

SAN FRANCISCO BAY AREA RAPID TRANSIT DISTRICT
2150 Webster Street, Oakland, CA 94612, P.O. Box 12688, Oakland, CA 94604-
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NOTICE OF MEETING AND AGENDA
BART ACCESSIBILITY TASK FORCE (BATF)

June 27, 2024

2:00 p.m.

A regular meeting of the BART Accessibility Task Force (BATF) will be held on Thursday, June 27, 2024, starting at 2:00 p.m. to 4:30 pm. The meeting will be held at East Bay Paratransit's location at 1750 Broadway, Oakland, California 94612, 1st Floor conference room. The facility is served by public transportation. The nearest BART Station is the 19th Street BART Station and there are multiple AC Transit routes to the meeting site. This meeting shall consist of a simultaneous teleconference at the following locations:

East Bay Paratransit's Location 1st Floor Conference Room 1750 Broadway Oakland, CA 94612	The Accolade on Chestnut 3600 Chestnut Street Philadelphia, PA 19104
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Please note that this meeting will be held in person in the East Bay Paratransit, 1st Floor conference room, Oakland, CA 94612, and via teleconference at the locations listed above.

Presentation materials will be available via Legistar at <https://bart.legistar.com>

You may attend the Committee Meeting in person or join the Committee Meeting via Zoom by calling 1-833-548-0282 and entering access code **872 2405 5121**; logging in to Zoom.com and entering access code **872 2405 5121**; or typing the following Zoom link into your web browser:
<https://us06web.zoom.us/j/87224055121>

If you wish to make a public comment:

- 1) Submit written comments via email to evanloo@bart.gov, using "public comment" as the subject line. Your comment will be provided to the Committee and will become a permanent part of the file. Please submit your comments as far in advance as possible. Emailed comments must be received before 12:00 p.m. on **June 27, 2024**, in order to be included in the record.

2) Appear in person and request to make a public comment.

Call 1-833-548-0282, enter access code **872 2405 5121**, dial *9 to raise your hand when you wish to speak, and dial *6 to unmute when you are requested to speak; log in to Zoom.com, enter access code **872 2405 5121**, and use the raise hand feature; or join the Committee Meeting via the Zoom link (<https://us06web.zoom.us/j/87224055121>) and use the raise hand feature.

Public comment is limited to two (2) minutes per person.

Please refrain from wearing scented products (perfume, cologne, after-shave, etc.) to these meetings, as there may be people in attendance susceptible to environmental illnesses.

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Meeting Location

East Bay Paratransit, 1750 Broadway, Oakland, CA 94612
1st Floor Conference Room

1. Roll call of BATF members. (Information) 5 minutes
Self-Introductions: Staff and Guests.
2. Public comment. (Information)
An opportunity for members of the public to comment on items not on the Agenda.
Public comment is limited to two (2) minutes per person
3. Approval of May 23, 2024 meeting minutes. (Information/Action) 5 minutes
4. K-Line Interlocking construction project update. 15 minutes
(Information/Action)
5. Discuss potential changes to the BATF By-Laws. 45 minutes
(Information/Action)
6. Discussion of BATF annual update to the BART Board of Directors. (Information/Action) 25 minutes
7. Member announcements. (Information) 5 minutes
8. Staff announcements. (Information) 5 minutes
9. Chairperson announcements. (Information) 5 minutes
10. Future agenda topics – Member suggest topics. 5 minutes
Next meeting scheduled: July 25, 2024, Thursday
11. Adjournment.

BATF

Approval of
May 23, 2024
Meeting minutes

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AGENDA 3

SAN FRANCISCO BAY AREA RAPID TRANSIT DISTRICT
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BART ACCESSIBILITY TASK FORCE
Committee Meeting **DRAFT** Minutes
May 23, 2024

1. Roll Call of Members:

1. Anita Ortega
2. Annie Koruga (Vice-Chair)
3. Bruce Yow
4. Catherine Callahan
5. Christine Arseneault
6. Clarence R. Fischer
7. Danny Kodmur
8. Daveed Mandell
9. Emily Witkin
10. Herb Hastings
11. Hillary Brown
12. Janice Armigo Brown (2nd Vice-Chair)
13. Roland Wong (Chair)
14. VACANT
15. VACANT
16. VACANT
17. VACANT
18. VACANT

Quorum of seven (7) in-person BATF members. Emily Witkin used her first “Just Cause,” out of two.

BART Customer Access and Accessibility Department Staff:

Elena Van Loo
Ryan Greene-Roesel
Bob Franklin

BART Director (s), BART Staff, Speakers, and members of the public:

Director Robert Raburn
Dennis Lee (BART Staff)

Alan Chew (BART Staff)
Ahmad Rassai (BART Staff)
Mayra Perez (Captioner)
Bridgett Nolot (Captioner)
Jerry Grace (Guest)
Sam Buman (Guest)
Lucky Maxwell (Guest)
Sara Desumala (Guest)
Aleta Dupree (Guest)
Aaron Morrow (Guest)

2. Public Comments

Aleta Dupree introduced herself as a person with a disability and her disability is not visible. She appreciates Director Robert Raburn attending the BATF meetings faithfully but would like to inform other BART Board of Directors about disability matters on BART. Aleta Dupree mentioned it is important to be engaged and would be nice to have BATF members attend BART of Directors board meetings and give a report on what BATF has been doing. She asked to have an inclusive and expansive concept of the BATF. Aleta Dupree asked to be accepted as who she is as a person.

