TRANSBAY JOINT POWERS AUTHORITY
CITIZENS ADVISORY COMMITTEE

MINUTES

Tuesday, May 9, 2023

TJPA Office
425 Mission Street, Suite 250
San Francisco, CA

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

CITIZENS ADVISORY COMMITTEE

Brian Larkin, Chair
Vice Chair, vacant

Paul Bendix
Richard Burnett
Gabriel Chan
Charles Lavery
Pedro Mendez

Mark Monte
Martin Munoz
Anthony Nachor
Hunter Oatman-Stanford

Mark O’Dell
Natasha Paterson
Andrew Robinson
Eric Schatmeier
Brian Shaw

Executive Director
Staff Liaison
CAC Secretary

Adam Van de Water
Lily Madjus Wu
Herschell Larrick
PUBLIC PARTICIPATION

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AGENDA

1. Call to Order

Chair Larkin called the meeting to order at 5:35 p.m.


Members Absent: Gabriel Chan and Andrew Robinson.

2. Staff Report (10 minutes)

Lily Madjus Wu, TJPA Communications and Legislative Affairs Director, presented the Staff Report.

3. Approval of Meeting Minutes: March 7, 2023

There was no member of the public wishing to comment. A motion to approve the minutes was made by Chair Larkin and seconded by Member Schatmeier. A unanimous vote approved the motion.
4. Presentation by the California High-Speed Rail Authority on the status of the California High-Speed Rail project (20 minutes)

Morgan Galli, California High-Speed Rail Authority Northern California Deputy Regional Director, presented this item.

5. Downtown Rail Extension Workplan Schedule Update (5 minutes)

Alfonso Rodriguez, TJPA Project Director, presented the item.

*Member Oatman-Stanford departed meeting at end of item 5.*

6. Facility Operations Update (10 minutes)

R.E. Walsh, TJPA Facility Director, presented the item.

7. Contract Security Quarterly Report (5 minutes)

Rodney Harris, TJPA Chief Security Officer, presented the item.

8. Election of Chair and Vice Chair

Mark O’Dell nominated Brian Larkin as Chair and Martin Munoz seconded the nomination. Brian Larkin accepted the nomination. There were no other nominations or members of the public wishing to comment. A motion to approve Brian Larkin as Chair was approved by a unanimous voice vote of members in attendance. Mark O’Dell nominated Brian Shaw as Vice Chair and Brian Larkin seconded the nomination. Brian Shaw accepted the nomination. There were no other nominations or members of the public wishing to comment. A motion to approve Brian Shaw as Vice Chair was approved by a unanimous voice vote of members in attendance.

9. Public Comment

Jim Patrick shared a handout of a graph titled: “BART Ridership Mo/Em: 1.5 year’s difference”. He explained that it shows how much BART ridership has been down since the pandemic. He also stated that he believes the current fentanyl drug crisis will impact transportation policies and he urged the CAC to consider taking a stand on the issue.

10. CAC Member Comments & Future Agenda Requests

Member Nachor informed the CAC that he is a member of two transit advocacy groups: Seamless and San Francisco Transit Riders, and he shared an interest in collaborating with TJPA on an event for Transit Month in September 2023.

Member Paterson requested that CAC meeting agenda items be posted in advance of the meeting, per TJPA typical process, to ensure adequate review of materials shared at the meeting.
Future agenda requests include: 1) presentation on train doors and platform heights; 2) AC Transit update on reinstating the Bus Only Lane on the Bay Bridge; 3) San Francisco County Transportation Authority update on Southeast Railyard Station Study and Pennsylvania Avenue Extension (PAX); 4) presentation on programming for future train station beneath the Transit Center to assist with Operating and Maintenance costs.

Secretary Larrick noted that Agenda Item 4, Presentation by the California High-Speed Rail Authority on the status of the California High-Speed Rail project, fulfilled the prior item requesting an update on the California High Speed Rail project status; and stated that it would be removed from the Future Agenda Requests list.

11. Adjourn

Chair Larkin adjourned the meeting at 7:28 p.m.

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