



TRANSBAY JOINT POWERS AUTHORITY

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CITIZENS ADVISORY COMMITTEE**

**MEETING MINUTES**

Tuesday, October 14, 2014

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

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

**CITIZENS ADVISORY COMMITTEE**

Ted Olsson, Chair  
Bruce Agid, Vice-Chair

Keysha Bailey  
Helen Han  
Sandra Padilla  
Joseph Scott  
Marla Wilson

Gilbert De Anda  
Jessica Lorenz  
Nathan Rapp  
Pascale Soumoy

Mark Garcia  
D'Arcy Myjer  
Patty-Jo Rutland  
Patrick Valentino

Executive Director  
Maria Ayerdi-Kaplan

Staff Liaison  
Scott Boule

CAC Secretary  
Margie Cleland

**1. Call to Order**

Chair Olsson called the meeting to order at 5:30 p.m.

Members Present: Chair Ted Olsson, Vice-Chair Bruce Agid, Gilbert De Anda, Mark Garcia, Helen Han, D'Arcy Myjer, Pascale Soumoy, and Patrick Valentino

Members Absent: Keysha Bailey, Jessica Lorenz, Sandra Padilla, Nathan Rapp, Patty-Jo Rutland, Joseph Scott, and Marla Wilson

## **2. Staff Report**

TJPA Legislative Affairs and Community Outreach Manager Scott Boule presented the Staff Report. The foundation work is complete, the final mat slab has been poured, and structural steel will be starting. CAC members have been invited to join TJPA on November 7<sup>th</sup> for a Milestone Event commemorating the assembly of the first piece of above-ground steel for the new Transbay Transit Center. On September 23<sup>rd</sup>, the San Francisco Board of Supervisors voted unanimously to proceed with the Mello Roos Community Facilities District (CFD). Mr. Boule thanked Chair Olsson, Vice-Chair Agid and Patrick Valentino for speaking in favor of the CFD at various public meetings. Ballots will be distributed by December 1<sup>st</sup> and are due on December 29<sup>th</sup> and if favorable two-thirds majority is achieved, the Board of Supervisors will be allowed to proceed with an ordinance to levy the CFD special tax.

## **3. Construction Update**

This item is moved to Item 5.

## **4. Presentation by the California High Speed Rail Authority and the Peninsula Corridor Joint Powers Board on Boarding Heights**

TJPA Principal Engineer Brian Dykes provided an overview of train/platform heights in use in Europe and Japan and the present Transit Center platform layout. Mr. Dykes introduced Dave Couch of Peninsula Corridor Joint Powers Board (Caltrain) and Ben Tripousis of California High Speed Rail Authority (CHSRA) who each presented the goals, research, and findings regarding the types of trains and platform heights that would best meet the goals of their respective agencies. They agree that a level standard boarding height would benefit all, discussed the challenges that they and their teams face, and stress they are working diligently to reach an agreement.

A member of the public Jim Patrick asked what Los Angeles' position is regarding platform heights and about any plans to build a tunnel to the East Bay. Mr. Tripousis replied at the moment Los Angeles' process is behind ours and they are looking to us for direction and that he cannot comment on plans to tunnel to East Bay as it is not under consideration. Vice-Chair Agid asked if the need for 50 inch platform heights is being driven by the 220 mph train speed, if HSR will be using overhead catenary lines, and are dual-boarding systems being considered. Mr. Tripousis replied yes to the first two questions and that "high/low" systems are being reviewed and also commented on challenges of making changes to existing platform heights in a short period of time while working on an operational railroad. Vice-Chair Agid asked about next steps and was told that technical meetings will take place, a strategy will be formed, and choices will be presented to their respective Directors. A member of the public Andy Chow suggested creative ways of modifying the platform. Mr. Tripousis and Mr. Couch replied that these are the kind of things they are looking at. A member of the public Roland Le Brun spoke about platform heights in Europe and train car width clearance increase needed for dynamic envelope at increasing train speed. Chair Olsson suggested creating a mechanism for adjustable heights either on the platforms or trains. Mr. Couch encouraged participation in Caltrain's on-line new electric train survey.

## **5. Construction Update**

Jack Adams, Turner Construction Company, presented the Construction Update. Vice-Chair Agid was concerned about the number of recordable safety incidents in 2014 compared to previous years and Mr. Adams explained that there has been extensive iron work on the project in 2014, that work is more dangerous and that corrective actions have been taken.

## **6. Approval of Minutes of July 8, 2014 and September 9, 2014**

Chair Olsson asked if there were any comments or corrections to the July 8, 2014 or September 9, 2014 Minutes and there were none. Chair Olsson requested a motion to approve the July 8, 2014 and September 9, 2014 Minutes. The motion was made by Patrick Valentino and seconded by Mark Garcia. A voice vote unanimously approved the motion.

## **7. Public Comment**

A member of the public Jim Patrick asked if value engineering was complete. PMPC Program Manager Mark O'Dell replied that design value engineering is complete, however value engineering is continuing through the bidding process.

## **8. CAC Member Comments & Future Agenda Requests**

None provided.

## **9. Adjourn**

Vice-Chair Olsson adjourned the meeting at 7:05 p.m.

## **11. Next Meeting**

The next regular meeting on November 11, 2014 has been cancelled. A special meeting will be held on November 6, 2014.

The Ethics Commission of the City and County of San Francisco has asked us to remind individuals that influence or attempt to influence local legislative or administrative action may be required by the San Francisco Lobbyist Ordinance [Campaign and Gov't Conduct Code, Article II, Chapter 1, § 2.100, et seq.) to register and report lobbying activity. For more information about the Lobbyist Ordinance, please contact the Ethics Commission at 25 Van Ness Avenue, Suite 220, San Francisco, CA 94102, telephone (415) 252-3100, fax (415) 252-3124 and web site: [www.sfethics.org](http://www.sfethics.org).