

SAN FRANCISCO BAY AREA TRANSIT DISTRICT ACCESSIBILITY TASK FORCE

Minutes

December 9, 2015

1. Self-Introductions of Members, Staff and Guests

Members present: Janet Abelson, Randall Glock, Janice Armigo Brown, Peter Crockwell, Don Queen, Hale Zukas, Clarence Fischer, Alan Smith, Larry Bunn, Roland Wong, Esperanza Diaz-Alvarez

Absent: Hale Zukas, Gerry Newell, Herb Hastings, Megan O'Brien, Brandon Young

BART Staff present: Ike Nnaji, Bob Franklin

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

Director Robert Raburn, Elena Vanloo (BART),
Russell Bloom (OIPA), Sarah Celso (OIPA),
Cathrael Hackler (ASL Interpreter),
Brooke Fulton (ASL Interpreter),
Janice Dispo (Stenographer)

2. Public Comments

Russell Bloom from the Office of the Independent Police Auditor introduced Sarah Celso, Senior Administrative Analyst, the newest member of their staff.

3. Approval of Minutes of October 22, 2015 Meeting

Alan Smith stated that at the November 19, 2015 BART Board meeting, then-Vice President Tom Radulovich asked about the BATF's comments regarding the BART Access Policy presentation.

Alan Smith promised that the BATF's comments would be included in the minutes. Since the comments were not included, he requested that they come back at a future meeting.

4. BATF By-Law Update

Ike Nnaji and Bob Franklin stated that it is BART's position that there is no need for a third officer position.

5. Proposed Station Tours

Clarence Fischer suggested that the BATF schedule group station visits in order to give input on improvements.

Ike Nnaji stated that travel reimbursement is not approved for all tours as a whole, and that the group will need to seek approval for travel reimbursement before each tour.

Randall Glock stated that the priority should be getting staff on board with the idea first before actually touring any stations.

No opposition to Janet Abelson's motion to bring back a checklist before going out to tour stations, with a second by Esperanza Diaz-Alvarez.

Motion passes unanimously.

Bob Franklin said that once the checklist is developed, in order for it to be more useful, that members can perhaps test it out at 19th Street Station. BART staff can then come up with a list of relevant stations where those improvements are due.

6. BATF 2016 Goals

No opposition to Janet Abelson's motion to approve the BATF 2016 Goals, with a second by Clarence Fischer.

Motion passes with an abstention by Randall Glock.

7. 2016 Fare Chart Design

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

Bob Franklin stated that the department that handles the fare chart design has a new manager and suggested inviting the manager to give an update at a future meeting.

8. Capital Project Status Reports

Berkeley Station Upgrade

Several BATF members took a tour on November 22nd. Minutes were not ready at the time of the meeting.

Union City Station Remodel

A bench has been put in near the glass wall.

The existing path of travel no longer runs into the phone booth (on the west side). The path stops six feet from the phone booth.

Larry Bunn stated that not having a detectable path of travel is unacceptable, (referring to the Universal Design Project.)

No updates were given for the following projects:

El Cerrito Del Norte

Oakland Airport Connector

Fleet of the Future

eBART

Phase 2 – San Jose Downtown

Civic Center Station Upgrade

Montgomery Station Upgrade

San Bruno Path of Travel

Berryessa/Milpitas Stations

Richmond East Side Construction

Station Hearing Loop

Stair Tread Color Contrast

Warm Springs Station

Powell Street Station Upgrade

Embarcadero Station Upgrade

West Dublin Path of Travel

Concord Station Upgrade

Dublin/Pleasanton Project

9. Chairperson Announcements

Alan Smith and Clarence Fischer attended a meeting having to do with the Universal Design Project. Staff will present an update at a future BATF meeting.

Improvements have been made at Lafayette Station construction path of travel.

Alan Smith reported that cyclone fencing is being used to close the station while the new security gates are being installed.

During the day, the fence is in the path of travel to the fare gates and is hard to see. He thus requested staff to make the fence visible with yellow construction tape, which was done.

He thanked Herb Hastings for bringing to management's attention the Lafayette Station path of travel issue.

Escalator status updates are now available on BART's website, <http://www.bart.gov/stations/escalators>.

10. Staff Announcements

Ike Nnaji reminded members that all travel reimbursement requests need to be made in writing.

The next BATF meeting will be held at the East Bay Paratransit Building at 1750 Broadway in Oakland.

11. Member Announcements

Clarence Fischer told members of a recent experience at the El Cerrito Del Norte Station wherein the entire passenger zone was blocked off, of which he received no advanced warning.

Linda Drattell announced that this will be her last meeting as she will be living in London with her husband for a few months.

12. Future Agenda Topics

[No suggestions at this time.]

13. Adjournment

The meeting adjourned to the next regularly scheduled meeting of Thursday, January 28, 2016, at 2:00 p.m., at 1750 Broadway Street in Oakland.