TRANSBAY JOINT POWERS AUTHORITY
BOARD OF DIRECTORS

MINUTES

Thursday, November 14, 2013
1 Dr. Carlton B. Goodlett Place, Room 416
San Francisco, CA

REGULAR MEETING
9:30 a.m.

BOARD OF DIRECTORS

Jane Kim, Chair
Greg Harper, Vice Chair
Art Lloyd
Gabriel Metcalf
Edward Reiskin
Bijan Sartipi

Executive Director
Maria Ayerdi-Kaplan

Secretary
Nila Gonzales

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9:30 – REGULAR MEETING

ORDER OF BUSINESS

1. Call to Order

Chair Kim called the meeting to order at 9:35 a.m.

2. Roll Call

Secretary Gonzales stated that due to scheduling conflicts Directors Sartipi and Lloyd were absent and Director Lee would be sitting in as Director Lloyd’s alternate.

Present: Greg Harper
Marian Lee
Gabriel Metcalf
Ed Reiskin
Jane Kim

Absent: Art Lloyd
Bijan Sartipi

3. Communications

None.

4. Board of Director’s New and Old Business

None.

5. Executive Director’s Report
   • Construction Update

Executive Director Ayerdi-Kaplan reported on highlights of the year including the groundbreaking and sale of Parcel T to Boston Properties and Hines for a record $192 million, the sale of Block 6 to Golub for $30 million, and entering into an exclusive negotiating agreement with Avant and Bridge Housing to purchase Block 9 for $43 million. She thanked the Office of Community Investment and Infrastructure (OCII) for their assistance and support throughout the year. She also announced that on November 20, 2013 OCII would be releasing the Request For Proposals for Block 8. Another major accomplishment was receiving the final and conclusive determination from the State Department of Finance confirming that all TJPA Redevelopment agreements are enforceable. She stated the Federal Railroad Administration conducted a routine audit, as one of the project’s major funders, and issued a complimentary
report and indicated they want to use the project as a national model for best practices. She
distributed an economics benefits report which highlights all the benefits that will be brought to
the Transbay area because of the Transbay Transit Center and she thanked Libby Seifel of Seifel
Consulting for her good work on the report. She congratulated AC Transit on their new fleet of
Transbay buses and the successful inaugural event held on November 7, 2013 at the Temporary
Transbay Terminal.

Ted Huang, Webcor/Obayashi, provided an update on outreach to veterans for opportunities in
the construction industry. He reported that a number of roundtable type working sessions have
been held with various City agencies, community based organizations, and veterans assistance
organizations as well as employers and the Unions to continue working towards improving
opportunities for veterans. He stated that, this past Veteran’s Day, United Contractors
announced a hiring initiative focused on construction and he will be working on this initiative
with the Transbay project team. He also announced a lunch-n-learn for veteran students would
be hosted by Webcor and United Contractors at San Francisco State University on November 21,
2013.

Jack Adams, Turner Construction, presented the Construction Update. Director Reiskin
requested apprenticeship numbers in future updates.

6. Public Comment

Roland Lebrun stated that he viewed a presentation at the TJPA Citizens Advisory Committee
meeting on November 12, 2013 and the presentation that would be presented under the next
agenda item slightly differed as it relates to rail tracks. He also requested the presentation be
posted to the website as soon as possible.

THE FOLLOWING MATTERS BEFORE THE TRANSBAY JOINT POWERS AUTHORITY
ARE RECOMMENDED FOR ACTION AS STATED BY THE EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR OR
THE CHAIR.

REGULAR CALENDAR

7. Presentation on Downtown Rail Extension (DTX).

Scott Boule, TJPA Legislative Affairs and Community Outreach Manager; Brian Dykes, TJPA
Principal Engineer; and Jim Martling, Sperry Capital, presented the item.

Chair Kim called on Maria Lombardo, San Francisco County Transportation Authority (SFCTA)
Deputy Director to comment on the item. Ms. Lombardo stated she was pleased that TJPA is
looking at alternative delivery methods, noting the P3 should not be seen as a panacea. She
discussed challenges that could be encountered and offered support. She noted that there is time to
explore reducing costs as funding will not be firmed up for 2-3 years.