3. Approval of April 25, 2024 meeting minutes

Herb Hastings moved approval of the April 25, 2024, meeting minutes. Hillary Brown second the motion.

- Motion passes with eleven (11) in favor, zero (0) against, and zero (0) abstention

4. BART Fiscal 25 & Fiscal Year 26 budget update

Alan Chew and Dennis Lee presented on the BART Fiscal Year 25 & 26 Budget update.

Dennis Lee mentioned in FY25 & FY26 BART will continue to deliver reliable, safe, frequent service with a focus on delivering the best ridership experience, while at the same time BART is confronting an extremely challenging financial environment with no permanent operating revenue stability.

He showed a few slides detailing:

- FY25 & FY26 operating budget, ridership forecast update
- FY25 & FY26 operating revenue

- FY25 & FY26 financial assistance
- FY25 & FY26 labor expense
- FY25 & FY26 non-labor expense
- FY25 & FY26 debt service and allocations, five-year outlook, projected fiscal runway,
- FY25 & FY26 capital budget: sources and uses.

Alan Chew went over the timeline and next steps for FY25 & FY26 and mentioned the projected date to get FY25 & FY26 budget adoption is June 13, 2024.

Hillary Brown asked if BART advisory committees is part of the FY25 & FY26 budget. Ryan Greene-Roesel stated the advisory committees budget is included in the Fiscal Year budgets, but it is a very small cost within the operating budgets of several departments.

Clarence R. Fischer mentioned he read there may be a delay with the roll out of Clipper Card 2.0 and asked if this affects the FY25 & FY26 budget. Dennis Lee stated there might be some delay with the Clipper Card 2.0 roll out and the budget may need to be adjusted.

Clarence R. Fischer asked if there is increased revenue from reduced fare evasion from the Next Generation faregates for the FY25 & FY26 budgets. Dennis Lee stated BART has not assumed any kind of increased fare revenue due to fare evasion.

Daveed Mandell asked how much money will be spent on accessibility within the BART system. Alan Chew mentioned for non-labor expense for FY25 & FY26, there's budget for ADA Paratransit. Ahmad Rassai (AR), BART staff, mentioned BART does have a budget for BART's Americans with Disability Act (ADA) and can present at a later meeting to discuss further.

Annie Koruga asked whether tax measures are part of BART's FY25 & FY26 budget. Dennis Lee stated tax measures are not part of the Fiscal Year budget.

Herb Hastings asked if the budget includes fare increase. Dennis Lee mentioned the budget report does include scheduled fare increases for FY25 & FY26.

Aleta Dupree thanked the presenters for presenting. She stated elevators should be budgeted into the Fiscal Year budgets to maintain cleanliness and ongoing maintenance. She stated elevators serve many different situations and should be available for anybody. She hopes the budget will reflect the importance of accessibility within the BART system and added if the elevators are out-of-order, the station is not accessible.

5. Elevator out-of-service updates

- **Out-of-service elevator on BART's webpage for stations**
- **Elevator outage alternatives for all BART stations**

Ryan Greene-Roesel presented on the Elevator out-of-service updates.

She went over the presentation agenda:

- Example out-of-service signage from other jurisdictions
- Types of accessible alternatives at BART
- Proposed sample signs at BART
- Discussion, feedback, and next steps

She showed an example of alternative accessible travel information from New York Subway signage which gives alternative travel when elevator is out-of-service along with phone numbers to call for further assistance.

She went over types of accessible alternatives:

- Redundant, adjacent elevator
 - Example: Ashby BART Station
- Redundant elevator elsewhere in station
 - Example: 12th St/Oakland City Center BART Station
- Backtracking
 - Example: Hayward BART Station
- Walk, roll, or take transit
 - Example: Embarcadero BART Station
- Take transit
 - Example: North Concord BART Station

Ryan Greene-Roesel went over a new signage proposal.

She mentioned temporary signs be posted on elevator doors when elevators are out-of-service.

She went over permanent signs. She mentioned there will be instructional signs at elevators with an attractive alternative:

- Redundant elevator elsewhere in station
- Backtracking available
- Walk, roll, take transit
 - Example: less than 1.5 miles
- Otherwise, customer to contact station agent for assistance
- Start with three stations pilot (Hayward, Downtown Berkeley, 12th Street)

She went over the revised [elevator status](#) page and over accessible alternatives under bart.gov.

She showed different accessible alternatives signs for the 12th St./Oakland City Center and Hayward BART Station that will be posted as part of the pilot program.

She shared the next steps are pilot signage at three BART stations, to develop permanent sign specifications and placement for remaining BART stations, and to fabricate and install permanent signs at the remaining BART stations.

Christine Arseneault mentioned if someone is new to the Bay Area and is not familiar with AC Transit and BART, she suggested to be more specific if using bus system or train system. She gave two examples; AC Transit to AC Transit bus and for Bay Fair to show Bay Fair BART so riders know what kind of transportation they are using.

There was discussion about what to do when an elevator is out-of-order, including elevator mitigation.

Roland Wong suggested to put a sign at the new North end elevator at 19th St. BART station informing riders there is a street elevator on the South end of the station.

Aleta Dupree suggested putting Braille impressions on the signs because not everybody can see the signs. She mentioned this is about being proactive and signs are part of it and elevators should be for everybody.

6. Discuss potential changes to the BATF By-Laws

Roland Wong motioned to have agenda item moved to a later scheduled BATF meeting. Herb Hastings seconded the motion.

Voting passed unanimously amongst appointed BATF members.

