



**TRANSBAY JOINT POWERS AUTHORITY
CITIZENS ADVISORY COMMITTEE**

MEETING MINUTES
Tuesday, June 7, 2016

TJPA Offices
201 Mission Street, Suite 2100
San Francisco, CA

5:30 p.m. to 7:30 p.m.

CITIZENS ADVISORY COMMITTEE

Bruce Agid, Chair
Lauren Post, Vice-Chair

Keysha Bailey
Paul Bendix
Anthony Birdsey
Paolo Cosulich-Schwartz
Jackson Fahnestock

Robert Feinbaum
Helen Han
Charley Lavery
Sean McGarry
Nathan Morales

Alice Rogers
Patty-Jo Rutland
Jason Smith
Pascale Soumoy

Interim Executive Director
Mark Zabaneh

Staff Liaison
Scott Boule

CAC Secretary
Eddie Phillips

1. Call to Order

Chair Agid called the meeting to order at 5:32 pm.

Members Present: Chair Agid, Anthony Birdsey, Paolo Cosulich-Schwartz, Jackson Fahnestock, Robert Feinbaum, Sean McGarry, Nathan Morales, Alice Rogers and Patty-Jo Rutland.

Members Absent: Vice-Chair Post, Keysha Bailey, Paul Bendix, Helen Han, Charley Lavery and Jason Smith.

A quorum was achieved.

2. Staff Report

TJPA Legislative Affairs and Community Outreach Manager Scott Boule presented the report. Mr. Boule informed the CAC that the Metropolitan Transportation Commission (MTC) has indicated the Downtown Rail Extension (DTX) has been identified as a high performing project in Plan Bay Area, the regional transportation plan that is currently being updated. This is an indication that the DTX will continue to be identified as a regional priority for the federal New Starts program. Plan Bay Area is updated every four years and designation as a regional priority is required in order to be eligible for New Starts funds. San Francisco Mayor Ed Lee toured the Transit Center construction site on June 7th along with a delegation from the Chinese Ministry of Transport led by the Chinese Transport Minister Yang Chuantang. The tour included an overview of the project and milestones achieved to date. Additionally, the last legislative item needed to finalize the sale of Parcel F and the Block 4 option agreement passed the Board of Supervisors on May 17th clearing the way for final negotiations to proceed. Closing is anticipated in late June. Mr. Boule closed by informing the CAC that the due date for the Master Lessee Request for Proposals (RFP) has been extended to June 17th at the request of interested parties in order to allow more time to complete proposals. The Master Lessee RFP is complex and asks the proposers to program, lease, and manage a large commercial space, create a cohesive promotional platform, program a robust calendar of events, and manage and carry out a maintenance program for all spaces and systems. The item was open for public comment and member of the public Jim Patrick expressed concern regarding the Master Lessee extension and felt that the current timeframe was not sufficient to allow for the retail to open along with the bus service in December 2017.

3. Approval of Meeting Minutes: May 10, 2016

Chair Agid requested minor edits to the minutes which were incorporated. There was no member of the public wishing to comment. A motion to approve the minutes as amended was made by Anthony Birdsey and seconded by Sean McGarry. A unanimous voice vote approved the motion.

4. Approval of Membership for the Temporary Ad-Hoc Working Group on the Downtown Rail Extension (DTX)

Mr. Boule read into the minutes the names of the CAC members that have expressed interest in being a part of the temporary ad-hoc working group and the procedures on how it would be done. A unanimous voice vote approved creation of a temporary, ad-hoc working group for the purpose of negotiating a potential resolution regarding support for the DTX and moving forward with construction of the DTX as quickly as possible. The working group will disband once the full CAC membership has determined whether to move forward with the contemplated resolution. The working group will be comprised of less than a quorum and include the following members: Bruce Agid, Paul Bendix, Robert Feinbaum, Jason Smith, and Jackson Fahnestock.

The item was open for public comment and member of the public Jim Patrick expressed concern that this Working Group would delay consideration of the resolution. A motion to

approve the temporary ad-hoc working group was made by Alice Rogers and seconded by Robert Feinbaum. A unanimous voice vote approved the motion.