Director Metcalf stated he was happy to be talking about DTX and wants this to be the major focus
of the Board moving forward. He expressed his support of working with the SFCTA and exploring
the intricacies of a P3 delivery method. He also conveyed his interest in having the Planning Department present their ideas about issues such as alignment and he indicated the need for the City, Caltrain, High Speed Rail, and SFCTA to coordinate.

Director Reiskin concurred with Director Metcalf’s comments about this being a great time to focus discussions on DTX now. He reemphasized Scott’s earlier point that extending Caltrain and high speed rail to the Transbay Transit Center is the region’s top priority along with BART to San Jose. He suggested scheduling discussions to drill down into the particulars of the presentation, such as train box extension, construction impacts, alignment, 4th & King station plans, and budget. He requested more detail and a more balanced presentation on P3 as part of a discussion about delivery methods. He also supported the idea to begin thinking about how to coordinate delivery with Caltrain and High Speed Rail.

Director Lee stated there is excitement at the Caltrain staff level about this discussion to advance DTX. She expressed support for studying the feasibility of P3 for the DTX project and getting the DTX built but noted the importance of exploring delivery options in a way that supports the Joint Powers Board’s commitment to the blended system and electrified Caltrain service by 2019.

Vice Chair Harper concurred with the other Board members and stated he would primarily defer to Caltrain on DTX.

Chair Kim agreed with the comments made by the other Board members and thought this was a great beginning for the DTX discussion. She asked for presentations to the Board from approximately January to April to further drill down on the DTX regarding delivery methods, costs and design. She also asked for a presentation by the Planning Department and another by Caltrain. She concurred that P3 is an important option to explore and agreed with having a deeper discussion. She noted that some of the potential funding sources listed in the presentation were not quite in line with the draft transportation funding plan being discussed by the Mayor’s Transportation Task Force so further discussion is necessary. She further indicated that the Mayor’s budget office is very interested in assisting the TJPA with identifying funding for DTX.

Public Comment:
Roland Lebrun expressed his appreciation for the DTX conversation and the Board’s comments. He provided comments on funding sources, suggesting modeling to confirm support of twelve trains an hour, and disagreed with Director Lee in regards to the requirement of electrifying the 4th and King Station.

Adina Levin, Friends of Caltrain, stated she was glad to see this discussion opening up. She expressed excitement about DTX and connecting to downtown and noted that sooner is better. She stated that agreeing on the blended system was good but a capacity analysis is needed. She noted that the complexity of P3, Transbay, Caltrain, and high speed rail will need to be considered in terms of management, operations, and the experience of the riders and so she was glad to see the Board engaged in these discussions.

8. Authorizing the Executive Director to enter into an Electric Service Agreement with the San Francisco Public Utilities Commission to supply electric power to the Transbay Project.

Guy Hollins, TJPA Program Management, presented the item.
Director Harper questioned whether the service would be able to accommodate fast recharging batteries for thirty buses in the future. Mr. Hollins confirmed the level of capacity the service will provide and anticipated it being sufficient.

Public Comment:
Roland Lebrun explained there is an emerging technology that came out of the United Kingdom which involves embedding battery recharging plates into the roadways and that could be done here so there is less time spent recharging while at the station.

RESOLUTION 13-030
On motion to approve:

ADOPTED: AYES – Lee, Metcalf, Reiskin, Harper and Kim


Sara Gigliotti, TJPA Chief Financial Officer, presented the item.

No public comment.

RESOLUTION 13-031
On motion to approve:

ADOPTED: AYES – Lee, Metcalf, Reiskin, Harper and Kim

10. Approving the Minutes of the September 12, 2013 meeting.

No public comment.

On motion to approve:

ADOPTED: AYES – Metcalf, Reiskin, Harper and Kim
ABSTAIN – Lee

ADJOURN – Chair Kim adjourned the meeting at 11:40 a.m.

A tape of the meeting is on file in the office of the Secretary to the Transbay Joint Powers Authority Board of Directors.

Nila Gonzales  
Board Secretary

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