7. Member announcements

No member announcements

8. Staff announcements

Elena Van Loo announced Don Queen resigned. She mentioned he was a long time standing BATF member for over twenty years and will be missed.

Elena Van Loo shared that at next month's BATF meeting, staff will present K-Line interlocking construction project update and its bus bridge.

Elena Van Loo stated she reached out to BART staff to look into if there are any restrooms closures and reported there are no restroom closures. She mentioned if you see any restroom closure (s) to report it to BART staff so they can investigate.

Bob Franklin informed BATF members that the BART Bicycle Advisory Task Force (BBATF) will be setting up a table to recruit new members throughout the Bay Area. He also asked BATF members if they would be willing to share the table in order to recruit BATF members and added if interested is to reach out to BART staff.

9. Chairperson announcements

No Chairperson announcements.

10 Future agenda items – member suggest topics

- K-Line interlocking construction project update
 - Bus bridge
 - Ashby, Rockridge, MacArthur, 19th St,
 - Two-year project
- Tactile path
 - Braille
 - Near elevator, escalators, etc.
- Discuss potential changes to the BATF By-Laws
- Elevator mitigation
 - ADA class action law suite
 - What to do when an elevator is out-of-service

11. Adjournment

The meeting adjourned at 4:16 pm until the next regular meeting, Thursday, June 27, 2024.

BATF

K-Line construction
project update

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AGENDA 4

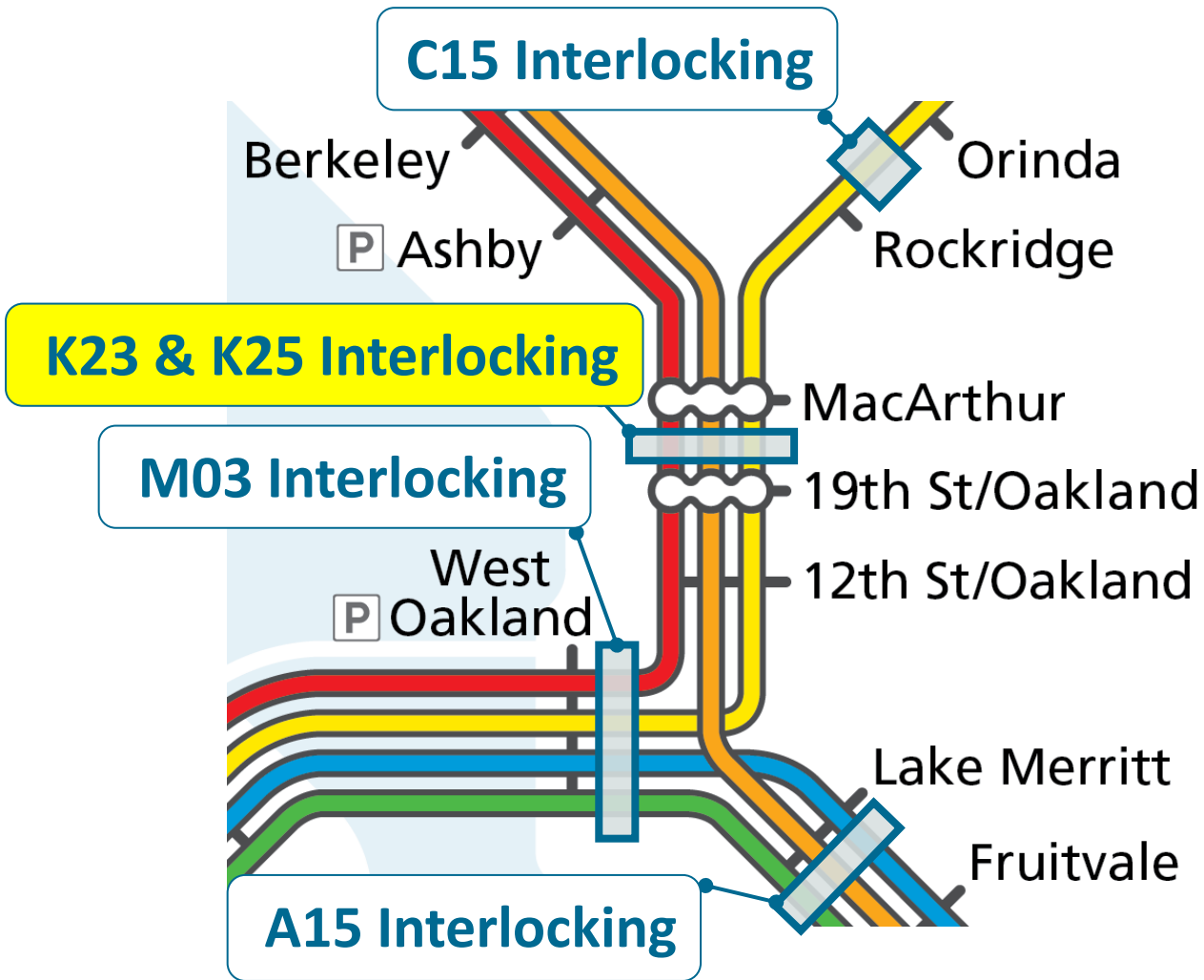


K-Line Interlocking Construction Project Update

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Extending the Life of the System Core

