

SAN FRANCISCO BAY AREA TRANSIT DISTRICT ACCESSIBILITY TASK FORCE

Minutes

December 10, 2014

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; Gerry Newell; Herb Hastings; Alan Smith; Larry Bunn; Brandon Young

Members not present: Marina Villena; Megan O'Brien; Roland Wong

Staff: Bob Franklin; Ike Nnaji; Elena Vanloo

Directors, Speaker(s), Guest Staff, and Guests of the Public: Director Robert Raburn; Director John McPartland; Carl Orman; Tim Chan; David Vasquez; Jerry Grace; Chris Mullins; Stephen Beard

2. Public Comments

Chris Mullins reported that there were no working escalators at the 12th Street Station about a week prior. It was a long walk to get to the elevator, and he was quite discouraged.

3. Approval of Minutes of September 25 and October 23, and November 12, 2014 Meetings

The September 25, 2014 meeting minutes were not ready at the time of the December meeting.

Amendments were made to the November 12, 2014 meeting minutes.

No opposition to Randall Glock's motion to approve the October 23 and November 12, 2014 meeting minutes, (second by Peter Crockwell).

Motion passes unanimously.

4. Powell Street/Civic Center Stations Update

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

Tim Chan will set up a date and time for the BATF to conduct a site visit.

Hale Zukas asked for the reason why the Civic Center elevator has been out of service for a few days.

Ike Nnaji replied that there was door component equipment that was on order.

Members were invited to outreach events at Powell Street Station on 12/16/14 and at Civic Center on 12/18/14 regarding the new canopies being planned.

Travel reimbursement has been approved by Bob Franklin.

5. Bikes on BART Survey Results

[No presentation at this time; survey still in progress.]

6. Capital Projects Status Reports

MacArthur Garage

The stair treads for the top three flights have been painted yellow.

Carl Orman has asked the maintenance department about when the stair treads will be cleaned, and if there is a set schedule for cleaning. He will follow up with them and report back to the BATF.

(MacArthur Station) - A request has been made to keep the canopy lights on, especially when it's dark and gloomy.

Station Hearing Loop

Details for The Hearing Loop Demonstration will be given soon.

Oakland Airport Connector

A short discussion was held regarding problems experienced throughout the Oakland Airport Connector.

Some of the things discussed:

- The detectable path of travel, especially on the airport side, is insufficient.
- Concerns regarding the upward ramp from the coliseum to the airport, especially for manual wheelchair users
- Concerns with getting airport assistance from the BART side to the airport.

Bob Franklin stated that he will contact the Port Authority to see what arrangements can be made in order to get people from the Oakland Airport Connector to the Airport, and will report back to the BATF.

General Disability Awareness Brochure

Some final editing and adjustments have been made to the brochure and is now waiting for approval by Chief Rainey.

No updates were given for the following projects:

Stair Tread Color Contrast

eBART

Richmond Intermodal Project

Warm Springs Station

Berryessa/Milpitas Stations

Phase 2 – South Bay Extension

El Cerrito Del Norte Improvement

Union City Station Remodel

20th Street Entrance Canopy

Concord Station Upgrade

Berkeley Station Upgrade
Joint Meeting With Valley Transportation Authority Committee for Transit
Accessibility (VTA CTA)

7. Staff Announcements

The Detectable Path of Travel Demonstration will be held on Wednesday, January 21, 2015, from 11:30 a.m. to 1:00 p.m. at the West Dublin Station.

Bob Franklin looked into it further and told Chris Mullins that there are currently no reports of escalator outages at 12th Street.

He announced that Elena Vanloo is wrapping up her six-month position at BART. He told everyone of all the great work she has done in the district and thanked her on behalf of the BATF.

He then welcomed David Vasquez from the Center for Independent Living, who is beginning his six-month position at BART.

8. Chairperson Announcements

Alan Smith shared that Tian Feng was not able to make it to the December BATF meeting. Tian Feng wrote to the BATF, thanking them for their good work and also stating that he looks forward to continuing to work with the BATF in the new year.

Randall Glock and Alan Smith presented their annual report to the Board on November 20, 2014, and it was well received.

Randall and Alan met Nick Josefowitz, a new BART Board director representing District 8, and look forward to working with him.

Randall Glock suggested that he and Alan Smith draft a letter about the BATF to be used as a recruitment tool. There are currently three openings for member positions on the BATF.

Randall Glock also encouraged members to invite people to fill the open member positions on the BATF committee.

9. Member Announcements

Gerry Newell asked if future BATF meetings can be moved to 300 Lakeside Drive. Alan Smith requested to move that discussion off-line.

Director Robert Raburn said that there may potentially be another location available where BATF meetings can be held, the Paratransit center located near the 19th Street Station elevator.

10. Future Agenda Topics

[No suggestions at this time.]

11. Adjournment

The meeting adjourned to the next regularly scheduled meeting of **Thursday, January 22, 2015, at 2:00 p.m., at 101 8th Street in Oakland, California.**