



**TRANSBAY JOINT POWERS AUTHORITY
CITIZENS ADVISORY COMMITTEE**

MEETING MINUTES

Tuesday, March 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
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 5:32 pm.

Members Present: Belal Aftab, Bruce Agid, Paul Bendix, Robert Feinbaum, Derrick Holt, and Howard Wong

Members Absent: Don Dickerson, Helen Han, Amy Jalili, Charley Lavery, Gloria Li, Sean McGarry, Nathan Morales, and Patty-Jo Rutland

A quorum was not achieved.

2. Staff Report

Executive Director Zabaneh reported that Jackson Fahnestock recently resigned from the CAC due to a health reason. He further reported that the TJPA continues to wait for the amended Record of Decision (ROD) from the Federal Transit Administration (FTA) regarding the Supplemental Environmental Impact Statement/Environmental Impact Report (SEIS/EIR) for the Downtown Rail Extension (DTX)/Phase 2, which was approved by the TJPA Board in December 2018. The California Environmental Quality Act process concluded in early February; however, the TJPA is waiting for the National Environmental Policy Act portion to be concluded. The TJPA has been working closely with the FTA on issuing the Amended ROD. He said the FTA has requested the TJPA reformat the ROD to emulate the recently issued ROD for the BART to San Jose Phase 2 project. The TJPA continues to work with the FTA on completing the amended ROD, which the TJPA expects to receive shortly.

Executive Director Zabaneh introduced Luis Zurinaga, San Francisco County Transportation Authority (SFCTA), who presented an update on the SFCTA's peer review of the processes and procedures implemented in Phase 1 and recommended improvements for Phase 2. Mr. Feinbaum asked which projects the SFCTA was using to evaluate Phase 2. Mr. Zurinaga stated that the SFCTA is doing their assessment based on the London Crossrail Program, Gateway Project in New York/New Jersey, San Francisco-Oakland Bay Bridge Program, California High-Speed Rail Program, and Atocha-Chamartin high-speed rail tunnel and station in Madrid. Chair Agid asked who was managing the process and Mr. Zurinaga replied that the SFCTA is managing the peer review process with assistance from McKinsey and Company who is facilitating meetings and compiling the final report. Chair Agid recommended that the CAC send in recommendations of successful transportation projects they feel would be helpful to the review process. Mr. Feinbaum suggested the SFCTA look into the Brightline High-Speed Rail project in Florida. Mr. Wong concurred with Mr. Feinbaum and stated the Brightline project in Florida was done under budget and in a short amount of time. Chair Agid requested that Mr. Zurinaga reach out to the Controller's office to provide an update to the CAC, preferably next month. Mr. Feinbaum suggested that the CAC be considered a stakeholder group in the SFCTA peer review study of Phase 2. Executive Director Zabaneh recommended the CAC provide their input to him through the CAC Secretary.

Executive Director Zabaneh further reported that the American Public Transportation Association (APTA) peer review study began on Monday, March 11, 2019. Several project team members were interviewed, and the peer reviewers were familiarized with some of the potential challenges for Phase 2. He also said that the APTA reviewers will be focused on organizational capabilities and structure and will provide input based on their extensive experience working on mega rail projects that includes tunneling. He said that a draft report will be provided in April and a final report in May.

Executive Director Zabaneh also announced that Caltrain will present an update on their Business Plan at the next CAC meeting.

Executive Director Zabaneh thanked Chair Agid for his commitment and service on the CAC and stated he has been a valuable advocate for the TJPA, and he hopes that he will continue to be an advocate for the Transbay Program. Chair Agid thanked everyone and stated that it was an honor and privilege to serve six years as a member of the TJPA CAC.

Public Comment:

Jim Patrick stressed that caution be used when evaluating the final report from McKinsey and Company.

3. Approval of Meeting Minutes: February 12, 2019

A quorum was not achieved; therefore, the Minutes were carried over to the April CAC meeting.

4. Retail Leasing Update

Martha Velez, TJPA Facility Manager, presented the update. Chair Agid asked when tenant lease payments commence, and Ms. Velez replied that tenants will begin paying when improvements to their spaces are complete and the expectation is that they will move in soon thereafter. Chair Agid asked if the interest in retail leasing was included in the current projection and Ms. Velez responded affirmatively. Mr. Feinbaum asked if the preliminary budget and revised revenue stream will be shared with the CAC and Executive Director Zabaneh stated that the information will be shared at the next CAC meeting. Mr. Wong asked if the currently signed leases represent a blend of retail and restaurants. Ms. Velez said that there is a mix of local flavors and shops that complement each other and create synergy at the transit center.

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

Dennis Turchon, TJPA Senior Construction Manager, Ron Alameida of San Francisco Public Works, Director of Design & Construction for the Transit Center, and Steve Rule of Turner Construction Company, Construction Management Oversight, presented the update. Chair Agid suggested providing more granularity and insight into the key critical dates since the current information in the presentation does not clearly depict the status of the repair schedule of the steel girders. Executive Director Zabaneh stated that once the steel for the repair of the girders arrives at the job site, the scope and key dates will be more defined. The CAC complimented Mr. Rule on the Quality Assurance Inspection overview presentation and felt it was an in-depth explanation, which was informative and educational. Mr. Alameida stated that he believes a thorough inspection process was performed. He also expressed confidence that once the brittle fracture repair issue is resolved, he will be satisfied that the building is structurally sound and ready to occupy.

6. Public Comment

Mitchell Bonner suggested that the TJPA open the rooftop park before the repairs are fully complete. He feels this would not only be uplifting to the community but also restore confidence to the public and prospective business tenants at the transit center.

Jim Patrick stated that there was a plan to bring diesel electric trains to Gilroy but the plan was revised in favor of electric only trains. He believes that due to a political disagreement with the State, the funding was shifted to another project and now the plan is back to diesel only trains. He also inquired on the loan from the City and the TJPA's plan to repay it.

7. CAC Member Comments & Future Agenda Requests

Future agenda requests include: 1) Update on the schedule and funding of the DTX and Pennsylvania Avenue Extension; 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.

8. Adjourn

Chair Agid adjourned the meeting at 7:25 pm.

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