

**TRANSBAY JOINT POWERS AUTHORITY
CITIZENS ADVISORY COMMITTEE**

MEETING MINUTES

Tuesday, April 9, 2019

TJPA Office
201 Mission Street, Suite 2100
San Francisco, CA

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

CITIZENS ADVISORY COMMITTEE

Vacant, Chair
Derrick Holt, Vice Chair

Belal Aftab
Dan Bell
Paul Bendix
Don Dickerson
Robert Feinbaum

Amy Jalili
Charley Lavery
Gloria Li
Sean McGarry

Nathan Morales
Andrew Robinson
Patty-Jo Rutland
Owen Stephens
Howard Wong

Executive Director
Mark Zabaneh

Staff Liaison
Vacant

CAC Secretary
Julie Markus

1. Call to Order

Vice Chair Holt called the meeting to order at 5:34 p.m.

2. Roll Call

Members Present: Belal Aftab, Dan Bell, Paul Bendix, Don Dickerson, Robert Feinbaum, Derrick Holt, Amy Jalili, Charley Lavery, Sean McGarry, Nathan Morales, Andrew Robinson, Patty-Jo Rutland, Owen Stephens, and Howard Wong

Members Absent: Gloria Li

Charley Lavery and Nathan Morales arrived during Item 3.

3. Staff Report

Executive Director Zabaneh welcomed the newly appointed CAC members Dan Bell, Andrew Robinson, and Owen Stephens who introduced themselves. Executive Director Zabaneh reported that significant progress was being made on the girders on Fremont and First Streets and stated that a detailed update would be provided later in the agenda. He provided an update on the peer review being conducted by the American Public Transportation Association (APTA) and indicated that a kickoff meeting was held in March and APTA anticipates providing a draft report in April followed by a final report and presentation to the TJPA Board in May. Additionally, he provided an update on the Record of Decision (ROD) from the Federal Transit Administration (FTA) regarding the Supplemental Environmental Impact Statement/Environmental Impact Report (SEIS/EIR) for the Downtown Rail Extension (DTX)/Phase 2. He also stated the draft operational and capital budgets will be presented at the CAC May meeting. Executive Director Zabaneh reported that a San Francisco Superior Court judge recently dismissed the lawsuit against Regional Measure 3 (RM3), which raises tolls on the region's state-owned bridges and provides funding for transportation projects in the Bay Area. TJPA expects RM3 funds to be available sometime this summer which will revive the DTX project. Executive Director Zabaneh announced that the regularly scheduled May 2019 CAC meeting falls after the May 2019 TJPA Board Meeting and, therefore, suggested scheduling a Special CAC meeting on the Tuesday prior, which was May 7, 2019. The CAC members agreed that holding a Special Meeting on May 7, 2019 was appropriate.

Martha Velez, TJPA Facility Manager, provided a Retail Leasing update.

Mr. Feinbaum asked if Eddie Rickenbacker's was moving into the rooftop park restaurant space and Ms. Velez stated that the business will be leasing space on the ground floor near the Natoma Street side. Ms. Jalili asked if there was potential for a grocery type store at the transit center and Ms. Velez replied that Colliers reached out to potential tenants in that type of market but, at this time, there has not been interest.

Mr. Wong asked how much of the RM3 funds would be designated to Phase 2/DTX and Executive Director Zabaneh stated that the amount could be around \$3.25 million; however, details regarding disbursement are forthcoming.

4. San Francisco County Transportation Authority Peer Review Update

Luis Zurinaga, San Francisco County Transportation Authority (SFCTA), provided the update. He reported that a kick-off meeting was held with the SFCTA's peer review panel and stakeholder groups on April 8, 2019, where the group discussed the history of the TJPA, project background, and work completed to date in addition to reviewing the processes and procedures implemented in Phase 1 and the plan to recommend improvements for Phase 2. He stated that an all-day workshop will be held on June 5, 2019 for the stakeholders to look at the recommendations by the panel resulting in recommendations to help guide the future of the DTX. Mr. Zurinaga also indicated interviews of the stakeholders and panel were ongoing.

Mr. Feinbaum mentioned that the recommendations by the peer review panel were due at the end of May 2019 and that the schedule seems to have slipped. Mr. Zurinaga stated there has been difficulty scheduling such a large group of people on the panel and, therefore, the report will now be presented to the SFCTA Board in June 2019.

