

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

Minutes

November 14, 2018

1. Self-Introductions of Members, Staff and Guests

Members:

Janet Abelson
Randall Glock
Janice Armigo-Brown
Don Queen
Hale Zukas – (ABSENT)
Clarence Fischer
Gerry Newell
Herb Hastings
Alan Smith
Roland Wong
Esperanza Diaz-Alvarez
Catherine Callahan
Valerie Buell
Chris Mullin
Christina Lasson
Mussie Gebre – (ABSENT)

BART Staff present: Elena Van Loo, Laura Timothy, Bob Franklin (ABSENT)

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

Susan Poliwka (BART Staff)
Paul Medved (BART Staff)
Alicia Trost (BART Staff)
Anjelica Dill-James (BART Staff)
Melissa Jordan (BART Staff)
Carl Holmes (BART Staff)
Chief Carlos Rojas (BART PD)
Deputy Chief Lance Haight (BART PD)
Officer David Touye (BART PD)
Office Eric Hoffstein (BART PD)
Larry Bunn (Guest)
Brian Cloy (Guest)
Emily Witkin (Guest)
Shawn Costello (Guest)

Sara Desumala (Guest)
Arthur Peterson (Guest)
Jerry Grace (Guest)
Janice Dispo (Stenographer)

2. Public Comments

Shaun Costello commented about the lack of cleanliness of the trains, especially with regards to the windows.

3. Approval of October 25, 2018 Meeting Minutes

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

Motion passes with abstentions from Clarence Fischer, Catherine Callahan, Esperanza Diaz-Alvarez, and Christina Lasson.

4. BART Future Irvington Station - Update

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

A discussion was held.

Some members asked if BART would reconsider also having escalators at the station.

5. BART Website Overview - Update

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

A discussion was held.

Member were encouraged to share any additional feedback off-line.

6. Discussion with BART Police with System Safety and Security

After the overview given by the BART Police Staff, members were allowed to ask questions and/or share any concerns they had.

A long discussion was held.

7. Letter of Support for Purchase of 425 New Rail Cars

Alan Smith brought up to moved that the BATF support the purchase of 425 additional railcars and present the updated letter at the next BART Board meeting.

With a second by Gerry Newell, the motion passes unanimously.

Alan Smith thanked Randall Glock for taking the lead in drafting the letter, and thanked Roland Wong for his efforts in editing the letter.

Alan Smith mentioned that the final letter be part of the December's agenda and Elena Van Loo will follow through.

8. BATF New Member Nomination

No opposition to Gerry Newell's motion to recommend the approval of Emily Witkin's application, with a second by Christina Lasson.

Motion carries with abstentions from Roland Wong, Esperanza Diaz-Alvarez, Janice Armigo-Brown, and Randall Glock.

9. Approval of the BATF 2019 Member/Public Meeting Dates

No opposition to Alan Smith's motion to approve the dates, (with one correction to reflect 2019 as opposed to 2018), with a second by Esperanza Diaz-Alvarez.

Elena Van Loo will do the correction and present copies for the next BATF meeting as requested.

Motion passes unanimously.

10. Member Announcements

Alan Smith shared that VTA has begun preliminary work in Downtown San Jose.

He also shared that BART will be adding over 800 parking spaces at the Antioch Station. The station's success has pushed the demand for parking in Antioch far beyond the space available. The new lot will be completed in 2020.

11. Staff Announcements

Elena Van Loo let BATF members know that she will be sending detailed information to the December 12, 2018 meeting's and Holiday Reception.

Elena Van Loo also reminded BATF members to give themselves plenty of time of arrival at the BART Administration Building on Lakeside Drive for the December's meeting and Holiday Reception.

Elena Van Loo also reminded members to reserve a ride with East Bay Paratransit for December 12, 2018 and let her know so that she's able to make sure the pick-up ride (s) are between 4:30 – 5:00 pm.

12. Chairperson Announcements

Randall Glock shared a few informal announcements.

He shared that he will not be in attendance during the December BATF meeting.

13. Future Agenda Topics

- Clipper Card
- BART Police App
- BART (Official) App – An update – Status

14. Adjournment

The meeting adjourned to the next specially scheduled meeting of **Wednesday, December 12, 2018, at 2:00 p.m., at 300 Lakeside Drive, 15th Floor, Oakland, California.**

(The meeting adjourned at 4:31 p.m.)