



**TRANSBAY JOINT POWERS AUTHORITY
CITIZENS ADVISORY COMMITTEE**

MEETING MINUTES

Tuesday, April 10, 2018

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

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

CITIZENS ADVISORY COMMITTEE

Bruce Agid, Chair
Derrick Holt, Vice Chair

Belal Aftab
Paul Bendix
Don Dickerson
Jackson Fahnestock

Robert Feinbaum
Helen Han
Amy Jalili
Charley Lavery
Gloria Li

Sean McGarry
Nathan Morales
Patty-Jo Rutland
Howard Wong

Executive Director
Mark Zabaneh

Staff Liaison
Skip Sowko

CAC Secretary
Julie Markus

1. Call to Order

Members Present: Chair Agid, Belal Aftab, Paul Bendix, Don Dickerson, Jackson Fahnestock, Robert Feinbaum, Vice Chair Holt, Amy Jalili, Charley Lavery, Gloria Li, Sean McGarry, Nathan Morales, Patty-Jo Rutland, and Howard Wong

Members Absent: Helen Han

Introductions were made by CAC members and TJPA Staff.

2. Staff Report

Skip Sowko, TJPA Senior Design & Engineering Manager, presented the following report. Mr. Sowko reported that Bijan Sartipi, Caltrans District 4 Director and ex officio Board member representing Caltrans on the TJPA Board of Directors retired last month after 36 years of State service. Jim Davis, Acting Caltrans District 4 Director, will replace Bijan on the TJPA Board. There are two other new members on the TJPA Board, Nadia Sesay representing the City and County of San Francisco (CCSF) and Bruce Armistead representing the California High-Speed Rail Authority (CHSRA). The San Francisco County Transportation Authority (SFCTA) completed the Rail Operations Peer Review Study. It was released on April 4, 2018 and presented to the SFCTA Board on April 10. A similar presentation will be given to the CAC tonight. The report concluded that a 3-track alignment for the Downtown Rail Extension (DTX) is necessary to operate rail service at the transit center in a reliable and efficient manner and that a 2-track alignment would not meet operational needs. The Final Supplemental Environmental Impact Statement/Environmental Impact Report (SEIS/EIR) will not be presented to the TJPA Board at the May meeting. On March 9, the CHSRA released their Draft 2018 Business Plan. CHSRA's plan is to bring high-speed trains to the transit center in the year 2029. Chair Agid requested that Mr. Sowko update the CAC members on the Transbay Neighborhood Quality of Life Stakeholder follow-up Meeting being held on April 20 by District 6 Supervisor and TJPA Board member Jane Kim. Sidonie Sansom, TJPA Chief Security Officer, stated that she would provide this update as part of the security update portion of the Facility Readiness Update in agenda item 8. Mr. Fahnestock stated that the Railyard Alternatives and I-280 Boulevard Feasibility (RAB) Study Citizens Working Group held a meeting on March 28 and that they should have an update towards the latter part of May. Mr. Sowko concurred and stated that Susan Gigi, Railyard Program Manager with CCSF gave an update at the April 10 SFCTA Board meeting with the same information. It was confirmed that passenger service fees would be an additional funding source for CHSRA. Chair Agid also reiterated that it appears the funding sources for Phase 2 have changed, and he would like to have an update on Regional Measure 3 and the Transit and Intercity Rail Capital Program. Executive Director Zabaneh said that he will have an update on Phase 2 funding at next month's CAC meeting.

Public Comment:

Roland Lebrun stated that he is concerned about elements of the system design that impact travel time from San Jose to San Francisco, which he feels will not meet the criteria for the funds needed for the project.

3. Election of Chair and Vice Chair

Paul Bendix nominated Bruce Agid to remain as Chair. Charley Lavery nominated Derrick Holt for Vice-Chair. There were no members of the public wishing to comment. A motion to approve Bruce Agid as Chair and Derrick Holt as Vice-Chair was made by CAC member Patty-Jo Rutland and seconded by CAC member Charley Lavery. A unanimous voice vote approved the motion. Chair Agid and Vice Chair Holt thanked the group for their confidence in them.

4. Approval of Meeting Minutes: March 6, 2018

A motion to approve the item was made by Mr. Feinbaum and seconded by Mr. Lavery. A unanimous voice vote approved the motion.

5. San Francisco County Transportation Authority's (SFCTA) Peer Review Presentation of the Downtown Rail Extension Operational Studies

Luis Zurinaga, SFCTA, presented the update. Mr. Sowko contributed to the presentation. Mr. Wong asked if there were any studies of accelerating development of the existing Fourth and King railyard as a means of generating revenue to fund the DTX. Chair Agid commended Mr. Wong on his question but noted that this topic was not part of the Peer Review Study and should be included as a future agenda item. Mr. Feinbaum asked if the 3-track option was final. Mr. Zurinaga said that the study concluded that operating on only 2 tracks is not feasible. Mr. Sowko stated that all three of the following support the 3-track option: 1) 2004 Final EIS/EIR 2) Final SEIS/EIR (that will be presented to the TJPA Board) 3) Chair Peskin at the SFCTA April 10 Board Meeting endorsement of the 3-track option.