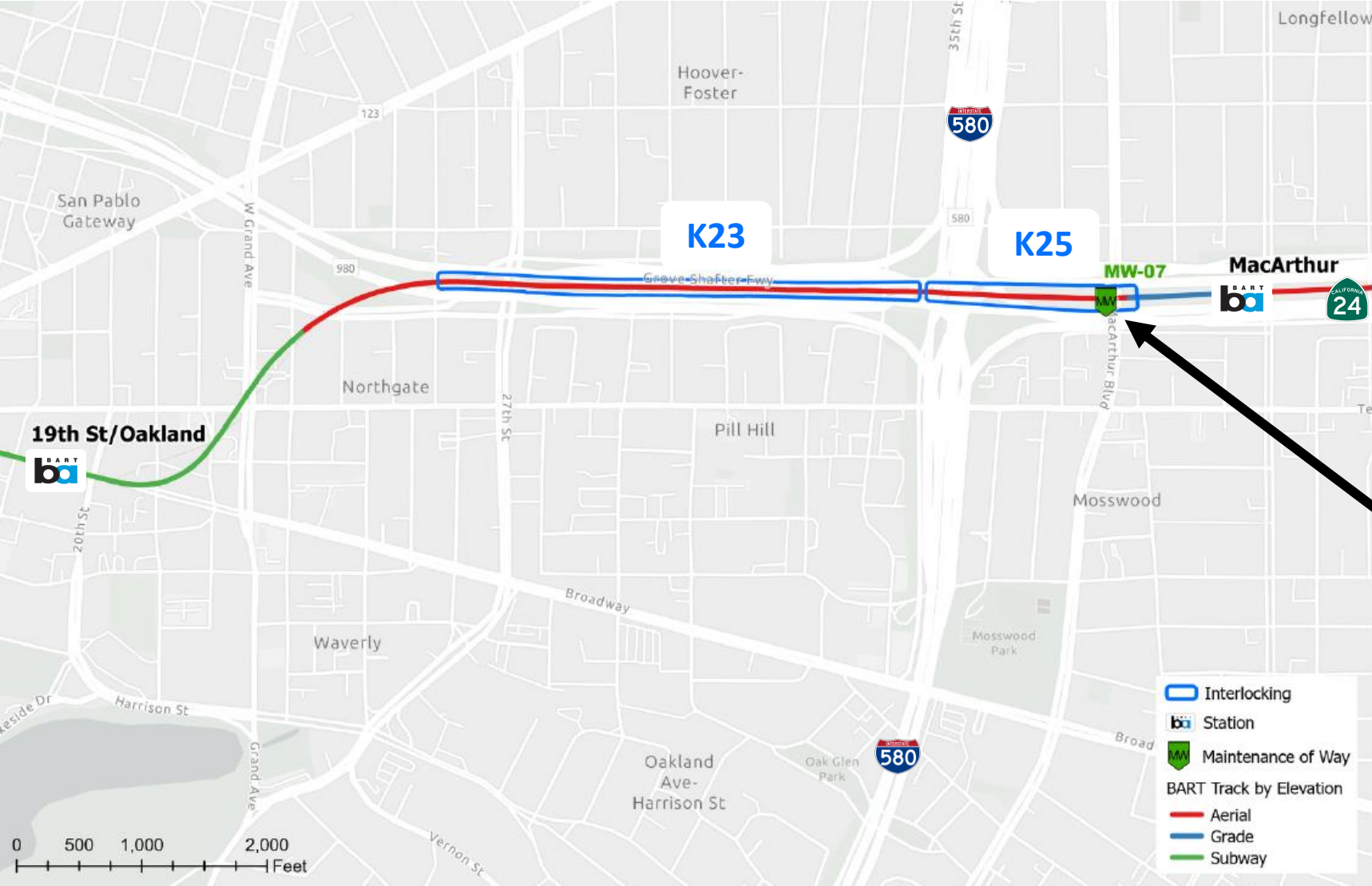


Interlockings: Combination of switches that allow trains to move from track to track and line to line.

System's Core Interlockings: A15, M03, C15, K23, K25 (3 of 5 completed)

"Grand Meetup": When all of the systems last 4 trains meet at MacArthur (thereafter, the trains depart at 12:50AM to return to the end of lines)

Construction Access



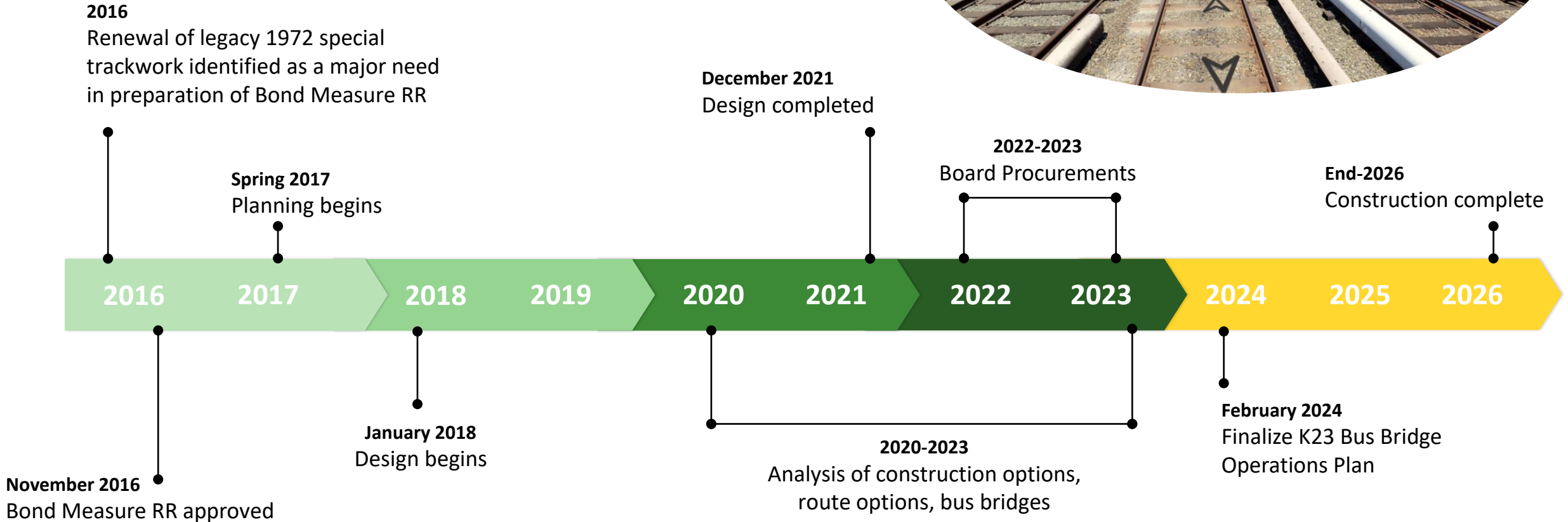
- Switches located in the median of State Route 24
- Only street access is from West MacArthur Blvd
- Rail access is from Oakland Shops, south of Lake Merritt



