

SAN FRANCISCO BAY AREA TRANSIT DISTRICT ACCESSIBILITY TASK FORCE

Draft Minutes

May 23, 2013

1. Self-Introductions of Members

Members present: Janet Abelson; Randall Glock; Janice Armigo Brown; Peter Crockwell; Don Queen; Hale Zukas; Clarence Fischer; Herb Hastings; David Jackson, Jane Lewis; Katrina McCurdy; Roland Wong; Alan Smith

Members not present: Mary Fowler; Jim Gonsalves; Gerry Newell; Larry Bunn

Staff: Ike Nnaji; Bob Franklin

Directors, Speaker(s), Guest Staff, and Guests of the Public: Director Robert Raburn; Carter Mau; Officer Carlos Dazhan; Crystal Raine; Reginald Lewis; Paul Medved; Molly McArthur; Micaela Mazzini; David Fung; Marina Villena

2. Public Comments

[No public comments.]

3. Approval of Minutes of April 25, 2013 Meeting

No opposition to David Jackson's motion to approve minutes of the April 25, 2013 meeting, (second by Clarence Fischer). Motion carries unanimously.

4. FY13-14 Operating Budget

Carter Mau gave an overview of BART's operating budget for FY13-14. Following the presentation, members were allowed to ask questions and/or share any concerns they had.

5. Warm Springs Update

During and after the Warm Springs update, members were allowed to ask questions and/or share any concerns they had.

Roland Wong asked if the design would allow for dual accessible fare gates. Molly McArthur answered that there will be an accessible fare gate at each bank of fare gates.

Clarence Fischer suggested using two different sounding tones for each of the two elevators as it would be helpful to the blind and/or low-vision community to identify which elevator to enter.

David Jackson asked if sound can be built into the fare gate system, as it would be helpful for the blind and/or low-vision community. He also asked whether there will be a change in the surface texture of the floor when approaching an elevator (i.e.; brushed concrete or raised bumps).

Alan Smith asked what material is being used for the path of travel
He commented that stair striping that is sand in color is not acceptable and that it should be yellow instead.

He also asked whether there is yellow striping on each escalator step.

Hale Zukas commented that the elevators should have been built as pass-through elevators, with two sets of doors.

He added that there should be two elevator button panels, and that the panels should be positioned at least 24 inches from the doors.

Janice Armigo Brown asked if the station is being designed to include a hearing loop system.

6. System Safety Briefing

After Reginald Lewis's presentation, members were allowed to ask questions and/or share any concerns they had.

Randall Glock suggested that Reginald Lewis contact the BATF if ever he needed anyone from the disabled community to attend any of his training sessions, for which most of the members volunteered for.

Clarence Fischer mentioned that it could also be beneficial for Reginald to get input from the disabled community in such training/class.

Clarence Fischer suggested installing a pushbutton in the car wherein the train operator can be contacted. He gave an example of a person being stuck at the opposite end of an A car with a gang of hoodlums coming at him, giving that person no way of getting in touch with the train operator.

He also suggested having a larger "safe haven" area.

Hale Zukas asked for a follow-up regarding a problem with a ramp at Adeline and Ashby, where the curb is a little low and needs to be raised.

7. Fleet of the Future Color of Sign

Bob Franklin showed two different examples of the signs and asked members to comment about the color and its visibility. Members preferred amber on black rather than red on black.

Janet Abelson stated that people who are color-blind cannot recognize the color red and that using the color red on signs should be avoided.

Ike Nnaji encouraged members to find out from Aaron Weinstein how high the sign will be positioned and how big the letters will be, as it affects the visibility of the lettering.

8. BATF Meeting Time

Alan Smith made a motion to hold all BATF meetings from 2:00pm to 4:30pm, instead of 2:30pm to 5:00pm (**effective July 2013**), (second by Janet Abelson). Motion carries with one abstention by Randall Glock.

9. Travel Reimbursement Policy

Bob Franklin gave members an update on the travel reimbursement policy. Members were then allowed to ask questions and/or share any concerns they had.

Roland asked whether the existing balance on his Clipper card could be transferred to his card of choice or if he is going to have to use it up. Bob Franklin answered later in the meeting that transfers can be made from a regular card to a discounted card, and not a regular card to a regular card.

Randall Glock reminded members that the Clipper card goes into a “dormant” state if it is not tagged at a gate every so often. He added that it is also very important for members to register their Clipper cards online.

9. Project Status Reports

General Disabilities Awareness Booklet Preparation:

No update at this time.

Oakland Airport Connector Project

No update at this time.

Stair Tread Color Contrast Project

All lights at the 12th Street and 19th Street Stations have been cleaned. The top and bottom stripes on six stairways have been changed. No meeting scheduled at this time.

Warm Springs Project

No update. See agenda item No. 5.

eBART Project

Staff is recommending that the station after Antioch should be located at Mokelumne Trail in Brentwood.

Alan Smith told members of a meeting between himself, Janet Abelson, and engineer Ron Wong in which they discussed an issue regarding the elevator, in which a user would be exiting the elevator towards the tracks. As this issue is coming up late in the design phase, staff is not able to turn the elevator around for people to be able to exit parallel to the train tracks, instead of facing the tracks. Staff is considering having two sets of doors on the elevators so that a wheelchair user may exit facing forward.

Richmond Garage and Intermodal Project

The new Richmond parking structure will be opening on May 30th, 2013. A public grand opening ceremony will be held on a still-undetermined date in June.

11. Chairperson Announcements

Randall Glock told members of an hour-long meeting he had with Alan Smith and Robert Powers, who is the assistant general manager of transit system development at BART, in which Robert provided good feedback and direction in relation to multiple projects.

Randall is also working on obtaining contact information for someone for the Berryessa extension, which is the next station beyond Warm Springs. He added that Tian Feng, who is the district architect at BART, will be attending the July BATF meeting to give an update on the signage project.

12. Staff Announcements

Director Robert Raburn told members of a construction disruption that's coming up at the MacArthur Station. More information will be provided on BART's website.

Bob Franklin said that one of the items for the Board to consider at their meeting tonight is the lease of the building located at 1750 Broadway (17th & Broadway) in Oakland.

13. Member Announcements

Janice Armigo Brown said that she will not be present at the next BATF meeting as she will be attending the 2013 Hearing Loss Convention of America Convention in Portland, Oregon, wherein she will be the recipient of a scholarship.

Alan Smith shared during the Board meeting held two weeks prior, he gave feedback about the Bikes on BART pilot held in March. He added that Director Tom Radulovich expressed appreciation in the BATF's participation and complimented the BATF's open-minded approach.

14. Future Agenda Topics

- **BATF meeting time change reminder**
- **Request for a presentation from staff regarding filling out W-9s**
- **Distribution of Lighthouse for the Blind tactile maps**
- **Discussion on transfer policies during nights and weekends service for MacArthur and Bay Fair stations**

15. Adjournment

The meeting adjourned to the next regularly scheduled meeting of **Thursday, June 27, 2013, 2:30 p.m.**