

The motion passed unanimously with fifteen (15) yeases, zero (0) noes, and zero (0) abstentions.

7. Member Announcements

Esperanza Diaz-Alvarez announced January 23, 2020 will be her last BATF meeting as a member and thanked the members for their support. Randall Glock thanked Esperanza Diaz-Alvarez for her dedication as a BATF member.

Valerie Buell passed out State Council on Developmental Disabilities (SCDD) surveys to members and the public. She informed the members and the public SCDD surveys are done every five years and encouraged all to do the surveys.

8. Staff Announcements

Elena Van Loo had four staff announcements to share:

- BATF regularly scheduled meetings will be back at East Bay Paratransit at 1750 Broadway, Oakland, California on January 23, 2020.
- Will email members Open House date scheduled for January 2020 at Montgomery BART Station for the new faregate located at the platform level in front of the platform elevator.
- Greg Lombardi emailed me confirming there are no funded projects at Bay Fair BART Station at this time. Members requested staff to confirm whether there is construction from November's BATF meeting.
- 4th quarter approved travel reimbursements are due January 10th, 2020. Call or email Elena Van Loo to discuss any pre-approved travel reimbursement by January 8, 2020.

Bob Franklin announced two new BART employees. He introduced Danielle Dai and Elena Van Loo both from Customer Access and Accessibility Department and stated Customer Access Department is still in the process for an Access Coordinator. Bob Franklin welcomed the two new BART employees.

9. Chairperson Announcements

Randall Glock commented at the last BATF meeting, members voiced that South Hayward BART Station and Fremont BART Station were dark stations due to lights not being bright or not working at either station. He announced South Hayward BART Station is now much brighter and Fremont BART Station is in the process of making the station brighter.

10. Future Agenda Topics – Members Suggest Topics

Elena Van Loo announced there will be a presentation on the new kind of faregates at the next BATF meeting on January 23, 2020.

Randall Glock informed members Gerry Newell and Alan Smith will consult with staff regarding January's agenda because he will be out of town for a few weeks

11. Adjournment

The meeting adjourned to the next regularly scheduled meeting for **January 23, 2020, at 2:00 pm at, 1750 Broadway, Oakland, CA 94612.**

[Meeting adjourned at 3:06 pm]