



**TRANSBAY JOINT POWERS AUTHORITY  
CITIZENS ADVISORY COMMITTEE**

MEETING MINUTES  
Tuesday, July 12, 2016

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

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

**CITIZENS ADVISORY COMMITTEE**

Bruce Agid, Chair  
Lauren Post, Vice-Chair

Keysha Bailey  
Paul Bendix  
Anthony Birdsey  
Paolo Cosulich-Schwartz  
Jackson Fahnestock

Robert Feinbaum  
Helen Han  
Charley Lavery  
Sean McGarry  
Nathan Morales

Alice Rogers  
Patty-Jo Rutland  
Jason Smith  
Pascale Soumoy

Interim Executive Director  
Mark Zabaneh

Staff Liaison  
Scott Boule

CAC Secretary  
Eddie Phillips

**1. Call to Order**

Vice-Chair Post called the meeting to order at 5:35 pm.

Members Present: Vice-Chair Post, Keysha Bailey, Paul Bendix, Anthony Birdsey, Jackson Fahnestock, Robert Feinbaum, Sean McGarry, Nathan Morales and Alice Rogers.

Members Absent: Chair Agid, Paolo Cosulich-Schwartz, Helen Han, Charley Lavery, Patty-Jo Rutland and Jason Smith.

A quorum was achieved.

## **2. Staff Report**

Scott Boule, TJPA Legislative Affairs and Community Outreach Manager, presented the report. Mr. Boule informed the CAC of the closing on Parcel F for \$160 million, that it is the last parcel in the Transit District neighborhood to be zoned over 550 feet. It will rise to 750 feet and is the third of three properties that will have direct access to the Transit Center rooftop park via a pedestrian bridge. Additionally, the developers of Parcel F have an option to purchase Block 4. The Master Lessee RFP deadline has passed and the TJPA received three proposals that are currently under review. Following the presentation at the June CAC and Board meetings presentations have been scheduled with staff for Caltrain and the California High Speed Rail Authority regarding the Downtown Rail Extension (DTX) funding plan and the use of Passenger Facility Charges. Mr. Boule also mentioned that in August the TJPA Board typically does not meet and if that is the case, then he will contact the Chair about cancelling the CAC meeting as well. Robert Feinbaum stated that the DTX working group is continuing to work on a potential Resolution for the CAC's consideration. After discussion it was agreed that the earliest the Resolution would be ready for discussion at the full CAC would be at the September meeting. Vice-Chair Post proposed that the CAC not meet in August and Alice Rogers seconded. A unanimous voice vote approved the motion. Member of the public Jim Patrick asked if the Master Lessee proposals would ensure the opening of retail concurrent with the opening of the Transit Center. Mr. Boule stated that the Transit Center is still on schedule for substantial completion by December 2017, and the TJPA will work with the Master Lessee to ensure retail leasing moves forward as quickly as possible.

## **3. Approval of Meeting Minutes: June 7, 2016**

There were no edits requested to the minutes and no member of the public wishing to comment. A motion to approve the minutes was made by Paul Bendix and seconded by Anthony Birdsey. A unanimous voice vote approved the motion.

## **4. Presentation by the Peninsula Corridor Joint Powers Board on the Caltrain Modernization Program**

The presentation was made by Casey Fromson of the Peninsula Corridor Joint Powers Board. Jackson Fahnestock asked if there would be new tracks due to the electrification. Ms. Fromson stated that the current tracks would be used with additional infrastructure. Robert Feinbaum asked if the rumors regarding some trains not being electrified were true. Ms. Fromson stated that the timing for full electrification of all Caltrain rolling stock is funding dependent. Mr. Fahnestock stated that it is not always a smooth ride and was wondering if this is due to tracks or equipment and how this would impact California High Speed Rail Authority (CHSRA) trains. Ms. Fromson stated that track modifications are part of the infrastructure upgrades being made to accommodate the blended system for Caltrain and high speed rail. These upgrades are necessary to accommodate the speeds necessary for CHSRA. Keysha Bailey asked about the cost of the project and where the funding was coming from. Ms. Fromson stated that the cost to electrify the system was \$1.89 billion for the electrification of the system and vehicles; she stated that funding was coming from an array

of sources including the Federal Transit Administration (FTA), the Metropolitan Transportation Commission, the CHSRA, and additional funding from the counties served by Caltrain. Nathan Morales asked about the service benefits of electrification and the number of trains per hour. Ms. Fromson stated that the electrification will allow for additional train service. Mr. Feinbaum asked about the dual doors being put in place to accommodate various platform heights. Ms. Fromson stated that seats would be in those locations with the ability to be removed at a later date once high speed rail begins operations and common platform heights are achieved systemwide. Mr. Feinbaum asked about wheelchairs being able to access the raised doors. Ms. Fromson stated that wheelchairs would have access through internal lifts. Vice-Chair Post asked about the timing for common station platform heights. Ms. Fromson stated it was still to be determined. Anthony Birdsey asked if traffic patterns have been considered to accommodate the increased number of trains. Ms. Fromson responded that it was considered as part of the environmental review process, and there would be some changes in certain locations to accommodate local traffic patterns.

