



**TRANSBAY JOINT POWERS AUTHORITY  
CITIZENS ADVISORY COMMITTEE**

**MINUTES**

Tuesday, April 6, 2021  
5:30 p.m. to 7:30 p.m.

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**PUBLIC COMMENT CALL-IN: 1-855-282-6330 — Access Code: 182 337 8672**

Due to the COVID-19 health emergency, the Citizens Advisory Committee Meeting Room is closed. Members of the public are encouraged to participate remotely.

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In compliance with the Governor’s Executive Order N-25-20 (March 12, 2020) as superseded by Order N-29-20 (March 17, 2020), this meeting will be held *exclusively* via teleconference participation of a quorum of Committee members in locations not open to the public. The purpose of the orders is to provide the safest environment for all persons consistent with San Francisco Department of Public Health Orders of the Health Officer and current public health recommendations, while allowing the public to observe and address the Committee.

**CITIZENS ADVISORY COMMITTEE**

Derrick Holt, Chair  
Belal Aftab, Vice Chair

Dan Bell  
Richard Burnett  
Jackson Fahnestock  
Brian Larkin

Gloria Li  
Pedro Mendez  
Mark O’Dell  
Bob Planthold

Andrew Robinson  
Owen Stephens  
Sally Stull  
Howard Wong

Interim Executive Director  
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Staff Liaison  
Lily Madjus Wu

CAC Secretary  
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## **REMOTE MEETING ACCESS**

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### **Providing Public Comment**

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1. When prompted, “raise hand” to speak by pressing \*3 (star, 3) to be added to the queue.
2. Callers will hear silence when waiting for their turn to speak.
3. When prompted, callers will have the standard two minutes to provide comment.

## **AGENDA**

### 1. Call to Order

Chair Holt called the meeting to order at 5:37 p.m.

Members Present: Belal Aftab, Dan Bell, Richard Burnett, Jackson Fahnestock, Derrick Holt, Brian Larkin, Gloria Li, Pedro Mendez (*arrived during Item 2*), Mark O’Dell, Bob Planthold, Sally Stull, and Howard Wong.

Members Absent: Andrew Robinson and Owen Stephens

### 2. Staff Report (5 minutes)

Lily Madjus Wu, TJPA Communications and Legislative Affairs Manager, presented the Staff Report. She welcomed new CAC members Brian Larkin, Pedro Mendez, Bob Planthold and Sally Stull along with reappointed CAC members Belal Aftab, Owen Stephens and Howard Wong. She stated that the TJPA looks forward to working collaboratively with the CAC to advance the future of transportation in the Bay Area. She also stated recruitment efforts were extended to fill the Daily AC Transit rider into San Francisco seat for the CAC and noted that TJPA plans to recommend Claire Kosthohryz at the April 8 TJPA Board meeting to fill the remaining vacant seat.

Ms. Madjus Wu recognized outgoing TJPA Chief Financial Officer (CFO), Erin Roseman, who is leaving the TJPA to join the City of Oakland, for all that she has done during her tenure with the agency. She also reported TJPA’s financial consultant, Mary Pryor, who has been on the project from the beginning – will assist the TJPA as it recruits to fill the position immediately.

Regarding COVID-19, Ms. Madjus Wu reported the TJPA is pleased to see the City slowly reopen, with hopes to move into the yellow-tier in a few weeks, as positive COVID-19 rates continue to decrease, and vaccinations increase. The TJPA continues to work with Biederman Redevelopment Ventures and noted public programming activities resumed on April 1, 2021 at Salesforce Park, which included fitness and photography. She also reported that attendance at

the activities and interest to rent public space for events has increased and noted the TJPA plans to add more activities in the coming weeks, as the City continues to reopen services. The TJPA continues to monitor and adhere to all guidance from the City's Health Officer and provide commuters and visitors of the Transit Center the most-up-to-date information about mask wearing and social distancing, while ensuring enhanced cleaning protocols remain in place.

### 3. Approval of Meeting Minutes: March 9, 2021

Mr. Fahnestock suggested that Jim Patrick's public comment under Item 4 on the March 9 agenda maybe should have referenced Islais Creek not Mission Creek. Chair Holt stated that Staff would look into and resolve before finalizing the March 9 Minutes.

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

### 4. Overview of Transbay Program (90 minutes)

TJPA staff, which included Interim Executive Director (ED) Nila Gonzales, Senior Construction Manager Dennis Turchon, CFO Erin Roseman, Facility Director John Updike, Chief Security Officer Rodney Harris, Interim Downtown Rail Extension (DTX) Project Director Stephen Polechronis, and Communications and Legislative Affairs Manager Lily Madjus Wu, collectively presented the item.

