

**SAN FRANCISCO BAY AREA TRANSIT DISTRICT  
ACCESSIBILITY TASK FORCE (BATF)**

**Minutes**

March 22, 2018

**1. Self-Introductions of Members, Staff and Guests**

**Members:**

Janet Abelson - (ABSENT)  
Randall Glock  
Janice Armigo Brown  
Peter Crockwell  
Don Queen  
Hale Zukas  
Clarence Fischer  
Gerry Newell  
Herb Hastings  
Alan Smith  
Larry Bunn – (ABSENT)  
Roland Wong  
Esperanza Diaz-Alvarez – (ABSENT)  
Debby Leung – (ABSENT)  
Catherine Callahan  
Valerie Buell  
Chris Mullin

**ART Staff present:** Bob Franklin, Elena Van Loo (ABSENT)

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

Maria Estevez (BART Staff)  
Jeff Baker (BART Staff)  
Wahid Amiri (BART Staff)  
Dung Tran (BART Staff)  
Duanna Dunn (BART Staff)  
Daryl Meshack (Guest)  
Sylvia Stadmire (Guest)  
Janice Dispo (Stenographer)

## **2. Public Comments**

Daryl Meshack, member of the Mayor's Commission on Persons with Disabilities, suggested that announcements be made by the train operators to remind users to be mindful of their surroundings while using their cell phones, and to be mindful of giving way to people with disabilities.

Sylvia Stadmire introduced herself and inquired about how to become a member of the BATF.

## **3. Approval of January 25, 2018 Meeting Minutes**

No opposition to Gerry Newell's motion to approve minutes of the January 25, 2018 meeting, with a second by Herb Hastings.

The motion carries with one abstention by Herb Hastings.

## **4. El Cerrito del Norte BART Station Project - Update**

After the update given by Wahid Amiri and Dung Tran, members were allowed to ask questions and/or share any concerns they had.

A discussion was held.

Alan Smith proposed for the BATF to move that BART staff make their stair improvements where feasible, as installed by El Cerrito del Norte Station, with textured yellow floor covering extending back four feet from the stairs, along with handrails that also extend back four feet to ensure a person get a firm grip prior to taking the first step, with a second by Gerry Newell.

Motion carries unanimously.

## **5. New Cleaning Program at BART Stations**

After the presentation given by Jeff Baker and Maria Estevez, members were allowed to ask questions and/or share any concerns they had.

## **6. Draft BART Accessibility Task Force (BATF) Strategic Goals for 2018 - Continued**

A long discussion was held wherein members were able to make comments and suggest changes to the list of goals.

The BATF will continue working on this item and bring it back for discussion at the next meeting.

## **7. Explore State and Federal Grant Opportunities to Improve Accessibility for the Disabled**

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

A discussion was held.

## **8. Member Announcements**

Alan Smith shared that construction at Lafayette has commenced. He suggested following up with staff to ensure that benches will be installed at the kiss-and-ride area.

The projected opening date for the Berryessa and Milpitas Stations is slipping into 2019 due to delays in testing, breakdowns in communication, and a lack of personnel.

Alan also updated members on the progress of the BART tunnel through Downtown San Jose. There will be two entrances on one side of the street instead of an entrance on both sides of the street. However, first responders will have four entrances to gain access into, if necessary.

BART is looking at different ways in order to get into Livermore.

Members and guests are invited to join a presentation given by Director Robert Raburn, "Rebuilding, Safety and New Initiatives," where they can learn more about safety on BART, as well as new initiatives that BART began implementing January 2018. It will be held on Wednesday, April 4, 2018, from 12:15 p.m. to 1:15 p.m., at 1515 Clay Street, Room 1 (Second Floor), in Oakland.

The 2018 Alameda County Transition Faire is being held on Saturday, March 24, 2018, from 9:30 a.m. to 3:00 p.m., at College of Alameda. The Transition Faire is an opportunity for students and young adults with intellectual and developmental disabilities, their families, teachers, and case managers to learn more about the transition to life after high school.

## **9. Staff Announcements**

[No staff announcements.]

## **10. Chairperson Announcements**

Randall Glock is working on getting updates from staff on numerous projects.

## **11. Future Agenda Topics**

- eBART update
- Fleet of the Future survey results

## **12. Adjournment**

The meeting adjourned to the next regularly scheduled meeting of **Thursday, April 26, 2018, at 2:00 p.m., at 1750 Broadway, Oakland, California.**

(The meeting adjourned at 3:57 p.m.)