



**TRANSBAY JOINT POWERS AUTHORITY  
CITIZENS ADVISORY COMMITTEE**

**MEETING MINUTES**

Tuesday, February 12, 2019

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  
Vacant

CAC Secretary  
Julie Markus

1. Call to Order

Chair Agid called the meeting to order at 5:34 p.m.

Members Present: Bruce Agid, Paul Bendix, Don Dickerson, Jackson Fahnestock, Robert Feinbaum, Derrick Holt, Amy Jalili, Nathan Morales, Sean McGarry, and Howard Wong

Members Absent: Belal Aftab, Helen Han, Charley Lavery, Gloria Li, and Patty-Jo Rutland

2. Staff Report

Executive Director Zabaneh reported that Supervisor Matt Haney (newly elected District 6 Supervisor) has been appointed to the TJPA Board and will attend the February TJPA Board meeting. He then provided an update on the temporary closure stating the repair of the girders on both Fremont and First streets has been approved and work is expected to be completed no later than June 1, 2019. Executive Director Zabaneh also stated that no other issues have been identified by the team; however, the TJPA is working closely with the Metropolitan Transportation Commission (MTC) Peer Review Panel (PRP) to review pertinent areas related to the structural integrity of the transit center. He further reported that the TJPA is in negotiations with four prospective retail tenants and expects to present one or more of the leases to the TJPA Board next month. Additionally, Executive Director Zabaneh

reported that the TJPA is waiting for the amended Record of Decision (ROD) from the Federal Transit Administration (FTA) for the Supplemental Environmental Impact Statement /Environmental Impact Report (SEIS/EIR) for the Downtown Rail Extension (DTX)/Phase 2; however, due to the federal government shutdown last month, it has taken longer than expected. Executive Director Zabaneh also reported on the recent announcement made by Governor Newsom regarding the future of high-speed rail and that he has reached out to Director Lipkin, the California High-Speed Rail Authority representative on the TJPA Board, for clarification. Executive Director Zabaneh stated that it is his understanding that the environmental and preliminary engineering work will continue for the northern terminus; however, right now, the Governor wants to focus on completion of the ongoing construction for the segment from Merced to Bakersfield. Executive Director Zabaneh also provided an update on the American Public Transportation Association (APTA) peer review and stated that the panel, which consists of executive level experts, has been formed, and the TJPA plans to schedule a kick-off meeting in early March 2019.

Furthermore, Luis Zurinaga, San Francisco County Transportation Authority (SFCTA), provided an update on the SFCTA peer review evaluation of the processes and procedures implemented in Phase 1 and recommended improvements for Phase 2. Mr. Zurinaga reported the SFCTA recently formed a panel of 15 transportation experts, which are currently being divided into 3 teams, five on each team. The first team will evaluate best practices, the second team will evaluate rail projects domestically and internationally, and the third team will evaluate governance and oversight models of various rail projects. Mr. Zurinaga stated the completion date is expected at the end of May 2019. Mr. Zurinaga also stated that a group of stakeholders from various agencies involved on the project will be participating in the panel meetings. Mr. Feinbaum suggested that the SFCTA open the panel meetings to the TJPA CAC as well as other transportation experts close to the project. Chair Agid suggested that CAC members with extensive insight on rail projects are encouraged to send feedback to the TJPA CAC Secretary with any recommendations.

Executive Director Zabaneh reported that he is currently coordinating with stakeholders and discussing implementation strategies for the Pennsylvania Avenue Extension (PAX). Once that work is completed, he will bring the PAX to the TJPA Board for consideration and confirmation into the Transbay Program.

Executive Director Zabaneh concluded the report by stating the CAC member recruitment for 2019 is underway and there are seven seats available, with two open seats and five potential reappointments. He encouraged CAC members with expiring terms to reapply. He thanked Chair Agid for his tremendous contribution and service to the Transbay Program. Chair Agid stated that it was an honor to serve on the TJPA CAC and thanked the TJPA for the opportunity.

Ms. Jalili asked if there had been any delay on the lease commencements and tenant improvement (TI) work due to the temporary closure. Executive Director Zabaneh stated that the closure has not slowed down any of the TI work. Mr. Feinbaum asked if operating costs will be recouped in the claims process due to the temporary closure and Executive Director Zabaneh replied that the TJPA will work to recoup any and all costs associated with the temporary closure of the transit center, and the responsible party will be held accountable. Mr. Bendix suggested reaching out to other agencies around the country who have had to “relaunch” a grand opening, as it requires strategic planning. Chair Agid appreciated the SFCTA update and requested future updates become part of the staff report or agenda.

#### Public Comment:

Jerry Cauthen, Bay Area Transportation Working Group, stated that he worked closely with the previous TJPA Executive Director, Maria Ayerdi-Kaplan, in 2003 and initiated the idea of a moving pedestrian ramp between the Transit Center and Market Street. This was canceled to save costs, and he feels it was a mistake due to the large workforce in San Francisco.

Jim Patrick said that based on Governor Newsom's comments in his State of the State Address about reducing the high speed rail construction, the TJPA should make efforts to pursue available funding for future rail projects.

3. Approval of Meeting Minutes: January 8, 2019

A motion to approve the minutes was made by Mr. Holt and seconded by Mr. Feinbaum. There was no member of the public wishing to comment. A unanimous voice vote approved the motion.

4. Update on Construction and Temporary Closure of the Salesforce Transit Center

Dennis Turchon, TJPA Senior Construction Manager, and Ron Alameida of San Francisco Public Works, Director of Design & Construction for the Transit Center, presented the update. Mr. Wong asked about the need for certification for some of the systems. Mr. Alameida stated that some of this work was interrupted due to the fissure access and repair. Mr. McGarry asked about the weight of the repair plates. Mr. Turchon stated that the weight of the plates is negligible compared to the actual weight of the girders. Chair Agid provided feedback to the presentation and suggested including dates with a baseline in the schedule of the repairs to the girders as it would increase the level of transparency. Mr. Alameida stated that the team remains completely transparent; however, it is vital to have a high level of certainty at this point. Chair Agid asked if the park would possibly open up once the repairs were completed. Mr. Alameida stated that the decision will be made by the MTC PRP as well as the TJPA Board.

Public Comment:

Jerry Cauthen, Bay Area Transportation Working Group, stated that the TJPA should focus on the entire design analysis during the temporary closure.

Jim Patrick stated that showing more details and dates in the schedule for the repairs being done would be helpful. He also said that the TJPA paid a high price tag for the escalators and elevators as well as the maintenance agreement in the transit center, and the TJPA should not be paying these high fees if these systems are not being used.

5. Public Comment

None.

6. CAC Member Comments & Future Agenda Requests

Future agenda requests include: 1) Update on the schedule and funding of the (DTX) and (PAX); 2) train doors and platform heights for the DTX; 3) review of bus and traffic circulation in the area surrounding the transit center; 4) follow-up presentation by the City's Vision Zero Task Force; 5) Update from Pearl Media on digital signage; and, 6) Caltrain operational plans.

7. Adjourn

Chair Agid adjourned the meeting at 7:22 p.m.

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