The item was open for public comment and member of the public Roland LeBrun indicated that he wrote two letters to various Boards and stated that the costs are higher than expressed and he believes the project does not qualify for certain funds. He also questioned the numbers with regard to people standing and stated that additional doors make less seating available. Member of the public Ted Olsson suggested that additional bicycle sharing should be promoted as that would be very helpful.

At this time it was asked if item 6 could be moved to follow the Construction Update, and the agenda was changed to accommodate this request.

## **5. Construction Update**

Dennis Turchon, TJPA Senior Construction Manager, and Ron Alameida, Director of Design and Construction for the Transbay Transit Center, presented the update. Mr. Feinbaum asked about Buy America compliance. Mr. Alameida stated that it is an FTA requirement and that funding could be withdrawn if subcontractors do not comply. Mr. Turchon also stated that we are regularly audited and we would expect the FTA to audit for Buy America compliance. Ms. Bailey asked about the bus storage delay and how that would impact bus service. Mr. Alameida stated that buses would need to deadhead back across the bay, and it would be dealt with as an operational issue. Interim Executive Director Zabaneh stated that requests have been made of AC Transit to establish short term and long term solutions with regard to deadheading buses and that it would be an operational issue for AC Transit to resolve. Mr. Birdsey asked about timing for the opening of the Transit Center. Both Mr. Turchon and Mr. Alameida stated that mitigation efforts were being implemented by Webcor/Obayashi, Construction Manager/General Contractor, to meet the contractually required date of December 2017 for substantial completion.

The item was open for public comment and member of the public Jim Patrick stated he did not see how the Master Lessee would be able to have the retail open and functional by the time the Transit Center opened according to the current plan. Mr. Alameida stated the TJPA will do everything it can to ensure that the schedule is met and that weekly meetings would

occur for transitional planning and the Master Lessee would be at the table. Member of the public Roland LeBrun congratulated the team on the revised schedule and asked when the Bus Ramp's Cable Stay Tower and Deck Lift would be completed. Mr. Turchon stated that the tower completion was scheduled for August/September 2016 and that the tensioning of the stay cables and lifting of the deck would be in the October/November 2016 timeframes.

## **6. Presentation on Phase 2 Alternative Delivery Method**

The presentation was introduced by Interim Executive Director Mark Zabaneh, and presented by George Tapas of URS/AECOM, Program Management/Program Controls team. Mr. Feinbaum asked about the ability of going to the Bond Market with regard to the passenger facility charge given the uncertainty of the CHSRA. Mr. Zabaneh stated federal loan programs Transportation Infrastructure Finance and Innovation Act (TIFIA) and Railroad Rehabilitation & Improvement Fund RRIF are being looked into, and that the need to go to the Bond Market may not be necessary. Mr. Birdsey asked what the percentage of overall Phase 2 funding was that would be secured from CHSRA and Caltrain. Mr. Zabaneh and Mr. Boule stated it would depend on the agreed upon amounts for the charges and any annual inflation updates.

The item was open for public comment and member of the public Roland LeBrun suggested that discussions at various City and County of San Francisco public meetings indicate city officials will not approve this project moving forward. He further stated that the existing design makes it impossible for trains to go from San Jose to San Francisco in 30 minutes. Member of the Public Jim Patrick asked if TJPA is looking at the right options. Mr. Zabaneh stated that the study is in line with the Supplemental Environmental Impact Statement/ Environmental Impact Report currently under review, and these are the potential delivery options available for consideration.

## **7. Public Comment**

Member of the Public Ted Olsson asked if Phase 1 lessons learned have been implemented for Phase 2. Mr. Zabaneh stated that they had in various ways, including as part of considerations for the appropriate delivery method. He mentioned that using a Design Build delivery method mitigates some potential concerns by shifting some risk to the contractor.

## **8. CAC Member Comments & Future Agenda Requests**

None.

## **9. Adjourn**

Vice-Chair Post adjourned the meeting at 7:47 pm.