



**TRANSBAY JOINT POWERS AUTHORITY  
CITIZENS ADVISORY COMMITTEE**

**MEETING MINUTES**

Tuesday, June 12, 2018

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  
Jackson Fahnestock

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  
Skip Sowko

CAC Secretary  
Julie Markus

1. Call to Order

Chair Agid called the meeting to order at 5:34pm.

Members Present: Chair Agid, Belal Aftab, Paul Bendix, Don Dickerson, Jackson Fahnestock, Robert Feinbaum, Helen Han, Vice Chair Holt, Amy Jalili, Nathan Morales and Patty-Jo Rutland

Members Absent: Charley Lavery, Gloria Li, Sean McGarry, and Howard Wong

## 2. Staff Report

Skip Sowko, TJPA Senior Design & Engineering Manager, presented the following report. Zeny Durano, TJPA Project Assistant, will serve as an alternate for the TJPA CAC Secretary, Julie Markus, as needed. The TJPA, its partners, and transit operators are hosting a series of events to commemorate and celebrate the opening of the Salesforce Transit Center. The events are planned to educate existing and potential transit riders about the new transportation opportunities available with a focus on attracting visitors to the center by promoting the park and its year-round activities, shopping and dining options, public art, etc. Ambassadors will begin a multilingual outreach program this week to promote the June 16, 2018 start of Muni service at the bus plaza— for bus lines 5, 5R, 7, 38 and 38R. The San Francisco Municipal Transportation Agency (SFMTA) will use multilingual signage, maps, and handouts, social media and ambassadors to promote the start of service. Chair Agid asked about the press release from Muni about the 6 Haight/Parnassus line and why it was not starting on June 16 along with the other lines. Mr. Sowko said that he would find out from Muni since this line was not scheduled to come to the bus plaza at this time. Chair Agid noticed on the site tour that part of the overhead catenary system (OCS) was up; however, the other part on the north side did not appear fully connected. Mr. Sowko stated that full OCS does not need to be operational for the bus plaza opening on June 16. Mr. Sowko also reported that later in the summer, the TJPA and bus deck operators will undertake a similar campaign to educate riders about the opening and the facility, which will also be accompanied by a series of events. He went on to report that public tours will be advertised through local neighbor networks and community-based organizations, which will occur one week before opening to offer the public a sneak peek of the completed transit center. A formal ceremonial ribbon cutting will take place before revenue service begins, and the TJPA will host a neighborhood block party featuring music, fitness classes, arts and crafts, tours, and dance performances. The TJPA has raised funds to cover the costs of these public events, and all events will be free and open to the public. Mr. Sowko explained that the TJPA has organized comprehensive and culturally competent outreach to transit riders, community-based organizations, the public, local builders, architects, designers, small businesses, and civic and business leaders. The TJPA is on track for a summer 2018 opening pending **Webcor Obayashi Joint Venture's** (W/O) meeting some key construction milestones. Regional Measure 3 was passed by voters; as of June 11, the combined results for RM3, which provides \$325 million for Phase 2, show 55% in favor and 45% opposed. The measure required a simple majority to pass. The votes are expected to be certified during the first week of July. Mr. Sowko went on to report that the Federal Transit Administration (FTA) will be sending their final comments to the TJPA on the Supplemental Environmental Impact Statement/Environmental Impact Report (SEIS/EIR). The TJPA will revise the document as needed based on the FTA comments in order to obtain their approval. The TJPA plans to release the document in time to meet the July TJPA Board meeting, dependent on receiving FTA's comments. A public meeting was held by the San Francisco Planning Department to summarize the findings from the Rail Alignment and Benefits (RAB) Study (previously the Railyard Alternatives & I-280 Boulevard Study). The preliminary preferred alignment for Caltrain and California High-Speed Rail is the Pennsylvania Avenue Alignment (DTX + and extended tunnel). He also stated that community members were invited to provide input on the alignment, adjacent land use opportunities, and next steps. The TJPA has been working with the San Francisco County Transportation Authority (SFCTA) to acquire Prop K funding

to advance 30% design. The request will be presented at the SFCTA's CAC meeting on June 27, 2018, as well as the SFCTA Board meetings in July.

