

# Memorandum

To: TJPA Board of Directors

From: Nila Gonzales, Interim Executive Director

Date: For the Board Meeting of April 8, 2021

Re: Project Labor Agreement Status Report

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The Project Labor Agreement (PLA) for the Transbay Program was approved on November 10, 2011. The PLA is designed to ensure labor harmony and equal opportunity for small, local, disadvantaged, union, and non-union businesses throughout construction, providing standardized working conditions and wages. This quarterly report provides information on the status of the administration of the PLA and the apprenticeship plan that was developed in conjunction with the PLA.

## **PROJECT LABOR/LABOR HARMONY/ ACCESS TO SKILLED LABOR POOL**

No work stoppages or labor incidents have affected construction on the Base Building project. The Construction Manager/General Contractor (CM/GC) Webcor/Obayashi and its trade subcontractors have never reported issues accessing skilled labor in sufficient numbers, and each trade subcontractor's workforce demands have been met.

The Tenant Improvement (TI) Construction phase is also covered by the Project Labor Agreement. The contract manager for the TI construction, Lincoln Properties, and the individual Tenant buildout contractors have reported no issues accessing skilled labor in sufficient numbers, and each trade subcontractor's workforce demands have been met. As per last quarter's report, there was a labor issue identified between two tenant contractors that is now close to resolution directly between the respective union and the tenants.

The total number of labor hours specific to Phase 1 construction of the Transit Center was recorded at almost 5.8 million.

## **SAFETY**

There were no Occupational Safety and Health Administration (OSHA) recordable safety incidents and no lost time incidents reported in relation to the Base Building or Tenant Improvement Construction activities at the Transit Center throughout all of 2020 and also the 1<sup>st</sup> quarter of 2021.

## **JOINT ADMINISTRATIVE COMMITTEE**

The thirty-third meeting of the JAC was held on March 18, 2021.

## **Executive Director's update**

TJPA Interim Executive Director, Nila Gonzales, presented the update which included information regarding the personnel changes recently on the TJPA Board and within the TJPA staff.

She reported on the current status of funding being identified with the new Federal administration and the American Rescue Plan package for the following categories: 1) DTX funding from the infrastructure package; 2) Community Project funding; and 3) Grant opportunities, such as the Consolidated Rail Infrastructure and Safety Improvements Program and the Transit Security Grant program.

Specifically related to the DTX project, she provided an update on the outreach effort to many local and federal partners along with the recently-approved funding advancement of \$6.2 million by the SFCTA for the DTX project's "Accelerated Work Plan".

She informed the committee that the TJPA has joined its partners in supporting the California High Speed Rail Authorities Revised Draft 2020 Business Plan and the commitment to deliver passenger rail service.

She concluded her report by thanking outgoing Citizens Advisory Committee (CAC) members, Charley Lavery (Operating Engineers, Local 3) and Sean McGarry (NCCRC/Carpenters), who also attend the JAC meetings, for their commitment and support over the years and noted that the TJPA looks forward to their continued partnership.

## **Facility/Retail Leasing/Tenant Improvement Update**

TJPA Facility Director, John Updike, presented the update.

## **Phase 2/Downtown Rail Extension (DTX) Update**

TJPA Interim DTX Project Director, Stephen Polechronis, presented the update.

## **Reporting on Apprenticeship Programs/Utilization and Veterans Outreach Efforts**

Charley Lavery reported that the Operating Engineers have been creating training opportunities within their district noting it has been a challenge at times to get locals to the Operator's Training Center, which is located near Sacramento, CA. He also reported that they are offering five weeks of classes, with the weekends reserved for apprentices and journeymen, and continue to work with Community Based Organizations and the local workforce to generate additional opportunities. Timothy Reyff reported that the Carpenters (NCCRC) training facility is open with limited capacity and noted they continue to look for opportunities for their apprentices. He also reported that their Veterans program is ongoing. Matt Bamberger reported that the Electricians (Local 6) currently have 357 apprentices working at full time capacity. He also reported that hiring local residents for apprenticeships is imperative and noted that 10 percent of their incoming class of 100 candidates are Helmets to Hardhats. Bill Blackwell reported that due to the Downtown San Francisco COVID shut down, the Plumbers (Local 38) have only about 80 apprentices as most of their work revolved around tenant improvements. He also reported that they have a Veterans program in place, with the possibility of expanding statewide.

## **New topics & next meeting**

Tim Paulson, SFBCTC, announced his retirement and noted that his successor, Rudy Gonzalez, will be taking over as Secretary of SFBCTC; however, Tim will assist SFBCTC on a consultant basis and, per Rudy's request, Tim will continue to sit on the JAC until further notice.

The next regular JAC meeting is scheduled for Thursday, June 17, 2021 at 9:30 am.