

**SAN FRANCISCO BAY AREA TRANSIT DISTRICT  
ACCESSIBILITY TASK FORCE**

**Minutes**

November 08, 2017

**1. Self-Introductions of Members, Staff, and Guests**

**Members:**

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 (ABSENT)  
Roland Wong  
Esperanza Diaz-Alvarez  
Debby Leung  
Catherine Callahan  
Valerie Buell  
Chris Mullin

**BART Staff present:** Bob Franklin (ABSENT), Elena Van Loo

**Director (s), Speakers, Staff, and Guests of the Public:**

Grace Crunican (General Manager of BART)  
Director Robert Raburn (BART Board Member)  
Roderick McFarland (BART Staff)  
Robert Mitroff (BART Staff)  
Sue Shaffer (BART Staff)  
Shannon Hake (BART Contractor)  
Jerry Grace (Guest)  
Janice Dispo, stenographer (ABSENT)

**2. Public Comments**

Jerry Grace (Guest) – Heard some stuff on the news that the new trains will be delayed, not ready yet.

### **3. Approval of October 26, 2017 Minutes**

[No minutes to approve at this time; minutes to be approved at the next meeting, December 13, 2017]

### **4. BART to San Jose Project Update**

PowerPoint presentation from BART Staff, Robert Mitroff. Members were allowed to ask questions and/or share any concerns they had after his presentation.

Members expressed concerns with the single bore being that there are major safety issues compared to the twin bores.

Robert Mitroff announced to members and public that there will be a public meeting with the BART Board of Directors on November 16, 2017 about the BART extension to Silicon Valley.

Alan Smith made a motion to have a subcommittee. Esperanza Diaz-Alvarez seconded the motion.

Motion carries unanimously.

No abstentions.

Before item #5, Third Door Marking for the New (FOF) Fleet of the Future, was presented, Randall Glock introduced Grace Crunican who introduced herself. Grace mentioned that she's here to listen and observe. Randall Glock invited Grace Crunican to one of the early BATF meetings for 2018. Grace mentioned she would be honored to participate at a BATF meeting.

Randall Glock quickly wanted to go to item #8, Staff Announcements.

### **5. Third Door Markings for the New Trains FOF (Fleet of the Future)**

PowerPoint presentation from BART Staff, Roderick McFarland. Members were allowed to ask questions and/or share any concerns they had after his presentation.

Randall has expressed that he has tried many times to set a time to have members look at the new Fleet of the Future (FOF) and really get an idea where things are: e.g., emergency handle, the intercom, the monitors, braille locations, how to guide dogs under the chair, etc.

Grace Crunican will look into setting a time to visit the FOF (Fleet of the Future).

## **6. BART Walnut Creek Station Improvements; Parking and Access**

PowerPoint presentation from BART Staff, Sue Shaffer. Members were allowed to ask questions and/or share any concerns they had after his presentation.

A long discussion was held.

## **7. Chairperson Announcements**

Randall Glock – Reminded members, public, and staff of the BATF Holiday Reception on December 13, 2017 at 300 Lakeside Drive, 15<sup>th</sup> floor in Oakland.

Randall Glock – Wanted to go back to discuss a subcommittee for agenda #4, BART to San Jose project update. Stated that BATF can't have more than half of the members to be on the subcommittee or it will be a full committee. Asked who wanted to be on the subcommittee.

Subcommittee for BART to San Jose project:

- Valerie Buell
- Roland Wong
- Hale Zukas
- Herb Hastings
- Alan Smith
- Larry Bunn
- Randall Glock
- Janice Armigo-Brown

Alan Smith – Will work with Gerry Newell on the letter to BART Board of Directors. Roland Wong and Esperanza Diaz-Alvarez will follow through.

## **8. Staff Announcements**

Elena Van Loo – Reminded BATF members and public of the BATF Holiday Reception on December 13, 2017. Elena will be emailing members more detailed information on how to get to the BART administration building. Announced that there will be other staff to help on that day due to members concerns of getting lost with the construction going on at the BART administration building. Also noted to members and the public to give themselves plenty of time.

## **9. Member Announcements**

Chris Mullin – Last Monday, November 6<sup>th</sup>, he and Don Queen completed a site visit to the Downtown Berkeley BART Station, and they concluded that it is a station with access challenges.

Herb Hasting – Complimented a BART operator from Dublin/Pleasanton to San Leandro by announcing the next station clearly and the intercom was at a right volume.

Clarence Fischer – Asked about if there’s a website or number for information on escalators closures/repairs? Elena Van Loo showed an example how to navigate escalator/elevators alerts under BART.gov to the members and the public to see.

## **10. Future Agenda Topics – Members Suggestions Topics**

Gerry Newell – An update, maybe in January or February, with BART Policy Department to see if the GDA (General Disability Awareness) is being used by the police in the field.

Alan Smith – Would like a BART Police Officer to discuss dirty needles at the BART Stations.

Herb Hastings – Would like to bring back the topic, “path of travel,” as an agenda. There was no clear conclusion on this topic.

Janet Abelson – Wants to talk about the bus locations at the El Cerrito del Norte BART Station. There are concerns regarding accessible pathways.

Randall Glock – Review of BATF By-Laws. NO changes to the By-Laws, JUST a review. Randall requests that members read the BATF By-Laws before December 13, 2017 BATF meeting.

Clarence Fischer – A presentation with East Bay Paratransit procedures. Laura Timothy (BART staff to present).

## **11. Adjournment**

The meeting adjourned to the next regularly scheduled meeting for December 13, 2017, at 2:00 p.m., at 300 Lakeside Drive, 15<sup>th</sup> Floor, Oakland, CA 94612.

(The meeting adjourned at 4:14 p.m.)