



**TRANSBAY JOINT POWERS AUTHORITY
CITIZENS ADVISORY COMMITTEE**

MEETING MINUTES
Tuesday, December 5, 2017

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
Keysha Bailey, Vice Chair

Paul Bendix
Anthony Birdsey
Paolo Cosulich-Schwartz
Jackson Fahnestock

Robert Feinbaum
Helen Han
Derrick Holt
John Kutay

Charley Lavery
Sean McGarry
Nathan Morales
Patty-Jo Rutland

Executive Director
Mark Zabaneh

Staff Liaison
Skip Sowko

CAC Secretary
Julie Markus

1. Call to Order

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

Members Present: Chair Agid, Paul Bendix, Jackson Fahnestock, Robert Feinbaum, Derrick Holt, Charley Lavery, Nathan Morales, Patty-Jo Rutland, and Helen Han (departed during item #4)

Members Absent: Anthony Birdsey, Paolo Cosulich-Schwartz, and Sean McGarry

A quorum was achieved.

2. Staff Report

Skip Sowko, TJPA Senior Design & Engineering Manager, presented the report. Mr. Sowko reported that \$275 million from the CalSTA Transit and Intercity Rail Capital Program (TIRCP), funded by auction proceeds from the Cap-and-Trade Program, is being pursued for Phase 2 and the TJPA will be submitting an application on January 12, 2018. He further reported that Ben

Tripousis, representative from the California High Speed Rail Authority (CHSRA), has been seated on the TJPA Board and his first meeting would be in December 2017. The additional City & County of San Francisco (CCSF) member to the TJPA Board has not yet been selected. Muni bus #5 testing was underway and service at the new Transit Center would begin on December 26, 2017. The Cost Review Committee (CRC) agreed to \$25 million for Tenant Improvements and the \$10 million additional requested is still under review. Jason Smith resigned from the CAC as of November 2017. The TJPA will begin recruiting for new CAC members in January 2018. The final negotiations of law enforcement services and unarmed security services is underway.

Mr. Feinbaum asked about the probability of the TJPA securing funding from TIRCP. Mr. Sowko stated the Phase 2 project fits the application criteria and should be a strong candidate. Chair Agid indicated that the CAC members would like to have an opportunity to show support for the initiative. Executive Director Zabaneh stated that the TJPA will also be seeking support from state legislators.

Chair Agid noted that there was no mention of the Railyard Alternatives and I-280 Boulevard Feasibility Study (RAB) study. Mr. Sowko stated that the TJPA had expected more information to come from CCSF on the RAB study but the current understanding is that it will be delayed to early 2018. Chair Agid stated that a few CAC members who hold a position on the citizens working group for the RAB study heard from the project team and the info they received was that discussions are still in progress and they are expected to have a decision after the first of the year.

Public Comment:

Jim Patrick stated that he has attended many meetings for the RAB Study and feels that the project team is not paying attention to public comments and making their own decisions.

3. Approval of Meeting Minutes: November 7, 2017

Chair Agid wanted “Phase 2” added to the following statement within the Staff Report: “Mr. Sowko additionally reported that the TJPA is seeking additional Phase 2 funding opportunities from the Transit and Intercity Rail Capital Program (TIRCP) that receives over \$1 Billion from the Cap and Trade Program. A motion to approve the minutes was made by Mr. Holt and seconded by Ms. Han. There was no member of the public wishing to comment. A unanimous voice vote approved the motion.

4. Multi-Agency Panel Discussion of Coordinated Response to Quality of Life Issues in the Transbay Neighborhood

Chair Agid introduced several public members who were representing various associations within the Transbay Neighborhood:

- Christine Johnson – District 6 Resident, CCSF Planning Commissioner, and San Francisco Director of Spur
- Katie Lidell – South Beach Rincon Hill Neighborhood Association / Street & Safety Committee of East Cut Community Benefit District (CBD)

- Bob Harrer – Barbary Coast Neighborhood Association
- Katina Johnson – Vice President of East Cut CBD and Resident of The East Cut
- Jim Patrick – Business owner within the Transbay Neighborhood
- Michael Choung – Boston Properties
- Lani Volz – Boston Properties

Sidonie Sansom, TJPA Chief Security Officer, introduced the following panel members:

