

**TRANSBAY JOINT POWERS AUTHORITY  
CITIZENS ADVISORY COMMITTEE**

MEETING MINUTES

Tuesday, November 12, 2019

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

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

CITIZENS ADVISORY COMMITTEE

Derrick Holt, Chair  
Belal Aftab, Vice Chair

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  
Christine Falvey

CAC Secretary  
Julie Markus

1. Call to Order

Chair Holt called the meeting to order at 5:32 p.m.

Members Present: Belal Aftab, Dan Bell, Paul Bendix, Don Dickerson, Robert Feinbaum, Derrick Holt, Charley Lavery, Nathan Morales, Owen Stephens, and Howard Wong

Members Absent: Amy Jalili, Gloria Li, Patty-Jo Rutland, Sean McGarry, and Andrew Robinson

A quorum of members was present.

2. Staff Report

Christine Falvey, TJPA Director of Communications, presented the update. She reported that it was a busy month at the transit center for operations with several events and activities taking place as well as the first of the transit center's tenants moving in. Ms. Falvey stated that there have been ongoing activities related to the Downtown Rail Extension/Phase 2 project during the month. She reported that staff planned for and responded to potential impacts from the

Sonoma wildfires and power outages from PG&E. While the transit center was not impacted, staff took this opportunity to review systems and protocols to ensure the transit center could respond appropriately for such events and emergencies. Ms. Falvey further stated that the TJPA continues to meet with transit operators to improve the experience for transit riders and transit workers on the bus deck and bus plaza. Additionally, the TJPA is responding to requests for minor maintenance issues and is moving forward with plans to enhance wayfinding signage in collaboration with the Metropolitan Transportation Commission (MTC), AC Transit and the San Francisco Municipal Transportation Agency. Ms. Falvey reported that September and October saw large crowds on the rooftop park with exciting new events such as trivia nights and game meetups. These new events joined the regular complement of programs geared toward nearby families and seniors as well as fitness and wellness programs sponsored by Fitness SF. Furthermore, park hours are now 6 a.m. to 8 p.m. for the fall and winter months and a movie night series is now underway. Ms. Falvey further reported the TJPA has tentatively leased four additional spaces at the transit center. She stated that if all four leases are approved and executed, 75 percent of the transit center will be leased. She further stated that the transit center will soon be seeing larger numbers of visitors at the transit center with the first of the tenants opening their doors to the public; Onsite Dental is opening this month and Fitness SF is selling memberships on site in anticipation for their December 27th Grand Opening. Also, Philz Coffee is expected to open their two locations in January 2020 which makes 45 percent of the total retail square footage will be open to the public. Ms. Falvey further reported that the TJPA was happy to cohost a tour with MTC last week for Congressman Rodney Davis of Illinois, a member of the House Transportation and Infrastructure Subcommittee in California and toured the train box at the transit center. Ms. Falvey stated that his focus is to keep California moving and he had positive things to say about the DTX/Phase 2 project.

Ms. Falvey reported that the San Francisco County Transportation Authority (SFCTA) Peer Review is now complete. The TJPA continues to work with stakeholders to implement recommendations from the American Public Transportation Association peer review that was concluded in May 2019. These peer reviews will help strengthen the TJPA's ability to deliver Phase 2 to the people of the Bay Area.

Mr. Feinbaum asked if the transit center has backup generators. Ms. Falvey stated that the TJPA does have backup generators in place in the event of a power outage. Mr. Lavery stated that he feels that by having activities and events for the community and not just transit riders, it will build support for the future. Mr. Feinbaum commended the TJPA on publicity seen around the City promoting the events at the rooftop park.

**Public Comment:**

Jim Patrick suggested that the TJPA place a banner showcasing movie night on the website as it has not been updated in a while.

**3. Approval of Meeting Minutes: September 10, 2019**

Mr. Bell asked if Ms. Falvey's statement regarding tours was in regards to a new tour program. Ms. Falvey stated that tours are by request only at this time, but a year-round tour program is being developed.

A motion to approve the minutes was made by Mr. Lavery and seconded by Mr. Feinbaum. A unanimous voice vote approved the motion.

Public Comment:

Jim Patrick suggested the TJPA reach out to City Guides as they provide walking tours.

