



**TRANSBAY JOINT POWERS AUTHORITY
CITIZENS ADVISORY COMMITTEE**

MEETING MINUTES
Tuesday, December 13, 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

Executive Director
Mark Zabaneh

Staff Liaison
Scott Boule

CAC Secretary
Eddie Phillips

1. Call to Order

Chair Agid called the meeting to order at 5:30 pm.

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

Members Absent: Paolo Cosulich-Schwartz, Robert Feinbaum, Helen Han, Charley Lavery, and Patty-Jo Rutland.

A quorum was achieved.

2. Staff Report

Scott Boule, TJPA Legislative Affairs and Community Outreach Manager, presented the report. Mr. Boule began with announcing that the San Francisco County Transportation Commission is expected to reconsider TJPA's pending request for a Proposition K allocation to fund additional preliminary engineering and design work for Phase 2 at their January 5, 2017 meeting. Mr. Boule also stated that on November 17, 2016 the Metropolitan Transportation Commission (MTC) and the Association of Bay Area Governments approved a final preferred scenario for Plan Bay Area that continues to designate Phase 2 as a regional priority for federal New Starts funding, which is a major component of the Phase 2 funding plan. The California Transportation Commission moved forward with final approval of a significant reduction in lease rates for the Caltrans owned land under I-80 where the Bus Storage Facility for AC Transit will be constructed. This is an essential component of Phase 1. Construction will begin in 2017 and is scheduled to be complete in 2018. Chair Agid asked that the TJPA follow up on the discussion at the December TJPA Board meeting regarding working with the San Francisco Planning Department to develop an integrated road map for moving forward with both Phase 2 and the Railyard Alternatives and I-280 Boulevard Feasibility study.

3. Approval of Meeting Minutes: November 7, 2016

There were no edits requested to the minutes, and no member of the public wishing to comment on the minutes. A motion to approve the minutes was made by Vice-Chair Post and seconded by Sean McGarry. A unanimous voice vote approved the motion.

4. Presentation by the San Francisco Planning Department and San Francisco Public Works of the Transit Center District Implementation of the Public Realm Improvements

Shannon Cairns, Project Manager with San Francisco Department of Public Works, and Paul Chasen, Urban Planner/Urban Designer with the San Francisco Planning Department, presented the item. Chair Agid asked what methodology was used in determining the signalized and non-signalized crosswalks. Mr. Chasen and Joyce Oishi, with the TJPA Program Management/Program Controls team, described the methodology used. Vice-Chair Post asked what the TJPA would be doing regarding the roadways and sidewalks surrounding the Transit Center. Ms. Oishi described the improved sidewalks and roadways and stated that some of the sidewalks would be widened as part of the overall improvements to improve pedestrian circulation. Chair Agid asked for further clarification regarding bus circulation on Mission Street. Executive Director Zabaneh suggested scheduling a future presentation with staff from the San Francisco Municipal Transportation Agency (SFMTA) that would focus on traffic circulation around the Transit Center. Chair Agid asked for information regarding the MUNI 12 Folsom extension, including why it was being held-up and the timeline for bringing it back. Mr. Chasen stated that it is an ongoing discussion with SFMTA and is impacted by construction activities along Folsom Street. Completion appears to be a year or more away.

5. Progress Update from Greater Rincon Hill Community Benefit District

Andrew Robinson, Executive Director of the Greater Rincon Hill Community Benefit District (GRHCBD), presented the item. GRHCBD is a 501(c)(3) non-profit corporation supported by property owners within the District. The GRHCBD advances the quality of life for residents, workers, and visitors in the Community Benefit District (CBD by fostering a safer and more secure community, enhancing environmental quality and beauty, and reinforcing the viability of the area's economic base. The CBD encompasses 57 city blocks and will be covering approximately 80% of the operations and maintenance costs for the Transit Center's Rooftop park. It will also be responsible for operations and maintenance of other existing and planned parks in the Transbay neighborhood. The CBD currently has three primary areas of focus: 1) Street and Sidewalk services, 2) Homeless and Quality of Life issues, and 3) Neighborhood Security. The CBD is working on a branding exercise to rename the District to better identify it as a distinct new downtown neighborhood with unique amenities. Alice Rogers asked if the CBD will be integrating the POPOS (Privately Owned Public Open Spaces) into the neighborhood plan. Mr. Robinson confirmed the POPOS would be integrated into the plan. Mr. Robinson also stated that a joint oversight committee for the Transit Center's Rooftop park will be comprised of 4 CBD and 4 TJPA appointees. Member of the public Shari Tavaf asked about oversight of the Rooftop park and how it would change when the trains start coming into the Transit Center. Mr. Robinson stated that the CBD as formed will exist for 15 years before being up for renewal, so current plans anticipate ramping up services as the neighborhood grows and develops. Member of the public Jim Patrick questioned why the CBD should exist to provide services that the City should be providing. Mr. Robinson stated that the CBD was created to supplement and not replace existing City services, and that part of the CBD's responsibility is to be an advocate to ensure that City services are provided as promised.