Access Way for Maintenance on West MacArthur Blvd



Project Development



Project Scope



K23 & K25 Interlocking Quantities

- 16 switch replacements
- 1,900 concrete ties
- 3,600 LF of traction power cable
- 10,000 LF of conduit
- 13,000 LF of Third Rail
- 14,000 LF of Rail Replacement
- 28,000 LF of signal cable
- Other related work: 34.5 kV Cable Replacement, Enabling Works, Communication Based Train Control (CBTC)

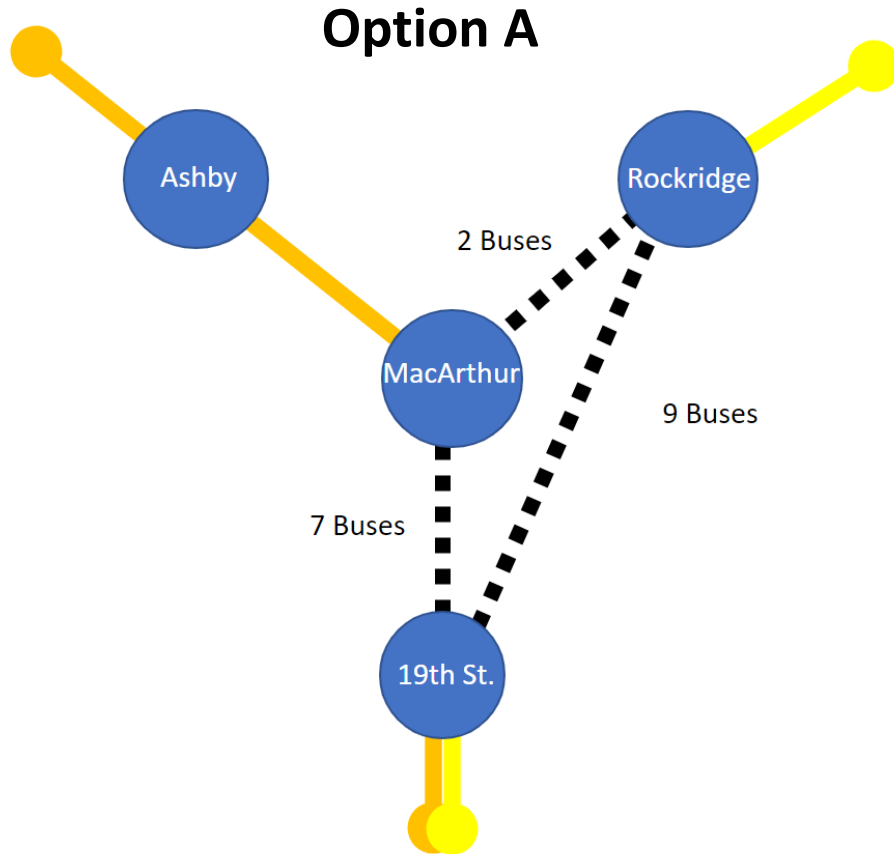
Site Challenges for Construction



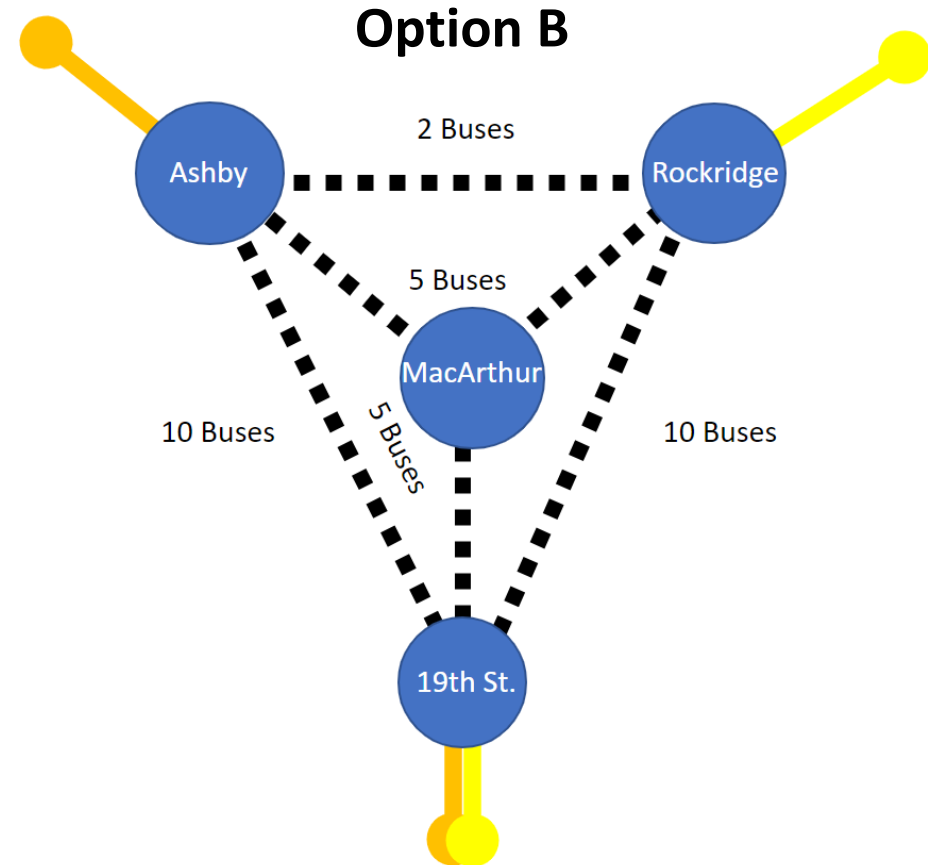
- Additional safety protections required
- Four mainline tracks tightly bundled in the median of State Route 24
- Limited space for crews
- Lack of material storage
- Newly acquired TBT maintenance train will be utilized for material delivery



Bus Bridge Initial Planning



- Requires 18-20 buses
