

**TRANSBAY JOINT POWERS AUTHORITY  
CITIZENS ADVISORY COMMITTEE**

**MEETING MINUTES**

Tuesday, January 8, 2019

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  
Vacant

CAC Secretary  
Julie Markus

1. Call to Order

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

Members Present: Bruce Agid, Paul Bendix, Jackson Fahnestock, Robert Feinbaum, Helen Han, Derrick Holt, Charley Lavery, Nathan Morales, Patty-Jo Rutland, and Howard Wong

Members Absent: Belal Aftab, Don Dickerson, Amy Jalili, Gloria Li, and Sean McGarry

2. Staff Report

Executive Director Zabaneh presented the update. He reported that Skip Sowko, TJPA Senior Design and Engineering Manager, retired at the end of December 2018. He further reported that the TJPA is currently waiting for an amended Record of Decision (ROD) from the Federal

Transit Administration (FTA) for the Supplemental Environmental Impact Statement /Environmental Impact Report (SEIS/EIR). Additionally, he reported that the San Francisco County Transportation Authority (SFCTA) issued a Request for Proposal (RFP) to conduct a review of international mega rail project delivery best practices and assist in the review and evaluation of alternative governance and oversight arrangements for management and delivery of the Downtown Rail Extension (DTX) project and advise on overall funding and a project delivery strategy. He stated the effort led by the SFCTA is forecasted for completion in May 2019. He also reported the TJPA Board of Directors concurred with reaching out to the American Public Transportation Association (APTA) for feasibility on performing an independent Peer Review Study to include an evaluation of the processes and procedures implemented in Phase 1 and recommended improvements for Phase 2. This review would be done by APTA's Technical Services and Innovation Department which is made up of public industry leaders with expertise in delivery of large complex public infrastructure projects. He said the APTA peer review is not meant to compete with the SFCTA review, but to complement it. Executive Director Zabaneh further reported that the Pennsylvania Avenue Extension (PAX) would be presented to the TJPA Board for consideration to be included into the Transbay Program at a future TJPA Board Meeting. Chair Agid requested an update on the review being conducted by the SFCTA and the Controller's office on the governance and oversight of TJPA management of the Phase 1 project. Executive Director Zabaneh stated that he will follow up with SFCTA about an update and report back to the CAC. Chair Agid also mentioned that he asked for an update be provided to the CAC every 4-6 weeks from SFCTA which he will mention again at the TJPA Board meeting on Thursday, January 10, 2019 during the CAC update.

### 3. Approval of Meeting Minutes: December 11, 2018

Chair Agid asked that the following sentences in the staff report be modified:

- Chair Agid suggested a review of security resources at the transit center to determine if there were opportunities to reduce costs during the period that the center was temporarily closed.
- Chair Agid expressed concerns about the transit operators being required to close an additional gap on operating and maintenance costs if retail revenues fall below forecasts.

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

### 4. Update on Construction and Temporary Closure of the Salesforce Transit Center

Dennis Turchon, TJPA Senior Construction Manager, and Ron Alameida of San Francisco Public Works, Director of Design & Construction for the Transit Center, presented the update. Chair Agid provided suggestions on slides related to the temporary closure of the transit center and Mr. Turchon acknowledged and appreciated the feedback. Mr. Fahnestock

suggested that the TJPA should consider working on a strategy for rebuilding consumer confidence by assuring the public that there is a permanent fix in the works in an attempt to build excitement for the reopening of the transit center.

## 5. Public Comment

Roland Lebrun felt that there is push back by the TJPA on the implementation of acoustic monitoring on the structure at the transit center which would detect cracks as they form. Executive Director Zabaneh stated that the TJPA has not ruled out the prospect of structural acoustic monitoring.

Adrian Caratowsa, East Cut Community Benefit District, requested reassurance that the building is seismically sound and safe. Mr. Turchon stated that the design of the repair is seismically robust and meets the original design criteria.

## 6. CAC Member Comments & Future Agenda Requests

Future agenda requests include: 1) Update on the schedule and funding of DTX and PAX; 2) train doors and platform heights for the DTX; 3) review of bus and traffic circulation in the area surrounding the transit center; 4) follow-up presentation by the City's Vision Zero Task Force; 5) Update from Pearl Media on digital signage; and, 6) Caltrain operational plans.

## 7. Adjourn

Chair Agid adjourned the meeting at 7:25pm.

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