- Jeff Kositsky, Director of CCSF Department of Homelessness & Supportive Housing (HSH)
- Andrew Robinson, Executive Director of the East Cut CBD
- San Francisco Police Department (SFPD):
 - Captain Darryl Fong, Commanding Officer of Southern Station
 - Commander David Lazar, Office of Community Engagement
 - Captain Dan Perea, Head of Metro Division

Mr. Kositsky stated his plan is to build trust with people who are struggling with homelessness and provide outreach services, whether it is temporary shelter or permanent housing. He also explained that his department will be working closely with the Department of Public Health (DPH), which will be providing individuals with mental health services. Mr. Kositsky explained that his department set up a navigation center in the Mission District last June which addressed the tent/encampment issue within that neighborhood. At the beginning of the project, there were approximately 400 people living within the encampments and, to date, they have reduced the number to 70 which has had a dramatic impact on the quality of life within the Mission District. Mr. Kositsky explained that his staff will focus on three components when dealing with quality of life services at the Transit Center and throughout the City: develop plans with partners; collaborate with stakeholders; involve Law Enforcement to address criminal behaviors.

Ms. Sansom introduced Captain Fong who stated that his team has a collaborative role working with different agencies which include HSH, DPH and Department of Public Works (DPW) for homeless encampments within the East Cut CBD Neighborhood, Mission Bay, and South of Market. The team works with individuals to connect them with temporary housing and the services they need.

Commander Lazar commended Captain Fong and his team on the high level of responsiveness within the Transbay Neighborhood. Captain Lazar explained that his department believes that tickets or citations will not solve the homelessness issue, but instead providing compassion and resources to people living on the streets is a more effective strategy.

Ms. Sansom provided an overview on the Transit Center and rooftop hours of operation. She also gave a brief explanation on how the TJPA Security team would provide assistance to individuals within the Transit Center by connecting them with community outreach services.

Andrew Robinson of the CBD, which encompasses the Transit Center, Nob Hill area and parts of South Beach, stated that the CBD spends approximately 650 hours a week providing street cleaning and quality of life services throughout the neighborhood as well as 24-hour dispatching and security patrol, all of which will continue once the Transit Center opens.

Chair Agid, who is a resident of Mission Bay, asked the panel what the plan was regarding managing the Transit Center between the hours of 1:00am – 5:00am and if people would be escorted out if they are in the building at or after closing. Chair Agid also said the center may be looked at as a new amenity for those who require shelter during the evening hours. Ms. Sansom emphasized that when the Transit Center is closed, no unauthorized persons would be allowed to remain. She also described the three levels of security that will be used to manage the Transit Center (Ambassadors, Security Guards and Law Enforcement) and how TJPA Security would coordinate with the Homeless Outreach Team (HOT) to connect them with individuals requiring services.

Patty-Jo Rutland asked how the rules within the park will be enforced. Ms. Sansom stated that TJPA developed the Park Rules and Regulations and are working with Supervisor Jane Kim to include the TJPA park in the San Francisco Park Code, so regulations specific to City-run parks can be enforced in TJPA's park. Patty-Jo Rutland asked Mr. Kositsky if he plans to use a 'navigation center' within the Transbay neighborhood. Mr. Kositsky stated that he was hoping to open a resource center within the Transbay Neighborhood but, at this time, his department has limited resources, however there will be a "navigation center" opening in the SoMa District as well as a resource center opening at 5th and Bryant Streets. Mr. Kositsky also highlighted a program called Homeward Bound which reunites homeless people, living in San Francisco, with family and friends. He also stated the San Francisco Public Library has a HOT Team in place which has been highly successful. He will use that data to determine the resources needed for the Transit Center HOT Team. Mr. Holt asked what type of action would take place if someone decides to pitch a tent. Commander Fong stated they will always take a compassionate approach and attempt to provide services to the individual and use enforcement as a last resort. Mr. Feinbaum requested a subsequent meeting from Ms. Sansom regarding budgeting and showing resource allocation. He also suggested there be a 5-year plan in place detailing this type of projection. Mr. Lavery asked about video surveillance and the effectiveness behind it. Ms. Sansom stated that the Transit Center's cameras will be monitored 24/7 by Transit Center security, which will ensure security team members are dispatched to respond to problems identified on the cameras. Katina Johnson expressed concern about the plan between the hours of 1:00am-5:00am since the Transit Center is closed and people may need somewhere to stay. Mr. Kositsky reiterated that he feels that there will be a good security team in place, which will help with identifying individuals that may require outreach services during the early evening hours, rather than waiting until the Transit Center closes. Christine Johnson asked if 311 will still be the number to call when reporting any type of tents, encampments or issues and Mr. Kositsky confirmed 311 will still be the number to call. Christine Johnson asked how SFPD has had success with different hot spots within the City. Commander Perea stated that gathering input from the community as well as reports from the 311 line have contributed to managing the different hot spots. Chair Agid concluded the discussion by stating that there should be a procedure to handle all issues that come up, from both an enforcement and compassionate perspective. He would like to see an agreement for protocol and resources for managing the Transit Center between the TJPA, SFPD, and the East Cut CBD. He also stated that there should be a plan in place for dealing with potential homeless encampments being set up near and around the Transit Center. Executive Director Zabaneh stated that the Transit Center will not be generating more homeless issues and that the TJPA will be working closely with HSH on necessary resources to manage homelessness issues within the Transit Center.

