

SAN FRANCISCO BAY AREA RAPID TRANSIT DISTRICT
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A meeting of the BART Accessibility Task Force (BATF) will be held on Thursday, July 28, 2022, starting at 2:00 p.m. to 4:30 p.m.

Please Note: Pursuant to all necessary findings having been made by the Board of Directors of the San Francisco Bay Area Rapid Transit District (for itself as well as all subordinate legislative bodies) to continue remote public meetings in the manner contemplated under urgency legislation Assembly Bill No. 361, public participation for this meeting will be via teleconference only.

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

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AGENDA

1. Roll Call of BATF members. (Information) 5 minutes
Self-Introductions: Staff and Guests.
2. Public Comment. (Information)
Opportunity to comment on items not on the agenda.
(Two minutes per speaker)
3. Approval of June 23, 2022 Meeting Minutes. (Information/Action) 5 minutes
4. BART's 50th Anniversary – Upcoming Public Events. 20 minutes
(Information/Action)
5. BART Bike Program Update. (Information/Action) 20 minutes
6. BATF Member Nomination (s) and Election (s). 20 minutes
(Information/Action)
7. Member Announcements. (Information) 5 minutes
8. Staff Announcements. (Information) 5 minutes
9. Chairperson Announcements. (Information) 5 minutes
10. Future Agenda Topics – Members Suggest Topics.
Next meeting scheduled: August 25, 2022. (Information/Action) 5 minutes
11. Adjournment.

July 28, 2022 BATF Meeting. Backup material for Item 6: BATF Member Nomination(s) and Election(s).

Name of Applicant: David Fritz

2. FREQUENCY OF BART USE:

Weekly. I expect to be traveling multiple times per week when the mask mandate is finally dropped.

3. EXPERIENCE AND SKILLS

3.a. Names and purposes of boards, commissions, or task forces you currently serve on or have served on and its relevancy to serving on BART's Task Force. Please indicate dates of service and the positions you held; if any:

Member, East Bay Paratransit Service Review Advisory Committee, Dec. 2021 to present.
Member, AC Transit Accessibility Advisory Committee, Feb. 2022 to present. These roles involve evaluating and giving input to Alameda County's bus and largest paratransit agencies on how to best meet the needs of their disabled clientele.

3.b. Why do you want to serve on and what skills do you bring to the BART Accessibility Task Force:

My professional and educational backgrounds are in Gerontology-I worked with seniors for more than 30 years in both health care and education; and I'm now approaching that age of myself. I also became disabled in July of 2017. These experiences, combined with the fact that I have had a lifelong interest in transit (you could say it's been a hobby of mine), allow me to see things from a wide variety of perspectives. Having grown up in Detroit (which offers, at best, marginal bus service) and then lived in Los Angeles (a city whose light rail and subways are wholly inefficient and follow routes that are dubious at best) for 32 years, I have found BART to, for the most part, be a very efficient and user-friendly system. I'd like to be able to add my perspective to help improve upon this, in my opinion, well-oiled machine even further.

3.c. How would your membership assist in establishing communication with the disability community:

That would largely be up to the professionals at BART. As a teacher and health educator for more than 30 years, I am very comfortable speaking in front of groups and would be happy to do at BART's request on a variety of topics. Although I don't typically associate with people based solely on whether or not they are disabled, I'm quite used to addressing seniors (of all ability levels, both physical and cognitive) and their issues. If BART would like me to speak or assist with a presentation at a senior center, assisted living facility or any other gathering of seniors or the disabled, perhaps my background and credentials could lend additional credibility to their event.

Signature of Applicant: David Fritz

Date: 05-04-2022

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BART ACCESSIBILITY TASK FORCE
Committee Meeting **DRAFT** Minutes
June 23, 2022

1. Roll Call of Members:

1. Alan Smith – ABSENT
2. Anita Ortega
3. Catherine Callahan - ABSENT
4. Clarence Fischer
5. Don Queen
6. Emily Witkin
7. Gerry Newell
8. Hale Zukas
9. Herb Hastings (2nd Vice-Chair)
10. Janet Abelson
11. Janice Armigo Brown (Vice-Chair)
12. Larry Bunn
13. Marjorie (Marji) McWee
14. Randall Glock (Chair)
15. Roland Wong
16. Shay Roberson
17. Valerie Buell

BART Customer Access and Accessibility Department Staff:

Elena Van Loo
Laura Timothy
Bob Franklin

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

Christopher Simi (BART Staff)
Scott Smith (BART Staff)
Tian Feng (BART Staff)
Ahmad Rassai (BART Staff)
Katie Arioli (Captioner)
Mayra Perez (Captioner)

David Fritz (Guest)
Roger Acuna (Guest)
Patricia Negrete (Guest)
Daveed Mandell (Guest)
Helen Walsh (Guest)

2. Public Comments

David Fritz was at the Bay Fair BART Station and he was concerned how the enclosed elevator at the platform level was constructed. He stated when he was at the station, the plexiglass fare was broken and suggested that metal faregates would be better due to durability. David Fritz also stated the fare machine at the elevator enclosure area was broken and there was no notice of this.

3. Approval of May 26, 2022 Meeting Minutes

Clarence Fischer moved approval of the May 26, 2022 meeting minutes. Shay Roberson seconded the motion.

- Motion passes with thirteen (13) in favor, zero (0) against, one (1) abstention.