4. California High Speed Rail Authority (CHSRA) Preferred Alternative Presentation

Morgan Galli, Communications & Government Relations Coordinator, with James Tung, Senior Engineer with WSB presented the item. Mr. Stephens asked about the safety aspect of not having passing tracks with both Options A & B. Mr. Tung stated that this will be a brand new system and will be maintained at much higher levels than it is today. He further stated that an operations timetable was done with Caltrain and determined that Alternative A without passing tracks would work effectively with blended service. Mr. Feinbaum stated that while previously looking at funding for the DTX/Phase 2 from 4<sup>th</sup> and King to the transit center, the High-Speed Rail project was identified as providing \$550 million to the Downtown Extension Project. Mr. Tung stated that CHSRA will know more once the new version of the 2020 Business Plan is available. Mr. Feinbaum asked if CHSRA will apply for Cap and Trade funds to put toward the DTX/Phase 2 project. Ms. Galli said that CHSRA is eligible for 25 percent of Cap and Trade proceeds until 2030 but at this time, they do not know how much will be prioritized for the DTX/Phase 2 project. Chair Holt extended the CHSRA an invitation to come back to the CAC next year to provide an update on the project.

5. Construction Closeout Update

Dennis Turchon, TJPA Senior Construction Manager, presented the update.

6. Facility Operations Update

Martha Velez, TJPA Facility Manager, presented the update and Sidonie Sansom contributed to the update. Ms. Velez stated that Amtrak moved out of the temporary terminal on October 28, 2019 and their new location was at Mission and Fremont streets. Mr. Bell asked about the outdoor seating plan near Natoma when restaurants open and possible issues associated with the exhaust from the generators from the food trucks. Ms. Velez stated that once the restaurants open, the food trucks will be scaled back. Mr. Wong suggested a signature holiday theme for the transit center, such as lighting or an event to attract visitors annually.

Public Comment:

Jim Patrick suggested the TJPA provide a report of incidents that occur at the transit center to analyze trends since great measures were taken to secure the transit center. He also suggested staggering the timing of the leases to slow any turnover so the TJPA is not faced with numerous vacancies at one time. Mr. Patrick stated that not having a distribution system for the venting system in the retail area was an architectural error.

Executive Director Zabaneh announced that Ms. Velez will be resigning from the TJPA at the end of November. He thanked her for her contribution to advancing the project and wished her well on her future endeavors.

7. San Francisco County Transportation Authority Peer Review Panel's Final Report

Luis Zurinaga with the SFCTA and John Fisher with WSP, Inc. presented the report.

Mr. Feinbaum noted that the report did not contain the need for a Citizen's Advisory Committee for the project. Mr. Fisher stated that the SFCTA assumed there would be a CAC appointed to the DTX/Phase 2 project which was why it was not included in the report. Mr. Feinbaum feels that the two-year workplan is unrealistic based on the size of the project. Mr. Bendix stated that Salesforce has provided a lot of visibility for the project and asked if there was an active regional measure to garner support from Silicon Valley in order to promote the project. Mr. Fisher stated there is an active effort by the tech and business communities to put forth a regional measure to move the project forward on a faster campaign in the form of an additional sales tax. Chair Holt thanked Mr. Fisher and Mr. Zurinaga for their effort put forth in the peer review study and for updates provided during the study.

Public Comment:

Jim Patrick stated that money has been wasted with this study as the TJPA was originally to oversee all phases of the Transbay Program and feels this delay has been a tragedy. Mr. Patrick also stated that a champion is needed to push the project forward. Mr. Zurinaga stated that the peer review study was a forward-facing effort and was not to evaluate any mistakes from Phase 1 construction.

8. Public Comment

None.

9. CAC Member Comments & Future Agenda Requests

Mr. Bell asked if the future agenda request list was up to date and when they will be discussed. Executive Director Zabaneh stated it was up to date and was based on schedule, however, if there is an item requested by the CAC, the TJPA can make accommodations.

Future agenda requests include 1) update on the schedule and funding of DTX and the Pennsylvania Avenue Extension; 2) train doors and platform heights for 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; 6) detailed presentation from Caltrain on the Railyard Study and Electrification; and, 7) update on the redevelopment of the Temporary Terminal site.

10. Adjourn

Chair Holt adjourned the meeting at 7:36pm.

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