6. Construction Update

Dennis Turchon, TJPA Senior Construction Manager, and Ron Alameida, Director of Design and Construction for the TTC, presented the update. Vice-Chair Post asked if staff is feeling confident that transit operations will be ready when the Transit Center is ready. Mr. Alameida stated that ongoing meetings with our transit agency partners are taking place to accomplish that goal. Chair Agid asked about the schedule for giving AC Transit access to the Transit Center for training purposes. Executive Director Zabaneh stated that coordination with AC Transit is occurring to give them access for training without impeding Webcor's construction progress. Vice-Chair Post recommended public outreach to ensure there is no confusion regarding when bus operations will actually begin. Mr. Boule stated that the TJPA is putting out a Request for Proposal in January for community outreach and public relations services for the transition into Phase 1 operations. Anthony Birdsey asked if tenant improvements can be completed prior to substantial completion. Mr. Alameida stated that not all of the retail will be in place at opening of the Transit Center, but the team will work with the Master Lessee to have as much as possible in place by then. Chair Agid asked if cost savings relative to the Phase 1 budget will be used to pay down the financing provided by the City and MTC to complete Phase 1. Staff explained that the financing is structured so that only what is needed is drawn down. If the draw down is less than anticipated then the

funds that would have been used to repay those amounts will go towards Phase 2 instead. Member of the public Roland LeBrun asked when the holiday lights on the bus ramp would be turned on. Mr. Boule said they already were being turned on each night. Jim Patrick asked about progress on the pedestrian bridges that connect to the Rooftop park. Mr. Alameida stated that they are currently being constructed for Salesforce Tower and 181 Fremont. Parcel F will also include a pedestrian bridge connection to the Rooftop park when it is constructed. Member of the public Ted Olsson emphasized the importance of the having the Vision Zero Task Force and related City officials work with the TJPA to ensure pedestrian and bike safety in the area surrounding the Transit Center. Mr. Patrick asked about the timeline regarding the Supplemental Environmental Impact Study/Environmental Impact Report. Executive Director Zabaneh stated that it was undergoing final review by FTA with an anticipated January/February 2017 timeframe for finalizing it. Mr. Patrick asked about the Master Lessee and the timeline for tenants. Executive Director Zabaneh stated that the Master Lessee agreement is anticipated for award in the first quarter of 2017. Once the Master Lessee is on board, TJPA will work with them to bring tenants on as quickly as possible. However, this will be a multi-year ramp-up, which is common for large scale projects such as this. He also stated that the fee structure will incentivize the Master Lessee to bring in tenants as quickly as possible, and this could include “pop-ups” and other temporary retail. Chair Agid asked that the CAC be kept up to date on the timing for activation of retail and beginning of operations. Mr. Alameida stated that those are high priorities this year as we head towards substantial completion. The top priority is to get transit operational and running smoothly as close as possible to the date of substantial completion.

7. Public Comment

Mr. LeBrun offered to share his thoughts regarding other successful tunnel projects and how they relate to the goals of the Transbay Program. Chair Agid suggested he send the information to the CAC Secretary who would share it with the CAC members.

8. CAC Member Comments & Future Agenda Requests

Anthony Birdsey asked for additional information regarding disability access ramps and audio in the area surrounding the Transit Center. Other pending future agenda items include: 1) transition into operations at the TTC and AC Transit’s readiness, 2) timing for activation of retail spaces, 3) discussion with the Director of the City’s new Department of Homelessness and Supportive Housing regarding a proactive strategy to prevent homeless encampments once the TTC opens, 4) a review of the plans for Mission Square, and 5) review of bus and traffic circulation in the area surrounding the Transit Center.

9. Adjourn

Chair Agid adjourned the meeting at 7:29 pm.