- Stable operation at 19th St. station
- 20-40-minute delays



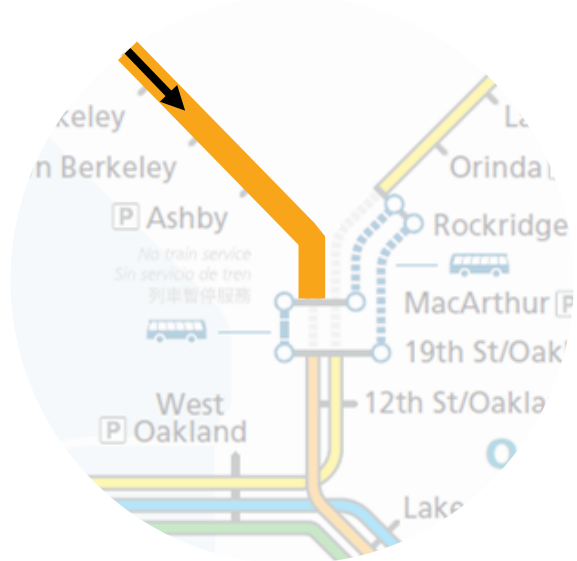
- Requires 30+ buses: uncertain bus availability
- Major logistical challenges at 19th St. station
- 35-45-minute delays

Bus Bridge Service

Orange Line: Richmond to Berryessa

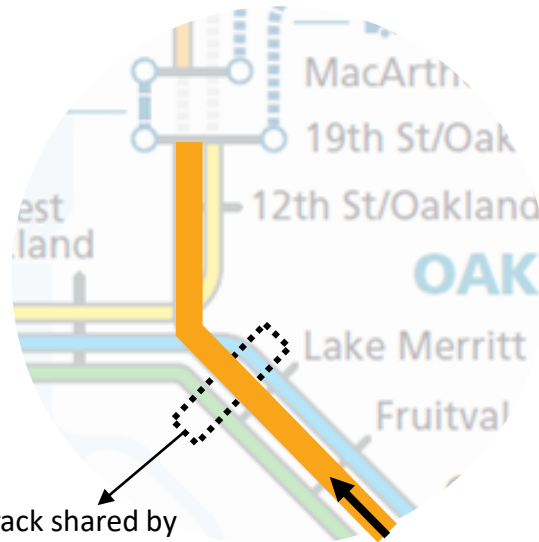
- Bus required from MacArthur to 19th St
- 30-minute headways

Richmond to Berryessa



Orange Line: Berryessa to Richmond

- Bus required from 19th St to MacArthur
- 30-minute headways



One track shared by Green/Orange/Blue lines

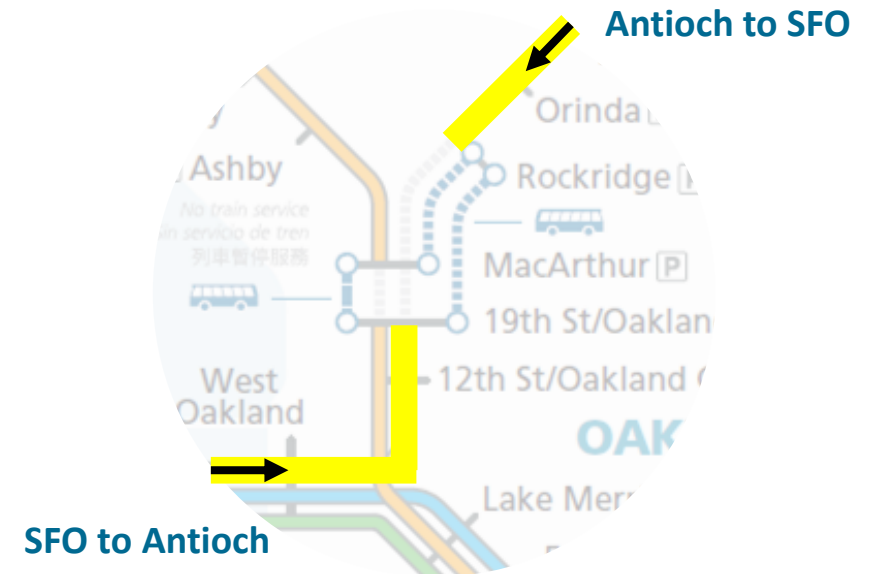
Berryessa to Richmond

Yellow Line: Antioch to SFO

- Bus required from Rockridge to 19th St

Yellow Line: SFO to Antioch

- Bus required from 19th St to Rockridge
- 20-minute headways
- Distribute passenger flows through 19th St