4. BART Fiscal Year 23 and Fiscal Year 24 Budget Update

Christopher Simi, BART's Budget Director, gave an update on BART's Fiscal Year (FY) 23 and FY24 budget and its main points:

- BART will continue to deliver reliable, safe frequent service with a focus on ridership experience
- Ridership Outlook
 - Assumes average weekday ridership of:
 - 140,000 by the end of FY22
 - 210,000 by the end of FY23
 - 240,000 by the end of FY24
- Operating Revenue
 - Rail Passenger Revenue includes CPI-based 3.4% fare increase effective July 01, 2022
- Financial Assistance
 - Sales tax FY22 year-end estimate is \$36M (14%) above FY22 budget; lower growth projected for FY23 or FY24 due to economic uncertainty (inflation outlook, strength of durable and consumer goods spending)

- Operating Revenue & Financial Assistance
 - Total operating revenue budget (excluding federal assistance) increases 11% in FY23 and 13% in FY24
 - Sales tax remains largest single regular revenue source
- Labor Expense
- Budget FTE Changes
- Non-Labor Expense
- Debt Service and Allocations
- Total Expense
- Net Result and Federal Emergency Assistance Need
- BART's Fiscal Runway
- Changes Since Budget Adoption
 - September 2022 50% off fare promotion
 - District negotiating with BART's labor union over potential pay increase
 - Each of these will impact the District's fiscal runway

Janet Abelson asked if ridership in the suburbs versus ridership in the urban areas may contribute to the upcoming Fiscal Years budgeting. She stated ridership between the suburbs and urban areas are not the same volume. Christopher Simi mentioned as part of the new, upcoming Fiscal Years budgeting, ridership numbers are factored between suburbs and urban ridership.

Helen Walsh had a question to clarify if the budget include Americans with Disabilities Act (ADA) maintenance like fixing accessible faregates and or improve ADA within the BART System. Christopher Simi mentioned fixing or improving goes under the Capital funds, which set aside funding for faregates along with various accessibility improvement programs. He shared Operating and Capital are two different funds that BART uses.

5. Introduction to Goodmaps Smartphone App for the Visually Impaired

Scott Smith, BART's Architect Project Manager, presented on a pilot project with Goodmaps, at MacArthur BART Station, which is partnering with Lighthouse for the Blind in San Francisco. Goodmaps is a free app for people who are low vision or blind.

He shared that Goodmaps was implemented at airports and public transit stations in the United Kingdom and various locations here in the United States. He mentioned the pilot program is funded by Metropolitan Transportation Commission.

He stated the pilot will use a camera to digitally scan and then develop 360-degree virtual maps which can be accessed through the app.

Scott Smith stated a person who is blind or a person who is low vision can audibly request to navigate throughout the BART Station to elevators, stairs, platform locations, etc. He mentioned there are sighted volunteers to assist customers by being “their eyes.”

Clarence Fischer asked if the elevator is out of service, will customers be aware of this with Goodmaps and asked will there be updates available when using the app when there’s a construction project because path of travel will change. Scott Smith mentioned during the pilot programming testing at MacArthur BART Station, his team will look into both out of service elevators and construction projects that affect path of travel.

BATF members expressed interest in working alongside with BART Staff piloting Goodmaps to give their insights and present on updates at future BATF meetings.

Marjorie (Marji) McWee would like to see a range of people who are low vision or people who are blind with different skill levels in how they navigate while using the smartphone. Scott Smith mentioned he is working with Lighthouse for the Blind in San Francisco, who will engage a variety of stakeholders.

Janice Armigo Brown thanked Scott Smith for his presentation and thinks Goodmaps is an amazing app for people who are visually impaired riding BART.

Daveed Mandell, member of the public, mentioned he is blind and he heard about Goodmaps and expressed that he would like to be involved with the pilot program.

6. BATF Member Recruitment Discussion

Elena Van Loo shared two members of the public were interested to be BATF committee members. David Fritz has attended three meetings out of the months and completed the BATF application and Daveed Mandell who has also attended three meetings out of the four months but, needs to complete the BATF application before the next scheduled meeting.

Randall Glock clarified the agenda item is to discuss how to recruit new BATF members and mentioned at the next meeting new applicants will be considered.

Valerie Buell mentioned one way is if BART staff will let BATF members advertise within the BART System and on the trains for new members.

It was discussed amongst members that there should be a balance of members among the accessibility community.

7. Member Announcements

Marjorie (Marji) McWee stated that she is part of the County Connection Services in Central Contra Costa County that provide Paratransit services. She mentioned there is a pilot to jointly join with other Paratransit services around Tri Valley area for services with an app to schedule rides.

Valerie Buell announced the next State Council of Developmental Disabilities (SDD) meeting will be held on June 30, 2022 and going back to in-person meeting, as well on Zoom.

Valerie Buell mentioned the Accessible Fare Gate (AFG) at 12th Street/Oakland City Center has been broken for a few days.

Herb Hastings announced Alameda County Fair is back in Pleasanton.

8. Staff Announcements

Elena Van Loo announced starting July 01, 2022, per BART's District Secretary's Office, Zoom will switch to a Webinar format. She stated all BART Advisory Task Force Committees under BART's Board of Directors will now be recorded for public records.

9. Chair Announcements

Randall Glock announced Alan Smith has chosen to retire as a BATF member effective immediately.

10. Future Agenda Topics – Members Suggest Topics

- BATF Member Nomination (s) and Election (s)

11. Adjournment

The meeting adjourned at 3:29 pm until the next regularly scheduled meeting, **July 28, 2022**