

**TRANSBAY JOINT POWERS AUTHORITY
BOARD OF DIRECTORS**

MINUTES

Thursday, May 25, 2006
1 Carlton B. Goodlett Place, Room 416
San Francisco, CA

SPECIAL MEETING
9:30 a.m.

BOARD OF DIRECTORS

Nathaniel Ford, Chairman
Jerry Hill, Vice Chairman
Michael Cohen
Chris Daly
Greg Harper

Executive Director
Maria Ayerdi

Secretary
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9:30 - SPECIAL MEETING

ORDER OF BUSINESS

1. Call to Order

Chairman Ford called the meeting to order at 9:30 a.m.

2. Roll Call

Present: Michael Cohen
Chris Daly
Nathaniel Ford
Greg Harper
Jerry Hill

3. Communications

None.

4. Board of Director's New and Old Business

None.

5. Executive Director's Report

-Presentation of Transbay Joint Powers Authority Financial Reports

E.D. Ayerdi expressed appreciation for the opportunity to join the San Francisco Chamber of Commerce on the recent "CityTrip" to New York City. They had the opportunity to look at best practices that will improve transportation.

Ms. Ayerdi also expressed appreciation to Mayor Newsom for the recent press event at Caltrain regarding support for High Speed Rail.

At the end of March, AC transit increased their bus service to San Francisco which resulted in more than 13,000 daily passengers coming to San Francisco from the East Bay.

Staff continues to work on the design documents, the phasing plan, project implementation and developing consensus on the design criteria. Staff has reviewed the value management study and continues to coordinate with Caltrain on the rail alignment.

Dennis Gillespie, Project Manager, URS Corporation, presented the staff report on the BART/Muni Metro Pedestrian Connector Study.

Nancy Whelan, Transbay Financial Consulting, presented the financial reports.

6. Public Comment

David Schonbrunn requested that staff reports associated with the board's agenda be made available on the website. It is helpful to read them in advance of the meeting. He stated that he was unaware of any action taken by the TJPA board that changed the name from the Transbay Terminal and urged the Board to reconsider the name of the transit center.

THE FOLLOWING MATTERS BEFORE THE TRANSBAY JOINT POWERS AUTHORITY ARE RECOMMENDED FOR ACTION AS STATED BY THE EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR OR THE CHAIRMAN.

CONSENT CALENDAR

7. All matters listed hereunder constitute a Consent Calendar, are considered to be routine by the Transbay Joint Powers Authority, and will be acted upon by a single vote. There will be no separate discussion of these items unless a member of the Board or the public so requests, in which event the matter shall be removed from the Consent Calendar and considered as a separate item.

(7.1) Approving the Minutes of the April 20, 2006 meeting.

(7.2) Authorizing the Executive Director to execute Amendment No. 1 to the Engineering Design Services for the Caltrain Downtown Extension Project Agreement with Parsons Transportation Group to substitute the Parsons Team Program Manager.

RESOLUTION 06-008

No public comment.

On motion to approve the Consent Calendar:

ADOPTED: AYES – Cohen, Daly, Ford, Harper and Hill

REGULAR CALENDAR

8. Presentation of Transbay Transit Center recommendations by City and County of San Francisco's Interagency Working Group.

Dean Macris, Director of City Planning, presented the recommendations of the Interagency Working Group.

David Alumbaugh, Planning Department, presented the Downtown Plan and the development opportunities around the Transbay Terminal.

Dennis Gillespie, Program Manager, URS, discussed the current design of the Transbay Center.

Mike Grisso, Redevelopment Agency, discussed the financial aspect of various development opportunities.

E.D. Ayerdi outlined the recommendations of the City's Interagency Working group and stated that the Board would be asked to vote on a number of items on June 2nd including authorization to move forward with the Recommended Program Implementation Strategy; authorizing the TJPA to continue to work closely with the City and stakeholders on the Transit Tower details; authorizing the Design and Development Competition and authorizing further work on the DTX value management study.

Director Daly expressed interest in having a presentation on critical paths that involve our recommended strategy and the City's Interagency Working Group recommendations.

Chairman Ford requested that staff examine the incremental increase in ridership numbers with

the greater density and taller buildings proposed by the City's Interagency Working Group.

PUBLIC COMMENT:

Richard Mlynarik stated that some of these ideas have been around for years. He stated that the BART connector was studied years ago and was dropped because of the marginal benefit it provided. He expressed hope that elected representatives really mean it this time and that the project will go forward. He stated that the cost savings identified in the working group document is approximately what it cost the project due to the actions taken by the Transportation Authority's Executive Director, through their collusion with the owner of 80 Natoma.

9. Presentation of Recommended Implementation Strategy, including Transit Tower, and Design and Development Competition Process.

Emilio Cruz, Program Manager, URS Corporation, presented the recommended implementation strategy.

Don Stastny, StastnyBrun Architects, presented the Design and Development Competition and discussed the design of the competition process.

Andrew Schwartz, Shute, Mihaly and Weinberger, discussed the legal structure between the TJPA and the Design and Development team.

PUBLIC COMMENT:

Norman Rolfe urged that Phase I include building a shell for the rail station. The Embarcadero BART station wasn't included in the original BART plans but they scraped up the money to put in the shell until they had the money to build the station, which was financed by a special assessment.

10. Presentation of Funding Plan for Recommended Implementation Strategy.

Nancy Whelan, Transbay Financial Consulting, presented the funding plan for the recommended implementation strategy.

Director Cohen requested that staff break out the passenger facility charges associated with high speed rail for the next meeting.

Director Harper requested what the impact of the 2007 deadline in the City's Interagency Working Group is on our funding and developer interest in the Project. Director Ford also requested this be answered at the next meeting.

PUBLIC COMMENT:

David Schonbrunn, Transdef, stated that the TJPA will likely need to formally request an amendment to the Regional Transit Plan for the project. There might be further issues if the plans will require a need for further air quality work.

11. Presentation of Caltrain Downtown Extension Value Management Assessment and Recommended Study Program.

John Harmer, Deputy Program Manager, URS Corporation, presented the value management

assessment and recommended study program.

Robert Doty, Caltrain, discussed benefits and issues associated with various value management assessment recommendations for extending Caltrain downtown.

Emilio Cruz, Project Manager, URS Corporation, stated that at the next meeting, he hopes the board will authorize staff to proceed on various value management assessment recommendations and noted items for the next meeting: approval of recommended implementation strategy, authorize design and development competition, authorize planning for Tower parcel disposition, authorize further engineering evaluation of the recommended DTX study program and adopt environmental addendum for transit center.

PUBLIC COMMENT:

Clark Manus, Chairman, Transbay CAC, stated that the depth of information was refreshing and requested the information be made available to the public.

Richard Mlynarik stated that some of the ideas presented date back to a 1986 proposal. He stated that while it is all interesting, it would be nice if we could move on. He stated that he had previously identified issues to Caltrain engineers that were never revisited in this study and that construction techniques used outside of the United States weren't considered.

12. Resolution in support of continued funding for the California High Speed Rail Authority to move the High Speed Rail Project forward.

Director Harper requested that the Board be kept apprised of the legislature's hearings on the High Speed Rail Bond.

No public comment.

RESOLUTION 06-009

On motion to approve:

ADOPTED: AYES – Cohen, Daly, Ford, Harper and Hill

ADJOURN - The meeting was adjourned at 12:54 p.m.

A tape of the meeting is on file in the office of the Secretary to the Transbay Joint Powers Authority Board of Directors

Roberta Boomer
Board Secretary

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