SFO to Antioch

Bus Bridge Plan

Train Operations on Bus Bridge Weekends:

- Yellow – 20 min headways
- Orange – 30 min headways
- Red – Cancelled (Millbrae service via the Yellow Line)
- Green – 30 min headways
- Blue – 30 min headways

Bus Bridge Operations:

- AC Transit and Paratransit
- Up to 20 buses/weekend
- Critical station planning at 19th Street, outreach, wayfinding, passenger flows, traffic flows



Bus Bridge Operations

Rockridge & MacArthur

- Ample loading area for buses and passengers

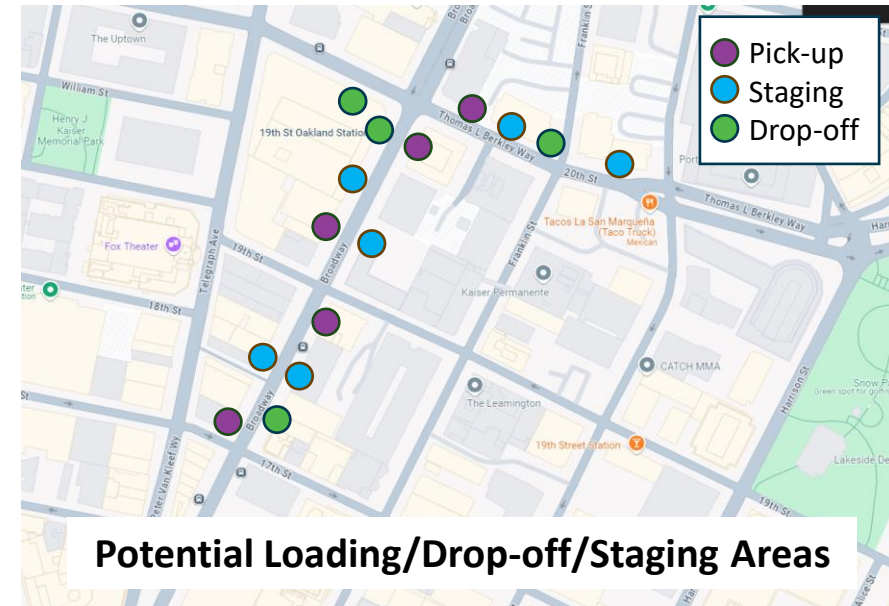
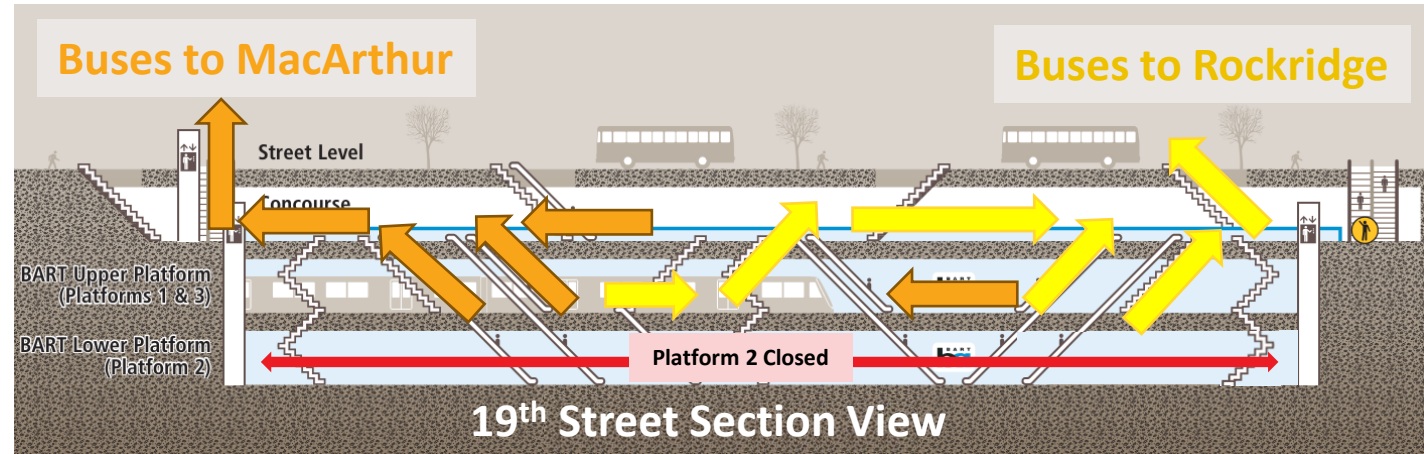
19th St. Station

Constraints

- Operating with existing transit routes
- Shifting construction projects on Broadway and 20th Streets
- Built infrastructure, parking and traffic flow