Public Comment:

Bob Harrer asked if Mr. Kositsky envisions a need for a future navigation center being opened near the Transit Center. Mr. Kositsky stated that they are adding several more navigation centers in the area within the next 6 months and is confident they will be able to find the resources to assist the Transit Center.

5. Construction Update

Dennis Turchon, TJPA Senior Construction Manager, and Ron Alameida, Director of Design & Construction for the Transit Center Project/San Francisco Public Works, presented the update. Steve Humphreys, Construction Manager/General Contractor for Webcor Obayashi Joint Venture (WOJV) also contributed to the Construction Update. Martha Velez, TJPA Facility Manager, and Sidonie Sansom, TJPA Chief Security Officer also provided a brief facility readiness update. Mr. Turchon reported that bus testing had begun, which is a major milestone for the Transit Center. Muni and AC Transit have begun bus testing within the Transit Center bus deck. Chair Agid asked if there will be any Pop-Ups since there will be passengers dropped off in and around the Bus Plaza when service starts on December 26, 2017 and he referenced TJPA Board Member Reiskin's comment at the last Board Meeting. Executive Director Zabaneh stated that the main focus is the bus testing and preparing for the December 26, 2017 Muni #5 bus service. Chair Agid asked what the public relations strategy would be for December 26th opening for Muni bus #5 and how riders would be directed to the new location. Mr. Alameida explained that the TJPA meets with all the operators on a weekly basis and is working closely with San Francisco Municipal Transportation Authority (SFMTA) to discuss transitioning into the new Transit Center. He also stated there will be signage posted, along with the help of ambassadors working to direct passengers to the new location, which is approximately a half block away. Mr. Alameida continued reporting about the current mitigation strategy and substantial completion. He stated that the current schedule slip was mainly in Mechanical, Electrical and Plumbing (MEP) scope, but specifically Electrical. Chair Agid commented on the accuracy and confidence level of the targeted completion dates as well as the level of risk with Electrical. Mr. Humphreys stated that the risk is significant and WOJV is leveraging Rosendin Electric to help mitigate the issues. Mr. Alameida said that a lot of effort is being put forth to manage and improve the targeted completion dates.

6. Public Comment

Jim Patrick asked if the same rules apply if he were to pitch a tent on the Rooftop Park or the Grand Hall. Commander Lazar referred to the California Penal Code 647e – Illegal Lodging: “Anyone who lodges in any building, structure, vehicle, or place whether public or private, without the permission of the owner or person entitled to the possession or in control of it”.

Ted Olson suggested adding a future agenda item for how the new traffic patterns will incorporate work being done by the Vision Zero Task Force. Chair Agid requested that the agenda item be added to the CAC Future Agenda Requests.

7. CAC Member Comments & Future Agenda Requests

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 platforms heights for DTX; 6) Public Relations strategy for opening of the Transit Center; and, 7) Schedule follow-up presentation by Vision Zero Task Force.

8. Adjourn at 7:42pm