Public Comment:

Jim Patrick stated the importance of releasing the SFCTA final report to the public. Mr. Patrick also expressed concern about the amount of money being spent on the SFCTA review.

5. Caltrain Business Plan Presentation

Casey Fromson, Director of Government and Community Affairs with Caltrain, presented the update. Mr. Aftab stated he is a daily Caltrain rider and he commended Ms. Fromson on the presentation which he felt was very helpful. He asked about forecasted ridership with electrification between the north and south of the corridor with the increase of Caltrain service. Ms. Fromson stated that the current percentage of ridership is at 40-60% going from San Francisco to San Jose but with the increased services, the balance is forecasted to be an even fifty percent from one end of the corridor to the other, which is unique. Mr. Feinbaum asked what the plans were for the 4th and King railyard and Ms. Fromson stated that the railyard will be part of the Caltrain electrification plan, as Caltrain is taking a holistic approach by taking into account the DTX, the Pennsylvania Avenue extension (PAX), and right-of-way passages. Mr. Feinbaum stated that it would be a mistake if the City were to eliminate the railyard, as it could affect electrification operations. Mr. Feinbaum suggested that Caltrain strongly look at the policy of bicycles and Ms. Fromson stated that with the electrification program, two full cars will be dedicated to bikes. She also indicated that on April 17, 2019, Caltrain will hold a public workshop with the Bicycle Advisory Committee and the Caltrain CAC, as they are conducting a thorough analysis and reexamining the layout of bike parking and mobility, such as bike share or scooters at stations and the results would be presented to the Caltrain Board by June.

Public Comment:

Ted Olsson suggested that Caltrain work with the City with regard to the 4th and King railyard.

Jim Patrick stated that he would like to see a tunnel built for a connection to Treasure Island and the East Bay in the future.

Roland Lebrun said that Gillian Gillet, Chair of the Peninsula Corridor Joint Powers Board of Directors, has asked Caltrain staff to look at level boarding for the new Hillsdale platforms. He said that at a State Senate Transportation Committee hearing on March 26, 2019, he asked for the resignation of the individual responsible for the two sets of doors at different heights and feels the solution is double-length trains capable of carrying 2,000 passengers during peak hours. He feels it is the only scenario with the potential for vacating the 4th and

King railyard because double-length platforms at the transit center have the same capacity as the existing railyard.

6. 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. Ms. Jalili asked if the warranty covers the work being done to fix the path on the rooftop park and Mr. Alameida stated that the path is still covered under warranty, and the team has recently come to an agreement with Webcor/Obayashi Joint Venture to install a new path. Mr. Feinbaum asked about whether concrete or stone would be installed and Mr. Alameida stated that it is being worked out with the contractor, but the TJPA is looking at the most durable but economical material to replace the pathway. Mr. Lavery asked if there will be any ongoing monitoring of the structure of the building and Mr. Turchon stated that the TJPA is looking into all options regarding structural monitoring. Mr. Feinbaum asked if the TJPA has an opening date for the transit center and Executive Director Zabaneh stated that the TJPA has started working with the transit operators on preparations for reopening of the center.

Public Comment:

Ted Olsson congratulated the team on the resolution of the girders.
Roland Lebrun recommended structural monitoring for the transit center.

Jim Patrick suggested visiting the west end of the transit center, near the Natoma Street entrance, because he feels the City did a phenomenal job with the lights and street patterns.

7. Approval of Meeting Minutes: February 12, 2019 and March 12, 2019

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

8. Election of Chair and Vice Chair

Patty-Jo Rutland nominated Derrick Holt as Chair and Belal Aftab seconded the motion. Howard Wong nominated Robert Feinbaum as Chair, but Mr. Feinbaum respectfully declined. 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 vote. Derrick Holt nominated Belal Aftab as Vice-Chair and Patty-Jo Rutland seconded the motion. 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 vote.

9. Public Comment

None.

10. CAC Member Comments & Future Agenda Requests

Mr. Feinbaum requested an updated list of CAC email addresses be distributed to the CAC and CAC Secretary Markus confirmed that she would send the list after the meeting.

Future agenda requests include: 1) Update on the schedule and funding of the 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; and, 5) Update from Pearl Media on digital signage.

11. Adjourn

Vice Chair Holt adjourned the meeting at 7:34 p.m.

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