Public Comment:

Roland Lebrun stated in order to keep the Fourth and King railyard, the flow of traffic cannot be separated from 16th Street considering the amount of traffic that is currently flowing through there and UCSF would also be cut off from using the 16th Street existing access.

6. Presentation of Downtown Rail Extension Tunnel Options Study

Keith Abey, Tunnel Engineer with McMillen Jacobs, provided an update on the DTX Tunnel Options Study. Mr. Wong asked what type of experts completed the study and if they were aware of different projects in other parts of the world, which may use accelerated schedules proven to save time and money. Mr. Sowko replied that the tunnel construction would be continuous and interrupted only for equipment maintenance. Mr. Abey cited several firms the SFCTA hired for the study which included many experts in underground construction with international experience. Chair Agid mentioned that construction may affect pedestrian access to the sidewalk near Townsend Street between Fourth and Fifth Streets, mainly on the north side of the street, and that there would be overall congestion with Muni and Bikeshare. Chair Agid also stated the need for coordination between TJPA and other agencies with construction occurring in the same area.

Public Comment:

Jim Patrick feels the area at Seventh Street should be considered for a station instead of only Fourth and Townsend and that the focus is in the wrong place.

Roland Lebrun said that in Japan they have tunnel boring machines with additional cutter heads to make the tunnel wider at the station and they were able to build a 30-foot tunnel with a 2-track system coming into the station which allowed them to complete the projects very quickly. Mr. Lebrun referred to a previous presentation the TJPA gave and asked for clarification on direct costs increasing from 1.5 million to 4.5 million. Executive Director Zabaneh explained that the cost estimate detailed these costs.

7. Construction Update

Dennis Turchon, TJPA Senior Construction Manager, and Ron Alameida, San Francisco Public Works Director of Design & Construction for the transit center, presented the Construction Update. Mr. Wong asked if Mr. Alameida felt confident that Webcor would meet the Substantial Completion date. Mr. Alameida stated that he has confidence with Temporary Certificate of Occupancy (TCO) completion as we are turning the curve with electrical, fire life and safety and commissioning. Substantial Completion will follow once we have the TCO. Mr. Feinbaum asked what this means for the Grand Opening date. Mr. Alameida stated that the focus is August 12 for full revenue service. Mr. Feinbaum asked if this would affect AC Transit's go/no go date. Mr. Alameida stated that AC Transit has been a willing partner and is fully on board with meeting the August 12 date. Chair Agid asked the date for full Muni implementation. Mr. Alameida stated that they plan to be fully operational by June 16.

Public Comment:

Ted Olsson asked if there were plans for charging stations for bicycles. Mr. Turchon stated that there are no plans for charging stations; however, there will be plenty of bicycle parking. Mr. Olsson asked if there will be greywater systems in the transit center used for irrigation purposes. Mr. Turchon stated that the systems are designed to re-use water that is captured from the park level and "mother nature."

8. Facility Readiness Update

Martha Velez, TJPA Facility Manager, with support from Sidonie Sansom, TJPA Chief Security Officer, presented the update. Chair Agid thanked Ms. Sansom for her update on the coordination of metrics within the presentation and said that it was agreed at the Quality of Life Stakeholder Meeting held on March 16 by Supervisor Jane Kim's office to establish baseline metrics surrounding issues at the transit center. Mr. Feinbaum asked if the park will open to the public if it is complete before the center opens. Ms. Velez stated that both will be open simultaneously the day of the Grand Opening.

Public Comment:

Jim Patrick hopes that there will be a policy for scooters given their recent popularity within the City. He also stated that the TJPA should consider a full-time marketing consultant to ensure proper branding of the transit center. Mr. Patrick suggested reaching out with wayfinding systems to other plazas within the City to promote the transit center. He also stated that he would like to see recent data of the leaning of the Millennium Tower, as the last data he has is from 2016.

Ken Bukowski asked if there were any provisions regarding Rideshare. Ms. Sansom stated that this is in process and is handled through the City.

9. Public Comment

None.

10. CAC Member Comments & Future Agenda Requests

Mr. Bendix asked when the PR strategy would be addressed. Executive Director Zabaneh stated that we can place that on the June Meeting Agenda. Mr. Sowko suggested scheduling a site tour since we have five new TJPA CAC members. Chair Agid suggested to Mr. Sowko that it would be best to schedule the site visits before the CAC meeting start time.

Future agenda requests include: 1) transition into operations at the transit center and AC Transit's readiness; 2) review of the plans for Mission Square; 3) review of bus and traffic circulation in the area surrounding the transit center; 4) coordination between the East Cut CBD and the asset management team; 5) train doors and platform heights for the DTX; 6) public relations strategy for opening of the transit center; and, 7) follow-up presentation by the City's Vision Zero Task Force.

11. Adjourn

Chair Agid adjourned the meeting 7:38 pm.