Planning Efforts

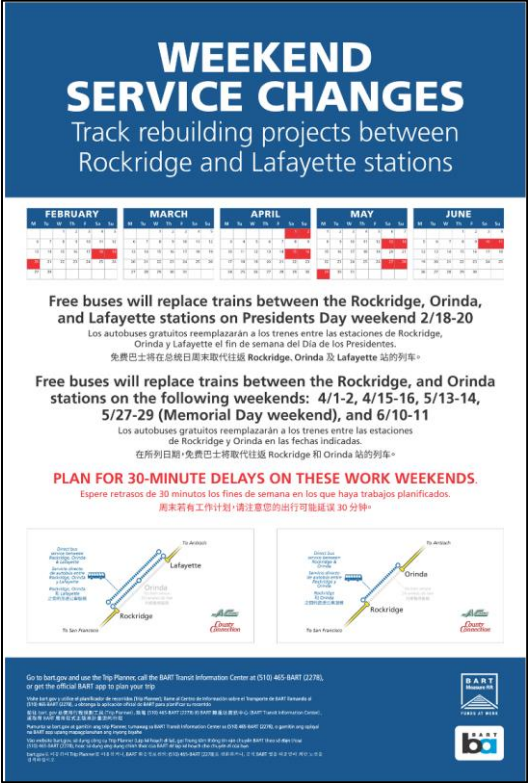
- All trains will operate on platforms 1 & 3
- Lower-level platform 2 will not be used
- Analyzed use of all possible curb space near station
- Coordinating with Oakland DOT and AC Transit
- Developing robust wayfinding plan to assist with passenger flow



Communication & Outreach Activities

ACTIVITY	STATUS
Site coordination with City of Oakland and nearby property owners	Early April
Detailed news article posted to BART.gov	Early May
BART Director briefings	Early May
Mailer to addresses within ¼ miles of alignment between MacArthur and 19 th	Late May
Public comment at priority City Council meetings	Early – Mid June
Outreach and briefings to cities along Antioch and Richmond Lines	Ongoing
Outreach to community organizations along Antioch and Richmond Lines	Ongoing
Notice distribution at community fairs and festivals	Ongoing
News release, passenger bulletin, DSS messaging, station signage, media interviews, podcast, etc.	Throughout project duration
Paid advertising	Throughout project duration
Rider updates via BART Trip Planner, social media, BART service advisories	Throughout project duration

Poster Example





Thank You

*Connecting BART's Core
Largest Measure RR Investment
Most Complex Interlocking Replacement To Date*



BATF

Discuss potential
changes to the BATF
By Laws

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AGENDA 5

Discuss Potential Changes to the BATF By-Laws

- 1. Shorten the time to recruit new BATF members** - Make it easier to fill vacancies

Current language:

Out of **four** consecutive meetings, an interested applicant must attend **three** and then apply for membership.

Proposed language:

*Out of **three** consecutive meetings, an interested applicant must attend **two** and then apply for membership.*

ARTICLE IV-MEMBERSHIP

- **C. NOMINATIONS AND SELECTION PROCESS (2nd paragraph), page 3**
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- 2. Increase Member Attendance Requirements** - in case members become sick:

Current Language

A member's appointment to the BATF shall be terminated upon a determination by the BATF that a member has missed **four** regular meetings in a calendar year. Because it is important that all views be represented at meetings, there is no provision for excused absences.

Proposed Language:

*A member's appointment to the BATF shall be terminated upon a determination by the BATF that a member has missed **five** regular meetings in a calendar year. Because it is important that all views be represented at meetings, there is no provision for excused absences.*

ARTICLE V-TERMINATION OF MEMBERSHIP

- **A.-A member's appointment...**
 - **Item #1, page 3**
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- 3. Term Limits for Officers** - Give more members a chance to serve as committee leaders.

Current language:

Term of Office: The officers of the BATF shall serve for one year or until the next election is held.

Proposed language:

*Term of Office: The officers of the BATF shall serve for one year or until the next election is held. **Officers shall serve for no more than 2 consecutive terms in the same office, unless no other member is interested in serving in that role. After a one-year break, members may serve in any officer role again.***

ARTICLE VI-OFFICERS

- **D. ELECTION OF CHAIR, VICE-CHAIR, 2ND VICE-CHAIR, page 5**
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4. Placing Items on Agendas - Clarify how items are placed on the agenda.

Current language:

Members may contact the chair to have items put on the agenda. Also, each meeting agenda shall have an item when members may ask to put items on future agendas.

The Chair shall schedule items on the agenda in consultation with the staff liaison. Staff shall be responsible for distributing the final agenda and preparing or compiling the associated agenda materials for each meeting.

Proposed language:

Each meeting agenda shall have an item when Officers and BATF members may ask to put items on future agendas. The BATF staff liaison shall be responsible to work with BATF Officers, BATF members and BART departments to schedule items on the agenda, prepare the agenda, compile the associated agenda materials and distribute the final agenda for each meeting.

ARTICLE VIII-AGENDA, MINUTES, RULES OF CONDUCT AND ACCOMODATIONS

➤ **A. AGENDA (1ST & 2ND paragraph), page 7**

5. Clarification to completing ethics training as a new appointed member and taking ethics training required every two years

Current language:

Complete ethics training required by the State of California.

Proposed language:

Complete ethics training required by the State of California within six months of being appointed to the BATF and every two years for active BATF members.

ARTICLE III-RESPONSIBILITES

➤ **B. In order to accomplish these responsibilities BATF shall, item #6, page 2**