Chair Holt noted his appreciation towards Interim ED Gonzales and staff for the presentation, as this is something the CAC has been looking forward to for quite some time. Mr. Planthold also expressed his appreciation towards the TJPA for the presentation and praised it for being highly detailed, yet easily digestible.

Vice Chair Aftab thanked Ms. Roseman for the work she has done during her tenure with TJPA and asked about the use of Bond Financing by the TJPA during Phase 1. Ms. Roseman stated that for Phase 1, the Net Tax Increment was used to secure a Transportation Infrastructure Finance and Innovation Act loan, which was refinanced with Tax Allocation Bonds in 2020.

Ms. Stull thanked Mr. Harris for the work he does to keep the Transit Center secure and asked Ms. Roseman are there any income vulnerabilities as it relates to Salesforce not occupying Salesforce Tower as it would pre-COVID-19. Ms. Roseman stated there is value in Net Tax Increment revenue that the TJPA receives from Boston Properties, the owner of Salesforce Tower, based on the value of the property. She noted that San Francisco has a provision for property tax that guarantees a baseline value based on the Teeter Plan.

Mr. Wong stated that transit centers are likely to be targeted by terrorists or active shooters and asked whether tabletop trainings or walkthrough exercises are being conducted with the San Francisco Police Department. Mr. Harris confirmed that various trainings and exercises take place on a regular basis to ensure the safety of all those who visit the Transit Center.

Mr. Planthold expressed concern regarding buildings located near the Transit Center that are requesting reduction in value and asked if the TJPA is monitoring. He also asked if an underground tunnel that connects the Transit Center to BART is still being considered as a possible option. Mr. Planthold also expressed concern regarding the lack of accessibility options for people with disabilities and asked who the best point of contact at the TJPA is to address these concerns. Interim ED Gonzales stated the BART Pedestrian Connection would be addressed in the Phase 2 portion of the presentation and noted it is still part of the Phase 2 scope. She also stated the TJPA worked with the Mayor's Office on Disability to build and create the Transit Center, especially as it relates to accessibility options for people with disabilities, and encouraged Mr. Planthold (and other CAC Members) to reach out to Ms. Madjus Wu, the CAC liaison, with their questions so she can direct to appropriate TJPA staff. Regarding buildings located near the Transit Center, Ms. Roseman stated that those buildings are enrolled in the Teeter Plan and noted that the City and County of San Francisco ensures that all taxing entities receive appropriate tax revenue in the event that there is a payment delinquency.

#### Public Comment:

Roland Lebrun referenced slide 5 of the presentation and stated the problem started there. He also referenced slide 32 of the presentation and questioned how the project can be successful, if the Pennsylvania Avenue Extension is not a considerable option.

#### 5. Election of Chair and Vice Chair

Jackson Fahnestock nominated Derrick Holt as Chair and Dan Bell seconded the nomination. There were no other nominations or members of the public wishing to comment. A motion to approve Derrick Holt as Chair was approved by a unanimous voice vote. Derrick Holt nominated Belal Aftab as Vice Chair and Jackson Fahnestock seconded the nomination. There were no other nominations or members of the public wishing to comment. A motion to approve Belal Aftab as Vice Chair was approved by a unanimous voice vote.

#### 6. Public Comment

Roland Lebrun thanked Interim ED Gonzales and staff for the presentation and suggested the TJPA use it annually as members are added to the CAC. Mr. Lebrun referenced Mr. Polechronis's memo to the San Francisco County Transportation Authority and noted the DTX alignment was not designed to connect to the East Bay. He stated the current design of the DTX alignment makes it impossible for riders to board or exit the train as half will remain stuck in the throat of the Transit Center.

#### 7. CAC Member Comments & Future Agenda Requests

Future agenda requests include 1) train doors and platform heights for DTX; 2) review of bus and traffic circulation in the area surrounding the Transit Center; 3) update from Pearl Media on digital signage; 4) AC Transit update on reinstating the Bus Only Lane on the Bay Bridge; 5) Presentation on the rebranding and outreach plans for Phase 2/DTX; and 6) Legislative Update.

Note that agenda Item 4 above satisfies the previous future agenda request that was on this list and is now removed.

#### 8. Adjourn

Chair Holt adjourned the meeting 7:40 p.m.

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