

# Memorandum

To: TJPA Board of Directors

From: Adam Van de Water, Executive Director

Date: For the Board Meeting of April 14, 2022

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**

With agreement between the Unions and the TJPA, the Tenant Improvement (TI) Construction phase is covered by the Project Labor Agreement. The contract manager for the TI construction, Lincoln Properties (LPC), 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.

Due to the solid coordination between the TJPA and the Union Representatives, especially Rudy Gonzalez of the SFBCTC, there have been no grievances or labor issues since the last quarterly report.

## **SAFETY**

There were no Occupational Safety and Health Administration (OSHA) recordable safety incidents and no lost time incidents reported in relation to the Tenant Improvement Construction activities at the Transit Center during Q1 of 2022.

## **JOINT ADMINISTRATIVE COMMITTEE**

The thirty-seventh meeting of the JAC was held on March 17, 2022.

## **Executive Director's update**

Executive Director (ED) Van de Water presented the update. He provided a high-level overview regarding recent TJPA activities, which included the momentum surrounding the DTX project and its potential funding sources, meeting with Federal Delegation while at the American Public Transportation Association conference in Washington, DC and

the recent signing of the Annual Appropriations Bill by President Biden, noting more funding will be made available for transit projects.

He concluded his report by noting that other transit operators and agencies are also trying to secure additional funding made possible by the Appropriations Bill; however, not many are environmentally cleared and in the Federal Transit Administration's (FTA) New Starts Project Development pipeline like the DTX. He emphasized that a lot of work has to be done over the next 18 months to ensure the TJPA and DTX project team meet the FTA's Full Funding Grant Agreement deadline. He also reported that the TJPA recently hosted Mayor London Breed and several iconic downtown venue partners at the Salesforce Transit Center to promote 'BloomSF', which was a week-long event of free programming from March 27 through April 3 to welcome workers and visitors back downtown.

### **Tenant Improvement Update**

TJPA Senior Construction Manager Dennis Turchon, presented the update.

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

TJPA DTX Deputy Project Director Anna Harvey, presented the update.

Jose Almanza referenced the fiber optics mentioned in the presentation and asked if they were a relocation of existing fibers or if it is current usage for the DTX project. Ms. Harvey stated that TJPA is currently talking to fiber companies like Sprint, Verizon and others to determine if the project team can protect it in place or minimally impact it with relocation, noting that a design decision needs to be made. Charley Lavery asked for clarification regarding the expected start date for geotechnical work and the timeline for utility relocation. In regards to utility relocation, Ms. Harvey noted that the work is expected to start the end of 2023, stating that the project needs to get ahead and clear the way for the major tunneling work that is expected to start in 2025. As for the geotechnical work, Ms. Harvey stated that some potholing work has been done along Townsend Street and noted that she would find out about future geotechnical work and share accordingly.

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

Charley Lavery asked that TJPA connect school community groups and/or colleges that reach out with the union representatives to ensure they are included in the conversation as well provide support when it comes time to complete the DTX project. Ms. Gonzales concurred affirmatively.

### **New topics & next meeting**

The next regular JAC meeting is scheduled for Thursday, June 16, 2022 at 9:30 am.