5. Presentation on DTX

The presentation was made by Interim Executive Director Mark Zabaneh, Scott Boule and Sarah Wilson, Project Engineer with McMillen Jacobs Associates. Chair Agid asked if the tunnel stub would accommodate future efforts to extend the DTX underground and Mr. Boule explained that was the intent of adding it to the scope. Paolo Cosulich-Schwartz asked if one of the Railyard Alternatives and I-280 Boulevard Feasibility Study (RAB) considerations involved alignment through Mission Bay and Mr. Boule confirmed that is one of the options being studied. ED Zabaneh stated that the current alignment is environmentally cleared and could be modified to accommodate the findings of the RAB. Chair Agid questioned the budget slides that showed variances on direct costs versus total costs. ED Zabaneh explained what costs are included in each total and clarified that a staff report with these details will accompany the presentation to the TJPA Board. Chair Agid asked if the Phase 1 escalation costs have been considered in the Phase 2 budget. ED Zabaneh stated that much of the Phase 1 cost escalation was due to inadequate estimates and an insufficient number of bidders on many of the large bid packages and those lessons will be incorporated as we move forward with Phase 2. Nathan Morales asked if the Passenger Facility Charge (PFC) applied only to users arriving at the Transit Center and not users leaving San Francisco. Mr. Boule stated that it only applied to tickets for trips ending at the Transit Center. Jackson Fahnestock asked why the tracks need to be extended. Brian Dykes, Principal Engineer for the TJPA, answered that the extension was required by the California High Speed Rail Authority to accommodate longer trains than were originally anticipated. Mr. Fahnestock asked if tunnel boring machine technology would be able to accommodate three tracks. Ms. Wilson stated that existing tunnel boring machine technology can only accommodate two tracks. ED Zabaneh explained that the depth, soil conditions, and alignment through downtown San Francisco make Sequential Excavation Method (SEM) a more cost effective option for the DTX. Mr. Feinbaum asked if cost estimates would increase if the RAB were to shift the alignment to Third Street. ED Zabaneh stated that cost estimates in the presentation are based on the environmentally cleared DTX alignment and that the RAB is currently analyzing the impacts of the other options under consideration. Chair Agid questioned why a Public-Private Partnership (P3) option is not part of the current presentation. ED Zabaneh stated that alternative delivery methods, including the P3 option, are currently being studied and a separate update on this topic will be provided to the Board and the CAC in July. Chair Agid asked what if the PFCs being considered are not approved. Mr. Boule stated that PFCs have been a part of the DTX funding plan since 2004 and that efforts to enact them will be a high priority for the DTX going forward. Mr. Feinbaum stated that proposed amounts for the PFCs do not take into account savings associated with reduced commute times. Mr. Feinbaum suggested adding PFCs from other terminals around the world as comparables in future presentations. ED Zabaneh reiterated the importance of PFC amounts that are cost neutral or better when compared to using other forms of transportation to get into downtown San Francisco. The item was open for public comment and member of the public Roland LeBrun questioned the need for three tracks and asserted that a tunnel boring machine would cut costs. He also urged everyone to watch the April 27 SFMTA

Board meeting and said this project was going to be shut down and taken over by the City. Member of the public Jim Patrick expressed concern that plans do not also include a new tunnel across the Bay.

6. Construction Update

Senior Construction Manager Dennis Turchon presented the update. Chair Agid questioned the completion date slipping by a week. Mr. Turchon stated that the Construction Manager/General Contractor (CM/GC) is required to meet the scheduled end of 2017 opening. Chair Agid also asked about any future risks associated with commissioning. Mr. Turchon stated that topic could be discussed as part of a future agenda item. Mr. Morales asked how the project was doing on local hiring. Mr. Turchon stated that it was still on track. There was no member of the public wishing to comment.

7. Public Comment

None.

8. CAC Member Comments & Future Agenda Requests

Chair Agid requested that a presentation on the commissioning process for the Transit Center be added as a future agenda item.

9. Adjourn

Chair Agid adjourned the meeting at 7:42 pm.