### 3. Approval of Meeting Minutes: May 8, 2018

- Chair Agid asked for clarification on the second sentence in the staff report. The sentence was modified as follows: Tilly Chang, Executive Director for the San Francisco County Transportation Authority (SFCTA), was appointed by the San Francisco Board of Supervisors to be the alternate to the two Board of Supervisor appointed seats on the TJPA Board of Directors.
- Chair Agid asked the following sentence in the staff report be modified: Chair Agid asked if the money would be helping to fund the remaining 25% (which is only electrifying 75% of the of the fleet).

A motion to approve the minutes was made by Mr. Fahnestock and seconded by Mr. Aftab. There was no member of the public wishing to comment. A unanimous voice vote approved the motion with the above changes incorporated.

### 4. Presentation by the San Francisco Planning Department on the RAB Study

Susan Gygi, San Francisco Planning Department Railyard Program Manager, presented the report. Mr. Feinbaum stated that since the Pennsylvania Avenue option requires additional funding of 2.2 billion, he feels the City and County of San Francisco should come up with the money to fund the project. Chair Agid mentioned that a few CAC members are part of the RAB Citizens Working Group and the CWG unanimously approved the RAB Study at the May 21, 2018 meeting because they felt it best met the key criteria.

### 5. Construction Update

Dennis Turchon, TJPA Senior Construction Manager, and Ron Alameida, San Francisco Public Works Director of Design & Construction for the transit center presented the construction update. Chair Agid mentioned that it appears from the update that the TJPA will only have partial Temporary Certificate of Occupancy (TCO) on June 15. Mr. Alameida stated that W/O has what is needed for partial TCO for the June 16 Muni start date at the Bus Plaza. He also mentioned that additional items transpired at the end of May 2018 during AC Transit bus testing of the bus ramp and bus deck and are being addressed. These items are now in the process of being implemented prior to the beginning of bus training.

### 6. Facility Readiness Update

Martha Velez, TJPA Facility Manager, with support from Sidonie Sansom, TJPA Chief Security Officer, presented the update. Chair Agid suggested a slight edit to the "progress by date" slide within the presentation. Ms. Velez acknowledged the change and stated that she would adjust the slide. Mr. Feinbaum asked if Ms. Velez was able to negotiate with other bike share vendors. He referred to the example of the Oakland BART station that has an exclusive agreement with Ford GoBike. He also said that several LimeBikes show up on a daily basis and went on to suggest that the TJPA should think about having a few more bike

vendors for the transit center. Ms. Velez stated the agreement was negotiated with Ford GoBike and the Metropolitan Transportation Commission and that there is a lot of flexibility within the agreement. In response to the presentation given by Ms. Velez, Mr. Fahnestock mentioned a place called Grandville Island, a public market located in Vancouver, British Columbia which he said has been transformed into an artsy, posh neighborhood with quaint shops, cafes and bookstores. Ms. Velez stated that the TJPA will look into it and reiterated that there is much interest in the transit center by many unique vendors.

#### 7. Presentation of the digital signage program by Pearl Media

Anthony Petrillo, Chief Revenue Officer, and Daniel Odham, Senior Vice President of Productions, gave the presentation. Mr. Feinbaum asked how Pearl would interface with the NextBus system and how it intends to provide “real time” information. Mr. Odham explained that when Muni or AC Transit makes changes on the back end, those changes will be instantly transmitted to the transit center in real time. He also stated that Muni will not only use NextBus for arrival/departure times but also plans to provide the number of people on each bus so, for example, riders can determine how crowded a bus will be upon arrival to the center. Executive Director Zabaneh asked at what point advertisements will begin to be displayed at the center. Mr. Petrillo stated that advertisements will begin to be displayed in the Grand Hall sometime in October; however, transit information will be displayed upon the opening of the transit center.

#### 8. Public Comment

None.

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

Chair Agid recommended that the TJPA invite past CAC members to be part of the grand opening ceremonies. He also suggested displaying a model of the future transit center showing the trains to let riders know exactly how the center will operate.

Future agenda requests include: 1) review of bus and traffic circulation in the area surrounding the transit center; 2) train doors and platform heights for the DTX; 3) follow-up presentation by the City’s Vision Zero Task Force; and, 4) presentation on updated plans for Phase 2 funding.

#### 10. Adjourn

Chair Agid adjourned the meeting at 7:31pm

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